

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Complaint of Rudolph)	
Vincent and Deborah McCauley,)	
)	
Complainants,)	
)	Case No. 04-1751-WW-CSS
v.)	
)	
Aqua Ohio, Inc.)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On November 19, 2004, Rudolph Vincent and Deborah McCauley filed a complaint against Aqua Ohio, Inc. ("Aqua Ohio"). In their complaint Mr. Vincent and Ms. McCauley allege that Aqua Ohio's meter was not functioning properly, resulting in an unusually high water bill.
- (2) On December 15, 2004, Aqua Ohio filed its answer in this proceeding, denying the complainants' allegations. Further, Aqua Ohio alleged that it had inspected complainants' property for leaks and found none and that it had tested complainants' meter and found it to be properly calibrated and properly recording water usage.
- (3) Accordingly, this case should be scheduled for a prehearing conference on February 8, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th floor, Hearing Room 11-F, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.
- (4) The purpose of the prehearing conference is to explore the parties' willingness to negotiate a resolution of this complaint in lieu of an evidentiary hearing. 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 conference. The parties should bring to the conference all documents relevant to this matter.

- (5) In the event that a settlement is not reached at the conference, the attorney examiner will conduct a discussion of procedural issues at the conclusion of the conference. Procedural issues for discussion may include discovery dates, possible stipulations of facts and potential hearing dates.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That a prehearing conference be scheduled in accordance with finding (3). It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

By: Gregory A. Price
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Renee J. Jenkins
Secretary

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