BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of Columbus Dunn,)	
Complainant,)	
vs.)	Case No. 06-1290-EL-CSS
The Ohio Edison Company,)	
Respondent.)	
	ENTRY	

The Attorney Examiner finds:

- On October 25, 2006, Columbus Dunn (Mr. Dunn) filed a **(1)** complaint against Ohio Edison Company (Ohio Edison). Mr. Dunn alleges that his electric service to 910 West Liberty Street in Medina (West Liberty) was unjustly shut off on May 9, 2006, causing water and mold damage because there was no power to operate a sump pump. Mr. Dunn believes that the shut off of electricity was unjust because he had made all payments prior to the bill dated April 10, 2006. adds that when he received the April 10, 2006, bill, he asked that his Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) account be transferred to his address in Elyria at 1853 West Avenue (West Avenue); when he made this request, he says that he was told that there would be a hold placed on disconnection of service "until such time the re-billed was adjusted and sent out." He claims that the transfer was not made until May 17 and that the final bill was sent May 22, 2006 – after the May 9, 2006, shutoff of power.
- (2) Ohio Edison responded on November 15, 2006, by stating that it disconnected electric service to Mr. Dunn's West Liberty Street address on May 9, 2006, for nonpayment. Ohio Edison denies Mr. Dunn's allegation that he made all payments prior to billing statements being sent out on April 10, 2006. Ohio Edison agrees that the PIPP account was transferred from West Liberty to West Avenue on May 17, 2006, but denies that an Ohio Edison representative informed Mr. Dunn that there

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would be a hold placed on the service disconnection. Ohio Edison denies any remaining allegations of Mr. Dunn.

(3) The attorney examiner concludes that it is appropriate for the parties to meet at a prehearing conference in order to explore the parties' willingness to negotiate a resolution of this complaint without the need for a hearing. Accordingly, Mr. Dunn and counsel for Ohio Edison are directed to attend a prehearing conference at 2:00 P.M. in Hearing Room A at the Commission offices, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the parties attend the prehearing conference as discussed in Finding (3). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

Attorney Examiner

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Secretary