

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

**IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF
CHRISTOPHER L. SMITH AND MAGGIE S.
SMITH,**

COMPLAINANTS,

v.

CASE NO. 17-1962-GA-CSS

OHIO GAS COMPANY,

RESPONDENT.

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on October 31, 2017

{¶ 1} On October 4, 2017, an Entry was issued in this matter scheduling a settlement conference for October 30, 2017.

{¶ 2} An attorney examiner and counsel for Ohio Gas Company were in attendance for the scheduled conference on October 30, 2017. Christopher L. Smith and Maggie S. Smith (Complainants), however, were not present and, consequently, the settlement conference was not convened.

{¶ 3} The attorney examiner contacted the Complainants and was informed that the Complainants had a schedule conflict, but that they were unable to contact the Commission about rescheduling the conference.

{¶ 4} The attorney examiner finds that the settlement conference should be rescheduled to December 4, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. at the Commission offices, 180 East Broad Street, 12th floor, Conference Room 1246, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

{¶ 5} The parties are reminded that the purpose of the settlement conference will be to explore the parties' willingness to negotiate a resolution in lieu of an evidentiary hearing.

{¶ 6} The parties are also reminded to bring with them all documents relevant to this matter. Further, if a settlement is not reached at the conference, the attorney examiner may conduct a discussion of procedural issues that pertain to a possible hearing in this case.

{¶ 7} As is the case in all Commission complaint proceedings, the complainants have 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).

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That a settlement conference be rescheduled for December 4, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. at the Commission offices, 180 East Broad Street, 12th floor, Conference Room 1246, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon each party of record.

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/s/Kerry Sheets

By: Kerry K. Sheets
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry rescheduling a settlement conference for December 4, 2017, at 1:30 p.m.; electronically filed by Vesta R Miller on behalf of Kerry K. Sheets, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio