

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of Donald Sindledecker,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 13-740-EL-CSS
	)	
Ohio Edison Company,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On March 26, 2013, Donald Sindledecker filed a complaint against Ohio Edison Company (Ohio Edison), contending that he has been overbilled for electric use. Mr. Sindledecker asserts that Ohio Edison's estimates of his usage are excessively high and that frequent use of estimates is unnecessary.
- (2) Ohio Edison answered on April 15, 2013, by stating that it obtained actual readings of Mr. Sindledecker's meter during September, October, and December 2012 and January and April 2013. Ohio Edison asserts that, when usage is estimated, the estimate is reconciled with actual usage as shown in the next month's meter reading, so ultimately there is no overcharge.
- (3) On April 26, 2013, the attorney examiner issued an entry scheduling a May 21, 2013, settlement conference. Mr. Sindledecker did not attend the conference, nor did he provide a reason for failing to attend.
- (4) Given the Commission's goal of reducing the number of adversarial proceedings, the attorney examiner finds that this matter should be rescheduled for a settlement conference. Accordingly, the settlement conference shall be rescheduled to July 2, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. at the Commission offices, 180 East Broad Street, 12<sup>th</sup> floor, Conference Room 1246, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

However, Mr. Sindledecker is advised that failure to attend the rescheduled settlement conference may result in Commission dismissal of the case for lack of prosecution.

- (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).

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That a settlement conference be scheduled for July 2, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. 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 orders a settlement conference for 07/02/2013, 1:00 p.m. in Rm. 1246 at the offices of the Commission, 180 E. Broad St., 12th Flr., Columbus, Ohio. - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of James Lynn, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio