

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF NICOLE NICHOLS,

COMPLAINANT,

v.

CASE NO. 16-1559-EL-CSS

OHIO POWER COMPANY D/B/A AEP OHIO,

RESPONDENT.

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on September 8, 2016

{¶ 1} By Entry issued August 23, 2016, a settlement conference in this case was scheduled to take place on September 22, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission offices, 180 East Broad Street, 12th floor, Conference Room 1246, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

{¶ 2} The attorney examiner finds that the settlement conference should proceed at the previously scheduled time on the previously scheduled date. However, the settlement conference should occur, not in Conference Room 1246 of the Commission offices, but rather, as a telephonic teleconference. Accordingly, it will not be necessary for participants to appear in person at the Commission's offices at the appointed time.

{¶ 3} A settlement teleconference is hereby scheduled for September 22, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. At that time, in order to participate in the teleconference, parties shall dial the following toll-free number, (866) 209-2820, and then enter 9781140448.

{¶ 4} The purpose of the settlement teleconference will be to explore the parties' willingness to negotiate a resolution of this complaint in lieu of an evidentiary hearing. In accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-26, any statement 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 either party from initiating settlement negotiations prior to the scheduled settlement teleconference.

{¶ 5} 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 teleconference, and all parties participating in the teleconference shall be prepared to discuss settlement of the issues raised and shall have the authority to settle those issues.

{¶ 6} 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).

{¶ 7} It is, therefore,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That in accordance with the above findings, the settlement conference previously scheduled to occur in Conference Room 1246 of the Commission offices, at 10:00 a.m. on September 22, 2016, is hereby rescheduled to occur, instead, as a settlement teleconference that will take place over the telephone on September 22, 2016, beginning at 10:00 a.m. At that time, in order to participate in the teleconference, parties shall dial the following toll-free number, (866) 209-2820, and then enter 9781140448. It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/ Daniel E. Fullin

By: Daniel E. Fullin
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry orders, that in accordance with the findings, the settlement conference previously scheduled to occur in Conference Room 1246 of the Commission offices, at 10:00 a.m. on September 22, 2016, is hereby rescheduled to occur, instead, as a settlement teleconference that will take place over the telephone on September 22, 2016, beginning at 10:00 a.m. At that time, in order to participate in the teleconference. Entry electronically filed by Debra Hight on behalf of Daniel E. Fullin, Attorney Examiner.