

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

David Detlefsen	:	
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v.	:	C-2024-3048161
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PECO Energy Company	:	

**INTERIM ORDER GRANTING RESPONDENT'S
THIRD MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE**

By Call-In Telephonic Hearing Notice dated May 15, 2024, an Initial Call-In Telephonic Hearing was scheduled for July 1, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

I issued a Prehearing Order on May 16, 2024. The Prehearing Order directed the parties to comply with various procedural requirements and directed that a request to change the scheduled hearing should be sent to me at least five days prior to the hearing date, be in writing and state the agreement or opposition of the other party.

On June 27, 2024, Khadijah Scott, Esq., Counsel for Respondent, filed PECO's Motion for Continuance of Hearing Date. In the Motion, Ms. Scott indicated that PECO is requesting a sixty (60) day continuance of the July 1, 2024 hearing date because the Respondent and the Complainant remain in settlement negotiations. Ms. Scott further indicated that PECO informed the Complainant that it would be requesting a continuance, and that the Complainant had no objection to the continuance request.

By Interim Order dated June 28, 2024, I granted PECO's Motion for Continuance.

By Initial Call-In Telephone Hearing Notice dated June 28, 2024, the Initial Call-In Telephone Hearing was rescheduled for September 10, 2024.

On August 29, 2024, Ms. Scott filed a second Motion for Continuance of Hearing Date. In the Motion, Ms. Scott indicated: that PECO was requesting a sixty (60) day continuance of the September 10, 2024 hearing date because the Respondent and the Complainant remained in settlement negotiations; that the parties are close to settlement; and that the Complainant had no objection to the continuance request.

By Interim Order dated August 29, 2024, I granted PECO's second Motion for Continuance.

By Call-In Telephone Cancellation/Reschedule Hearing Notice dated September 3, 2024, the Initial Call-In Telephone Hearing was rescheduled for November 12, 2024.

On November 11, 2024, Ms. Scott filed a third Motion for Continuance of Hearing Date. In the Motion, Ms. Scott indicated that PECO was requesting a ninety (90) day continuance of the November 11, 2024 hearing date because the Respondent and the Complainant remain in settlement negotiations and are attempting to address the Complainant's intricate solar billing concerns. Ms. Scott further averred: that the Complainant has a new issue concerning the ability to view his online account; that PECO is working with the Complainant to resolve this issue; and that both parties are in agreement with a continuance as the matter is one that can be settled.

Paragraph 3 of my May 16, 2024, Prehearing Order advised the parties that they may request a continuance of the hearing if they have a good reason. My Prehearing Order further advised that "[t]o request a continuance, you must submit a written request (a "motion") at least five (5) days before the hearing." My Order further instructed that the motion should include: the case name, case number, and hearing date; the reason you are requesting a continuance; and the other party's position on the request.

Based on Ms. Scott's stated reason that the parties remain in settlement negotiations and agree that this matter can be settled, and because Commission policy encourages settlements, and also because the Complainant does not object, I find that PECO has

established good cause to postpone the November 12, 2024 hearing. Accordingly, the request is granted. A Notice canceling the current hearing date and rescheduling to a future date will be issued.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Respondent's November 11, 2024 Motion for Continuance of the hearing in the matter captioned as David Detlefsen v. PECO Energy Company at Docket No. C-2024-3048161 is granted.

2. That the hearing scheduled for November 12, 2024 is cancelled.

3. That the scheduling staff of the Office of Administrative Law Judge shall reschedule this matter for a hearing in ninety (90) days and notify the parties in writing.

Date: November 12, 2024

_____/s/
Christopher P. Pell
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

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