

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Winston Banks	:	
	:	
v.	:	F-2024-3050882
	:	
Philadelphia Gas Works	:	

ORDER
DENYING PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

HISTORY OF THE PROCEEDING

On August 6, 2024, Winston Banks (“Mr. Banks”) filed a Formal Complaint against Philadelphia Gas Works (“PGW”) with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”), alleging that there were incorrect charges on his bills. The Complaint was served on PGW on August 26, 2024.

On September 16, 2024, PGW filed an Answer, admitting or denying the averments of the Complaint, and New Matter to the Complaint. Also on September 16, 2024, PGW filed Preliminary Objections to the Complaint.

On October 3, 2024, Mr. Banks filed an Answer to PGW’s Preliminary Objections.

On October 10, 2024, Mr. Banks filed a Reply to PGW’s New Matter

On October 23, 2024, the Commission issued a Motion Judge Assignment Notice, assigning me as Presiding Officer over this proceeding.

On October 25, 2024, the Commission issued my Order Granting Preliminary Objections (“Order”). As the granting of the Preliminary Objections did not result in dismissal of the Complaint in its entirety, the Order indicated that an evidentiary hearing would be scheduled.

On October 28, 2024, the Commission issued an Initial Telephonic Hearing Notice, scheduling an evidentiary hearing for this matter for January 14, 2025.

On November 5, 2024, Mr. Banks filed a Petition for Extension of Time (“Petition”), wherein he requests a brief continuance in order to complete his response to my Order.¹

For the reasons discussed below, Mr. Banks’ Petition will be denied.

DISCUSSION

The Commission’s regulations permit parties to file Preliminary Objections in response to a pleading. 52 Pa. Code § 5.101(a). PGW filed its Preliminary Objections to the Complaint of Mr. Banks on September 16, 2024, pursuant to this regulation.

On October 25, 2024, I issued an Order deciding PGW’s Preliminary Objections pursuant to Section 5.101(g) of the Commission’s regulations, 52 Pa. Code § 5.101(g). Here, Mr. Banks seeks to file a response to my Order. However, the Commission’s regulations do not permit parties to file a response or answer to a decision by a presiding officer addressing Preliminary Objections. As noted, the Order dismisses certain portions of the Complaint and does not dismiss the Complaint in its entirety. An evidentiary hearing has been scheduled for this case for January 14, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

¹ On the same date, PGW submitted an Objection to Mr. Banks’ Petition. This Objection was not filed with the Commission.

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