

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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| Brian DeAngelo Sr. | : | |
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| v. | : | C-2024-3051667 |
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| PPL Electric Utilities Corporation | : | |

**INTERIM ORDER
GRANTING CONTINUANCE AND DIRECTING STATUS REPORT**

On or about October 9, 2024, Brian DeAngelo, Sr. (Complainant) filed a Formal Complaint (Complaint) with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) against PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL or Company). Mr. DeAngelo alleges that PPL added incorrect charges to his bill from periods when the property was rented to other persons and has disconnected his electric service. He raises concerns about his wife’s medical condition and seeks a payment arrangement to have service restored.

On November 6, 2024, PPL filed an answer to the Complaint. PPL admits that service was disconnected. PPL denies there are incorrect charges on Complainant’s bill and avers that all transfers made to Mr. DeAngelo’s account are from periods where the Complainant was an adult benefitting from electric service at the service address. PPL maintains that it has not received valid medical certificates. PPL asserts that Complainant must establish new service with a new account number and can only do so once all prior unpaid balances are satisfied. According to PPL, at the time the Complaint was filed, the balance in arrears totaled \$23,181.03.

On November 14, 2024, the Commission issued an initial hearing notice assigning the matter to me and setting a formal call-in telephonic hearing in this matter for January 29, 2025. I issued a Prehearing Order for Telephone Hearing on November 19, 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 January 14, 2025, M. Jacqueline Gross, Esquire, entered her appearance on behalf of Brian J. DeAngelo, Sr., in this matter.

On January 15, 2025, via email copied to all parties, counsel for Complainant requested a continuance until late March 2025, which was not opposed by PPL. I granted the request and, by notice issued on January 22, 2025, the initial telephonic hearing was rescheduled for March 25, 2025.

On March 3, 2025, via email copied to all parties, counsel for Complainant requested a second continuance until May 2025, which was not opposed by PPL. The basis for the request was to have additional time for discovery. I granted the request and, by notice issued on March 4, 2025, the initial telephonic hearing was rescheduled for May 7, 2025.

On April 24, 2025, I issued a Second Prehearing Order for Telephone Hearing.

On April 25, 2025, via email to all parties, counsel for Complainant requested a third continuance until June or July 2025, which was not opposed by PPL. The basis for the request was to facilitate follow-up discovery. On April 29, 2025, counsel for Complainant resent the email containing the continuance request, adding as a recipient one of PPL's attorneys, Ms. Alice Wade, Esquire, who was not included on the April 25, 2025 email.

I determined to grant the request, since both parties are in agreement with the continuance and the timing for the rescheduled hearing. As this is the third time the hearing is being rescheduled, however, and because there is a significant amount of time until the next hearing, I advised the parties that I would require them to file a status report by June 4, 2025. This order memorializes that requirement.

I encourage the parties to exchange information informally, to expedite the discovery process.

Finally, I remind the parties that Commission policy promotes settlements. Even if the parties are unable to settle this case, they may still resolve some of the questions or issues during their discussions. 52 Pa. Code § 5.231(a). The parties are also reminded that the presiding officer may participate in settlement discussions upon agreement of all parties. 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.231(c), 5.223(c).

ORDER

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the unopposed request for continuance of the hearing in the matter captioned as Brian DeAngelo Sr. v. PPL Utilities Corporation at Docket No. C-2024-3051667 is granted.
2. That the hearing scheduled for May 7, 2025 in this matter is cancelled.
3. That the initial call-in hearing is rescheduled for **Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.**, as set forth in a Rescheduled Initial Telephonic Hearing Notice issued on May 1, 2025.
4. That, in all respects other than the date and time for hearing, the Second Prehearing Order for Telephone Hearing remains in effect.
5. That the parties are directed to file a status report, jointly or separately, **no later than 4:30 p.m. on June 4, 2025**, providing an update regarding the status of discovery and settlement discussions.

6. That in the event that a certificate of satisfaction is filed on or before June 4, 2025, no status report is required.

7. That the parties are reminded that Commission policy encourages settlement and that they should continue to communicate with each other in an attempt to resolve their dispute.

Date: May 2, 2025

/s/
Erin L. Gannon
Administrative Law Judge

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