

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Zimoras 1 Stop Beauty Bar LLC	:	
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v.	:	C-2026-3060107
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PECO Energy Company	:	

INTERIM ORDER #1

This Order directs Zimoras 1 Stop Beauty Bar LLC to have an attorney enter his or her appearance on its behalf **on or before May 7, 2026**.

Procedural History

On January 28, 2026, Zimoras 1 Stop Beauty Bar LLC (“Complainant”) filed a Formal Complaint with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) against PECO Energy Company (“Respondent”). Complainant requested a payment arrangement, that PECO be prohibited from terminating its service during the pendency of the Complaint proceeding, and that the Commission investigate high or incorrect bills and recalculate Complainant’s correct balance. In paragraph 10 of the Complaint form titled “legal representation”, no attorney is listed.

On February 28, 2026, Respondent filed an Answer to the Complaint.

On March 20, 2026, a Hearing Notice was issued to the parties, scheduling this matter for an evidentiary hearing on May 19, 2026. Of relevance, the Hearing Notice states 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.

March 20, 2026, Hearing Notice.

On March 24, 2026, 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:

6. 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.

March 24, 2026, Prehearing Order.

On March 24, 2026, PECO filed a Motion to Dismiss. PECO argued that corporations like Complainant must be represented by counsel in Commission proceedings. PECO requested that the Commission issue an order directing Complainant to have an attorney enter their appearance on its behalf within 10 days of the order and for the Commission to dismiss the Complaint if Complainant fails to comply with the order.

PECO's Motion contained a Notice to Plead, informing Complainant that it may file a response to the Motion within 20 days of service of the Motion. Complainant did not file a response to the Motion.

Attorney Representation

When the Answer and New Matter was filed against the Complaint on February 18, 2026, this proceeding became adversarial in nature. *See* 52 Pa. Code § 1.8. The Commission's regulations require that persons in adversarial proceedings be represented by an

attorney or legal intern. *See* 52 Pa. Code § 1.21(b). The Commission’s regulations define “persons” as including 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.

It is well-settled in Commission practice that participation in a formal adversarial proceeding before the Commission constitutes the practice of law. *See, e.g.,* *Lesley A. Scheaffer for Leslie W. Scheaffer v. Pa. Pub. Util. Comm’n*, Docket No. F-2016-2577647 (Opinion and Order entered Apr. 3, 2018). As such, that participation is limited to those who either file as individuals and represent themselves or to attorneys who are representing others. *Id.*

Accordingly, upon the filing of the Answer in this matter, Complainant, a limited liability company, was required to be represented by an attorney. 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)).

Accordingly, this Order directs Complainant to have an attorney enter his or her appearance on its behalf **on or before May 7, 2026**. Non-compliance with this Order will result in cancellation of the hearing and dismissal of the Complaint. *See, e.g.,* *New Fizon Catering, Inc. v. PECO Energy Co.*, Docket No. C-2008-2065498 (Opinion and Order entered June 24, 2009); *Snyderville Cmty. Dev. Corp. v. Phila. Gas Works*, Docket No. C-20055032 (Opinion and Order entered July 31, 2006) (citing *Treffinger v. PPL Elec. Util. Corp.*, Docket No. C-20027978 (Opinion and Order entered Mar. 3, 2003); *Franconia Mennonite Conf. v. Verizon Pa. Inc.*, Docket No. C-2010-2193709 (Order entered June 6, 2003).

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Zimoras 1 Stop Beauty Bar LLC shall have an attorney shall enter his or her appearance on its behalf in this proceeding on or before May 7, 2026.
2. That PECO Energy Company's Motion to Dismiss, filed on March 24, 2026, is held in abeyance.
3. That non-compliance with this Order will result in dismissal of the Complaint.

Date: April 14, 2026

/s/
Alphonso Arnold III
Administrative Law Judge

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