

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Joshua Samuel Pennington	:	
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v.	:	C-2025-3054785
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FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company :		

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE**

Procedural History

On April 25, 2025, the Complainant, Joshua Pennington, filed a Formal Complaint (Complaint) against FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company (FirstEnergy) alleging that he was being overcharged and seeking a payment arrangement. On May 19, 2025, FirstEnergy filed an Answer to the Complaint in which it denied the material allegations.

By Hearing Notice dated August 18, 2025, the Commission scheduled a telephonic evidentiary hearing for October 2, 2025, and assigned me as the Presiding Officer.

On September 24, 2025, FirstEnergy filed a Motion for Continuance of the October 2, 2025, hearing. In its Motion, FirstEnergy averred that it was going to test the electric meter that serves Mr. Pennington’s residence to determine its accuracy. It further averred that the test results would not be available by the time of the October 2, 2025, hearing. FirstEnergy requested that the hearing be continued to allow additional time to conduct its investigation in an attempt to address Mr. Pennington’s allegations of high bills. FirstEnergy represents in its Motion that it attempted to contact Mr. Pennington to see if he would be agreeable to a continuance but has not yet heard back from him. FirstEnergy asserts that granting its continuance request is in the best interests of judicial economy for the Commission as well as both parties.

## Discussion

The Commission's regulations address requests for extensions of time and continuances. Section 1.15(b) allows parties to request a continuance of a scheduled hearing and provides that the request may be granted upon a demonstration of good cause. 52 Pa. Code §1.15(b)

Here, FirstEnergy is requesting that the hearing currently scheduled for October 2, 2025, be continued to allow additional time for it to test the meter that serves Mr. Pennington's residence and further investigate his allegations of high bills. As it is the Commission's policy to encourage parties to attempt to resolve disputes through negotiations, I will grant FirstEnergy's request and cancel the October 2, 2025, hearing to allow additional time for settlement negotiations. Further, as set forth below, I will direct counsel to FirstEnergy to provide me with an update of settlement efforts after it has tested the meter and spoken to Mr. Pennington. I direct that this update be provided no later than Monday, November 3, 2025.

## ORDER

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Motion of FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company for Continuance of the October 2, 2025, hearing in this proceeding is granted.
2. That the telephonic hearing currently scheduled for October 2, 2025, is canceled.

3. That counsel for FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company shall provide to me, via electronic mail, an update on the parties' settlement efforts no later than November 3, 2025.

Dated: September 25, 2025

/s/  
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Steven K. Haas  
Administrative Law Judge

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