## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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)	Case No. 14-1240-GA-CSS
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## **ENTRY**

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On January 9, 2015, an Entry was issued scheduling a January 26, 2015 settlement conference in this matter.
- (2) Prior to January 26, 2015, it was determined that Lisa Settles (Complainant) had not been served at the address to which she had relocated. As a result, the conference was continued.
- (3) Accordingly, the new date and time for the settlement conference shall be 1:00 p.m. on March 2, 2015, at the Commission offices, 180 East Broad Street, 12th floor, Conference Room 1246, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. The purpose of the settlement conference will be to explore the parties' willingness to negotiate a resolution in lieu of an evidentiary hearing. In accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-26, any statements made in an attempt to settle this matter without the need for an evidentiary hearing will not generally be admissible to prove liability or invalidity of a claim. An attorney examiner from the Commission's legal department will facilitate the settlement process. However, nothing prohibits any party from initiating settlement negotiations prior to the scheduled settlement conference.

The parties should bring with them all documents relevant to this matter. If a settlement is not reached at the conference, the attorney examiner will conduct a discussion of procedural issues. Procedural issues for discussion may 14-1240-GA-CSS -2-

include discovery dates, possible stipulations of facts, and potential hearing dates.

- (4) Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-26(F), the representatives of the public utility shall investigate the issues raised on the complaint prior to the settlement conference, and all parties attending the conference shall be prepared to discuss settlement of the issues raised and shall have the authority to settle those issues.
- (5) As is the case in all Commission complaint proceedings, the complainant has the burden of proving the allegations of the complaint. *Grossman v. Public Util. Comm.*, 5 Ohio St.2d 189, 214 N.E.2d 666 (1966).
- (6) The attorney examiner reminds Complainant that her response is needed to DPL's November 4, 2014 motion to compel a reply to discovery requests.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That a settlement conference be scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on March 2, 2015, at the Commission offices, 180 East Broad Street, 12th floor, Conference Room 1246, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/James Lynn

By: James M. Lynn Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry scheduling a new date for the settlement conference in accordance with Finding (3). - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of James Lynn, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio