

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of Sandra Barron,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 15-1026-EL-CSS
)	
Ohio Edison Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On July 20, 2015, the attorney examiner issued an Entry scheduling a August 17, 2015 settlement conference in this matter.
- (2) On August 17, 2015, Sandra Barron (Ms. Barron or Complainant) contacted the attorney examiner, explaining that car problems, in addition to the needs of several disabled persons in her household, would prevent her from traveling to the conference. Ms. Barron had previously indicated the special needs of others in her residence when she filed her complaint.
- (3) Accordingly, a settlement conference shall be conducted by telephone on September 15, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., at which time Complainant will be contacted by the attorney examiner and counsel for Ohio Edison Company. 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.

If a settlement is not reached at the conference, the attorney examiner will conduct a discussion of procedural issues. Procedural issues for discussion may 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 in 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).

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That a telephone conference shall be scheduled for September 15, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. 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 telephone conference in accordance with Finding (3). - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of James Lynn, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio