

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 Commission finds:

- (1) Pursuant to R.C. 4905.26, the Commission has authority to consider written complaints filed against a public utility by any person or corporation regarding any rate, service, regulation, or practice relating to any service furnished by the public utility that is in any respect unjust, unreasonable, insufficient, or unjustly discriminatory.
- (2) On May 28, 2015, Sandra Barron (Ms. Barron or Complainant) filed a complaint against Ohio Edison Company (Ohio Edison), alleging that after she filed for bankruptcy in April 2014, Ohio Edison delayed creation of a new account into which she could repay what she owed. Further, she asserted, Ohio Edison incorrectly determined the amount that she owed, and she sought a stay of disconnection while attempting to negotiate "a reasonable payment."
- (3) On June 18, 2015, Ohio Edison filed its answer and a memorandum contra the request for stay of disconnection. Ohio Edison contended that it had offered Complainant numerous repayment options, including payment plans, medical certification, and winter reconnection. Ohio Edison added that while Ms. Barron may dispute her past due amount, there is no dispute regarding recent bills, yet she

had not made a payment since December 1, 2014, nor had she paid current amounts on her account.

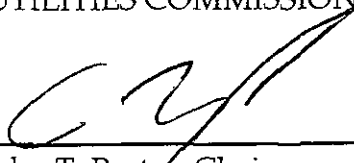
- (4) The attorney examiner issued a June 29, 2015, Entry scheduling a July 17, 2015, settlement conference. The Entry also directed Ms. Barron to pay all amounts not in dispute.
- (5) At Ms. Barron's request, the attorney examiner issued several subsequent Entries that ultimately rescheduled the conference to September 15, 2015. In addition, in a July 20, 2015 Entry, the attorney examiner clarified that bills for usage after May 28, 2015, the filing date of the complaint, cannot be considered part of the dispute and must be paid.
- (6) Ohio Edison filed a motion to dismiss and memorandum in support on October 22, 2015. Ohio Edison observed that the attorney examiner's July 20, 2015 Entry ordered Ms. Barron to pay all bills due after May 28, 2015, yet despite making an October 2015 payment, she had failed to pay bills due in September and October. Ms. Barron did not respond to the motion to dismiss.
- (7) On December 7, 2015, the attorney examiner issued an Entry directing Complainant to file, no later than December 23, 2015, a letter indicating available dates for hearing or a letter indicating that she will withdraw the complaint. The Entry also stated that failure to respond by December 23, 2015, would result in dismissal of the complaint for failure to prosecute the matter.
- (8) To date, Ms. Barron has not responded to the December 7, 2015 Entry. In addition, the Commission's Docketing Information System does not indicate that the letter was returned as undeliverable. Therefore, her complaint must be dismissed without prejudice for failure to prosecute the matter.

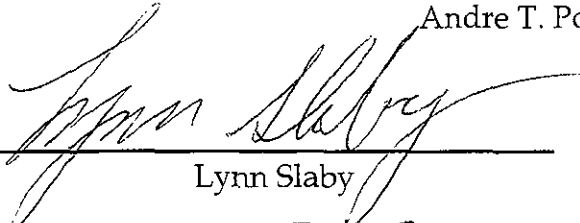
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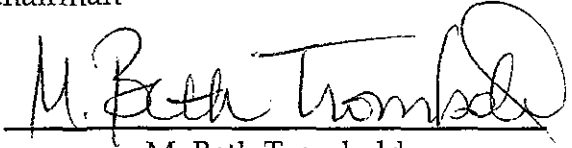
ORDERED, That this complaint be dismissed without prejudice for failure to prosecute the matter. It is, further,

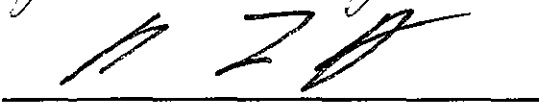
ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO


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