

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

James Astbury	:	
	:	
v.	:	F-2025-3055050
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PECO Energy Company	:	

**STAY ORDER**

On May 6, 2025, James Astbury (Complainant) filed a Formal Complaint (Complaint) against PECO Energy Company (PECO or respondent) with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission). In the Complaint, the Complainant placed check-marks in the boxes indicating “the utility is threatening to shut off my service or has already shut off my service,” and “I would like a payment agreement.”

On May 27, 2025, PECO filed an Answer denying all material allegations of fact and conclusions of law in the Complaint.

By Hearing Notice dated June 2, 2025, a hearing was scheduled for July 14, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., and the matter was assigned to me.

On June 2, 2025, I issued a Prehearing Order which indicated procedural matters for the hearing.

Due to a conflict in the presiding officer’s schedule, the matter was rescheduled for August 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. via a Cancelled/Rescheduled Initial Telephonic Hearing Notice dated June 10, 2025.

The hearing proceeded as scheduled on August 15, 2025. The Complainant appeared *pro se*. The Respondent was represented by Khadijah Scott, Esquire, and had one

witness present for the hearing. During the course of discussions with the parties, it was determined that the Complainant had filed for bankruptcy. However, the Complainant had not included his outstanding balance with PECO in his bankruptcy filing, which the Complainant had filed on his own. It was directed that the Complainant obtain counsel for his bankruptcy proceeding and file an amendment to include the PECO outstanding balance in his bankruptcy case. I informed the parties that I would reschedule the matter for a new hearing date.

On August 18, 2025, an Initial Telephonic Hearing Notice was issued and served on the parties and the matter was scheduled for hearing on October 22, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

On the same date, I also issued a second Prehearing Order again addressing procedural matters.

On October 22, 2025, the hearing took place as scheduled. The Complainant again appeared *pro se*. The Respondent was represented by Khadijah Scott, Esquire. During the hearing, we discussed the status of the Complainant's bankruptcy filing. Complainant indicated that he had retained counsel for the bankruptcy proceeding and was in the process of filing an amendment to his bankruptcy proceeding to include the PECO outstanding balance. Counsel for PECO suggested that the matter be held in abeyance and that the Complainant should be required to provide status updates to all parties regarding his bankruptcy proceeding and the status.

A bankruptcy petition filed under either Sections 301, 302 or 303 of the United States Bankruptcy Code will operate as a stay and bars the commencement or continuation of a judicial, administrative or other action or proceeding against the debtor, including the issuance or employment of a process, which action or proceeding was commenced prior to the start of the bankruptcy proceeding, or to recover a claim against the debtor that arose before the commencement of the bankruptcy proceeding. See 11 U.S.C.S. §362(a)(1). As previously noted, this Formal Complaint was initiated on May 6, 2025, at the Commission regarding a pending termination of service and a requested payment agreement. The Complainant filed his bankruptcy petition in August 2025. As a result, the matter at Docket No. F-2025-3055050 is

stayed and will continue to be stay if and when the Complainant includes his PECO outstanding balance in his bankruptcy proceeding.

Complainant and Respondent are requested to file a status report with the Commission at this Docket, with a copy to me and the opposing party, within 30 days of the date of this Stay Order, and every 30 days thereafter, until the bankruptcy proceeding has concluded. Additionally, if the Complainant's bankruptcy attorney will be representing him in this Complaint, his attorney must enter an appearance in accordance with the Commission's regulations at 52 Pa.Code § 1.24.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That this Complaint proceeding is noted as being stayed;
2. That the procedural schedule in this matter is stayed; and
3. That the Complainant and Respondent shall file status reports with the Commission at this docket, with a copy to the presiding officer and the opposing party, within 30 days of the date of this Order, and every 30 days thereafter, until the bankruptcy proceeding has concluded.

Date: November 3, 2025

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Marta Guhl  
Administrative Law Judge

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