

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

301 E. Godfrey Associates, LLC	:	
	:	
v.	:	C-2025-3054734
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PECO Energy Company	:	

INTERIM ORDER #1

This Order directs Candis Pressley to have an attorney enter his or her appearance on behalf of 301 E. Godfrey Associates, LLC in advance of the hearing scheduled for July 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in this matter.

HISTORY OF THE PROCEEDINGS

On April 17, 2025, Candis Pressley filed a Formal Complaint on behalf of 301 E. Godfrey Associates, LLC against PECO Energy Company with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, alleging high billing. The Complaint was served on PECO on April 24, 2025.

On May 14, 2025, PECO filed an Answer to the Complaint admitting or denying the allegations of the Complaint.

On May 16, 2025, an Initial In-Person Hearing Notice was issued scheduling an in-person hearing in this matter for July 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. and assigning the matter to me. Of note, the Hearing Notice stated the following:

REPRESENTATION. If you are an individual, you may represent yourself or you may have an attorney represent you. All others, including a partnership, corporation, trust, association, or governmental agency or subdivision, must be represented by an attorney licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, or admitted *pro hac vice*. Only an attorney may represent someone else.

May 16, 2025, Hearing Notice.

Also on May 16, 2025, a Prehearing Order was issued to the parties, providing the parties with the procedural rules that would govern the hearing. Of relevance, the Prehearing Order states the following:

8. REPRESENTATION. If you are an individual, you may represent yourself or you may have an attorney represent you. All others, including a partnership, corporation, trust, association, or governmental agency or subdivision, must be represented by an attorney licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, or admitted *pro hac vice*. And, unless you are an attorney, you may not represent someone else.

May 16, 2025, Prehearing Order.

Attorney Representation

The Commission's regulations require that persons in adversarial proceedings be represented by an attorney. *See* 52 Pa. Code § 1.21(b). The Commission's regulations define a "person" as a term that includes individuals, *corporations*, partnerships, associations, joint ventures, other business organizations, trusts, trustees, legal representatives, receivers, agencies, governmental entities, municipalities, municipal corporations or other political subdivisions. *See* 52 Pa. Code § 1.8 ("person") (emphasis added). Once PECO filed an Answer to the Complaint, this proceeding became adversarial in nature. *See* 52 Pa. Code § 1.8 ("adversarial proceeding").

Accordingly, upon the filing of the Answer in this matter, 301 E. Godfrey Associates, LLC was required to be represented by an attorney. Ms. Pressley did not represent that she was an attorney on the Complaint form. The absence of an attorney where one is required deprives the Commission of jurisdiction to adjudicate the matter. *Adventure Alley CLC, LLC v. PECO Energy Co. and Great Am. Power*, Docket No. C-2014-2430850 (Final Order entered Nov. 25, 2014) (citing *McCain v. Curione, Pa. Bd. of Prob. and Parole*, 527 A.2d 591 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1987)). This is an issue of subject matter jurisdiction which may be raised at any

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