

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Valen Tasser	:	
	:	
v.	:	F-2024-3050302
	:	
Duquesne Light Company	:	

**INTERIM ORDER  
ON COMPLAINANT’S REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

On November 12, 2024, Complainant, Valen Tasser emailed a request for a subpoena for Holly Pyle, an investigator with the Bureau of Consumer Services (BCS). On November 18, 2024, BCS objected to the subpoena request.<sup>1</sup> By Interim Order entered on November 22, 2024, I denied the request for the subpoena.

Ms. Tasser filed a Petition for Reconsideration on November 27, 2024.

On December 9, 2024, Duquesne Light filed a “Brief in Opposition to Petition for Interlocutory Review.” In reviewing the docket for this matter, I discovered that BCS was not served with my order denying the request for the subpoena of Holly Pyle. Accordingly, I directed Ms. Tasser to serve a copy of her request for reconsideration on the Law Bureau.<sup>2</sup> The parties opposing the request for reconsideration an opportunity to file an objection on or before December 23, 2024.

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission’s Law Bureau is representing BCS.

<sup>2</sup> That order stated that Ms. Tasser’s request did not appear to be a request for interlocutory review by the Commission and I would treat the petition as a request to revisit my November 22, 2024, ruling.

BCS filed a Brief in Opposition to Complainant’s Petition for Reconsideration on December 23, 2024. Duquesne Light filed an Answer to Complainant’s Petition for Reconsideration.

According to Ms. Tasser, Ms. Pyle’s testimony “has a tendency to make a fact more or less probable” and is therefore relevant to her claim that Duquesne Light incorrectly calculated her budget billing. BCS and Duquesne Light oppose reconsideration because Ms. Pyle’s testimony is not relevant.<sup>3</sup>

I explained in my November 22, 2024, Interim Order that no part of the informal complaint proceeding can be relied upon in a formal complaint hearing. Further, I noted that even if Ms. Pyle did testify as Ms. Tasser alleges, I would not give her testimony any weight.

There is no reason to reverse my November 22, 2024, ruling. At best, Ms. Pyle’s alleged statements are simply an opinion and do not establish any facts that support Ms. Tasser’s argument that Duquesne Light did not properly calculate her budget bill. The opinion of a BCS investigator regarding the claims of a customer is not relevant because it would not prove that Duquesne Light violated the Public Utility Code or regulations by making any “fact more or less probable than it would be without the evidence.”<sup>4</sup>

My order denying Ms. Tasser’s request for Ms. Pyle’s testimony does not impair her ability to present evidence in support of the allegations in her complaint or impair her due process rights. Indeed, Ms. Tasser exercised her right to request information from Duquesne Light regarding her account. On September 26, 2024, I granted Ms. Tasser a continuance of the October 3, 2024, hearing scheduled on her complaint in order to provide her with an opportunity to review that information. The hearing currently set for January 15, 2025, was scheduled on October 21, 2024.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Both Duquesne Light and BCS also contend that Ms. Tasser’s petition fails to meet the standards for interlocutory review by the Commission.

<sup>4</sup> P.R.E. 401.

<sup>5</sup> Ms. Tasser agreed to the January 15, 2025, hearing date. See Status Report of Duquesne Light filed on October 18, 2024.



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