

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Complaint of Walter	)	
Reinhaus,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 13-1332-EL-CSS
	)	
Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) The above-referenced complaint was filed on June 5, 2013. In the complaint, Walter Reinhaus (Mr. Reinhaus or complainant) alleged that Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke Energy) unfairly and unjustly billed him for electric service.
- (2) On July 2, 2013, Duke Energy filed an answer denying 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 August 13, 2013, 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.*, 5 Ohio St. 2d 189, 214 N.E. 2d 666 (1966).

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the matter be scheduled for a settlement conference on August 13, 2013, 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

s/ Kerry K. Sheets

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By: Kerry K. Sheets  
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry scheduling a settlement conference on August 13, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.; electronically filed by Vesta R Miller on behalf of Kerry K. Sheets, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio