

**ABEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

David Bocsy	:	
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v.	:	F-2024-3048366
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Duquesne Light Company	:	

**INTERIM ORDER  
ON FURTHER PROCEEDINGS**

On April 10, 2024, David Bocsy (Complainant) filed a formal complaint against Duquesne Light Company. The Complainant alleged that there were incorrect charges on his bill because the house was vacant, therefore the bill should only reflect a monthly service charge. The Complainant also noted that electric service was terminated for “false safety reasons.”

Duquesne Light filed an answer on May 2, 2024, which denied the material allegations of the complaint and stated that the Complainant was correctly billed for service and that service was properly terminated due to an unsafe condition at the meter.

On June 20, 2024, the matter was assigned to me and scheduled for a hearing on August 8, 2024. The hearing convened as scheduled. Megan E. Rulli, Esquire appeared along with three witnesses on behalf of Duquesne Light. The Complainant did not appear. Ms. Rulli moved that the complaint be dismissed due to the Complainant’s failure to appear. I took the motion under advisement.

On August 9, 2024, the Complainant contacted my office and requested that the hearing be rescheduled as an in-person hearing. He claimed that he had not received the hearing notice and that he thought he would be contacted. In an abundance of caution, I granted the request for a continuance and rescheduled the hearing as an in-person hearing for September 25, 2024.

On August 13, 2024, a further hearing notice was mailed to the Complainant and served on Duquesne Light. A prehearing order was also served on August 13, 2024.

On September 24, 2024, the Complainant contacted my office claiming that he was in the hospital and requested that the September 25, 2024, hearing be rescheduled. Counsel for Duquesne Light agreed to the continuance but noted that this is the second continuance request by the Complainant and that Duquesne Light was unlikely to agree to any further continuances. Duquesne Light also requested that the rescheduled hearing be conducted by telephone. By interim order entered September 24, 2024, I granted the continuance but noted that I was unlikely to grant any further continuance requests. I also directed the Parties to confer and agree on dates and times and to discuss whether the hearing should be conducted by telephone or in-person.

As directed, counsel for Duquesne Light filed a status report which included dates when all Parties and witnesses are available. Counsel also noted that the Parties were unable to reach an agreement regarding the format of the hearing. Counsel represented that the Complainant requested an in-person hearing so that Complaint's brother, James Bocsy, intended to present the meter base for inspection at the hearing. Duquesne Light opposed this request because, among other things, the Complainant has other means, such as photographs or testimony, to present evidence regarding the meter base; the Complainant has a history of requesting untimely continuances; and the additional travel, time and expense that would be incurred by the Parties.

I agree with Duquesne Light that an in-person hearing is not necessary at this time. The Complainant may submit photographs of the meter base. The Complainant may ask James Bocsy to testify as a witness if he wishes to do so.<sup>1</sup> Any photographs the Complainant wishes to present must be served on me and on counsel at least one week before the hearing.<sup>2</sup> At

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<sup>1</sup> James Bocsy cannot act as Complainant's legal representative unless he is a licensed attorney.

<sup>2</sup> The Complaint will receive a Prehearing Order which explains how to submit exhibits. I urge the Complainant to read that order carefully.

the conclusion of the hearing by telephone, the Complainant may renew his request for an additional day of hearing in-person.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a hearing by telephone shall be scheduled for **November 20, 2025, at 1:30 PM.**

2. After a hearing notice is served, I will serve a Prehearing Order which includes important information about the conduct of the hearing. **The Parties are required to carefully review and be familiar with the instructions in that order.**

3. **That no further continuances or extensions will be granted absent emergency circumstances that are verified by a third party.** If the Complainant fails to appear for the hearing as scheduled, his complaint may be dismissed.

Date: October 16, 2024

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/s/  
Mary D. Long  
Administrative Law Judge

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