

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Complaint of Jeff)	
Slusser,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 12-1259-GA-CSS
)	
The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a)	
Dominion East Ohio,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) The above-referenced complaint was filed on April 17, 2012, and supplemented on June 4, 2012. In the complaint, Jeff Slusser (Mr. Slusser or complainant) alleged that The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio (Dominion or company) improperly transferred charges for gas service between his rental properties. Further, Mr. Slusser indicated that Dominion's actions caused him financial hardship and that he should be reimbursed by Dominion and receive credit on an overdue account.
- (2) On May 7 and June 14, 2012, Dominion filed answers either denying the allegations in the complaint, or stating that the company is without sufficient knowledge or information to admit or deny the allegations in the complaint.
- (3) The attorney examiner finds that this matter should be scheduled for a settlement conference. 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. In accordance with Rule 4901-1-26, Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), 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

discussion. However, nothing prohibits any party from initiating settlement negotiations prior to the scheduled settlement conference.

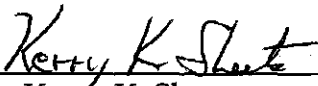
- (4) Accordingly, a settlement conference shall be scheduled for July 24, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 12th floor, Room 1246, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. The parties should bring all relevant documents to the conference. If it becomes apparent that the parties are not likely to settle this matter, the parties should be prepared to establish a procedural schedule to facilitate the timely and efficient processing of this complaint.
- (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.* (1966), 5 Ohio St.2d 189.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the matter be scheduled for a settlement conference on July 24, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 12th floor, Room 1246, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. It is, further,

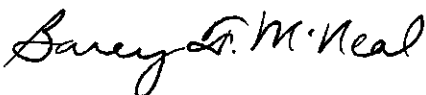
ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon each party of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO


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Barcy F. McNeal
Secretary