

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF
CHRISTINE M. AMEDIA & ADRIAN C.
AMEDIA,

COMPLAINANTS,

CASE NO. 22-802-EL-CSS

v.

OHIO EDISON COMPANY,

RESPONDENT.

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on May 15, 2023

{¶ 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} Ohio Edison Company (Ohio Edison) is a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02. As such, Ohio Edison is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 3} On August 24, 2022, Christine M. Amedia and Adrian C. Amedia (Complainants) initiated a complaint against Ohio Edison alleging that it has on multiple occasions inaccurately billed them for electric service between January and March of 2022, during which time the address serviced was undergoing construction. Further, Complainants aver that upon contacting Ohio Edison, their electric meter was replaced after being deemed defective.

{¶ 4} On September 13, 2022, Ohio Edison filed its answer to the complaint in which it admits that Complainant is its customer and denies the allegations in the complaint that Complainant's bills were inaccurate and avers that between December 29, 2021 and

January 31, 2022, Complainants used 23,626 kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity, and that between January 31, 2022 and February 24, 2022 was 17,795 kWh. Ohio Edison also sets forth several affirmative defenses in its answer.

{¶ 5} 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 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.

{¶ 6} Accordingly, a settlement conference shall be scheduled for June 27, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Visitors should register at the building lobby desk and then proceed to the 11th floor to participate in, or attend, the settlement conference. An attorney examiner will meet the parties on the 11th floor and escort them to the appropriate conference room.

{¶ 7} 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. All parties participating in the conference shall be prepared to discuss settlement of the issues raised and shall have authority to settle those issues. In addition, the parties shall bring with them relevant documents that are necessary to cultivate an understanding of the issues raised in the complaint and to facilitate settlement negotiations.

{¶ 8} As is the case in all Commission complaint proceedings, the complainant has the burden of proving the allegations of the complaint. *Grossman v. Pub. Util. Comm.*, 5 Ohio St.2d 189, 214 N. E. 2d 666 (1966).

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That the settlement conference be scheduled for June 27, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., as indicated in Paragraph 6. It is, further,

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

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/s/ Jesse M. Davis

By: Jesse M. Davis
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry scheduling a settlement conference for June 27, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 electronically filed by Debbie S. Ryan on behalf of Jesse M. Davis, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.