

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of Marc Robinson,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 16-135-EL-CSS
	)	
American Electric Power,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On February 16, 2016, an Entry was issued scheduling a March 1, 2016 settlement conference in this matter. Counsel for American Electric Power (AEP) was present, but complainant Marc Robinson (Mr. Robinson) did not appear for the conference.
- (2) Accordingly, in the interest of resolving the matter, a settlement conference is scheduled for April 15, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission offices, 180 East Broad Street, 12th floor, Conference Room 1246, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. The parties should bring with them all documents relevant to this matter. 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.

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.

- (3) 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 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.
- (4) 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).
- (5) Failure by Mr. Robinson to attend the April 15, 2016 settlement conference, or to contact the attorney examiner no later than April 14, 2016, if he cannot attend, will result in dismissal of the complaint for failure to prosecute the matter.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That a settlement conference be scheduled for April 15, 2016, at 10:00 a.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

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By: James M. Lynn  
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry scheduling a settlement conference for 04/15/2016 at 10:00 a.m. in accordance with Finding (2). - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of James Lynn, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio