

BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Complaint of Gregory	)	
Blank,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 07-865-TP-CSS
	)	
AT&T Ohio,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On July 27, 2007, Gregory Blank filed a complaint alleging that he has experienced three years of regularly interrupted telephone service from AT&T Ohio (AT&T). Mr. Blank also alleged that AT&T refused to cancel his service.
- (2) On August 21, 2007, AT&T filed an answer and a motion to accept its answer. In its motion, AT&T states that it filed the answer one day after the date directed by the Commission because it miscalendared the answer date by one day. AT&T contends that no party would be prejudiced by a one-day delay in the filing of the answer.
- (3) The attorney examiner finds that the motion of AT&T should be granted and its answer should be accepted. In addition, the attorney examiner finds that this matter should be scheduled for a settlement conference. Accordingly, a settlement conference should be held on September 26, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-B, at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The purpose of the settlement conference will be to explore the parties' willingness to negotiate a resolution of this complaint in lieu of an evidentiary hearing and an attorney examiner from the Commission's legal department will facilitate the settlement process. The parties should bring all relevant documents with them to the conference. Nothing prohibits any party from

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initiating settlement negotiations prior to the scheduled settlement conference.

- (4) As is the case in all Commission complaint proceedings, the complainant has the burden of proving the allegations of the complaint. *Grossman v. Pub. Util. Comm.*, (1966), 5 Ohio St.2d 189.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That a settlement conference be held in accordance with Finding (3). It is, further,

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

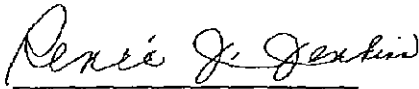
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