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BEFORE THE

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
LINDA D. RICHARDSON) No. 13-0295
-VS-)
COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY)
Complaint as to)
billing/charges in Chicago,)
Illinois)

Chicago, Illinois

August 28, 2013

Met, pursuant to adjournment, at

11:00 o'clock a.m.

BEFORE:

MS. HEATHER JORGENSON,
Administrative Law Judge

APPEARANCES:

Ms. Linda D. Richardson
1810, Mary Ann Lane
Country Club Hills, Illinois, 60478
appearing pro se;
and
Mr. Mark L. Goldstein
3019 Province Circle
Mundelein, Illinois 60060
and

1 APPEARANCES:

Ms. Erin Buechler
440 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 3300
Chicago, Illinois 60605
appearing for Commonwealth Edison
Company

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ANNETTE BREWER

20 LICENSE NO. 084-004121

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1 JUDGE JORGENSON: Pursuant to the direction
2 of the Illinois Commerce Commission, I now call
3 Docket 13-0295. This is Linda D. Richardson versus
4 Commonwealth Edison Company. This is a complaint as
5 to billing/charges in Chicago, Illinois.

6 I will need the appearances for the
7 record.

8 Ms. Richardson, can you please state
9 your name, address and telephone number.

10 MS. RICHARDSON: Linda D. Richardson, 1810,
11 Mary Ann Lane, Country Club Hills, Illinois, 60478,
12 (708) 799-6469.

13 MR. GOLDSTEIN: From Commonwealth Edison
14 Company, Mark L. Goldstein, 3019 Province Circle,
15 Mundelein, Illinois, 60060. My telephone number is
16 (847) 949-1340. With me this morning is Erin
17 Buechler from ComEd.

18 JUDGE JORGENSON: Thank you. I believe where
19 we left off last time the company was going to work
20 with Ms. Richardson to get some consecutive meter
21 readings. We set a date for three months later,
22 particularly on the status of discovery on the meter

1 readings.

2 MS. BUECHLER: Judge, we were able to get
3 regular reads in May; so a few days after our first
4 status in June and July. Unfortunately, this month
5 it looks like it was an estimate. But for May, June
6 and July we did get regular reads.

7 JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay. Do the parties need
8 more time to conduct discovery or are we ready to set
9 a evidentiary date?

10 MR. GOLDSTEIN: We've attempted, Judge, to
11 discuss a possible settlement with Ms. Richardson
12 this morning and we were at a total impasse. Part of
13 the problem is that Ms. Richardson has not made a
14 payment on her electric bill since last October.
15 And, therefore, her balance on her electric account
16 has risen, I believe, to an amount that she cannot
17 pay every month.

18 So I guess we have to set this for
19 an evidentiary hearing. We would like to work with
20 her and have made a proposal to her to pay a back
21 balance. Since she claims she doesn't owe anything,
22 we're just at a total impasse.

1 JUDGE JORGENSEN: Okay. Miss Richardson,
2 would you be prepared to go forward with an
3 evidentiary hearing or do you need more time to
4 conduct discovery?

5 MS. RICHARDSON: You say another hearing
6 or --

7 JUDGE JORGENSEN: An evidentiary hearing
8 would be where you would present your case and any
9 documents or witnesses that you have.

10 MS. RICHARDSON: Hm-hm.

11 JUDGE JORGENSEN: Are you ready to go forward
12 with an evidentiary hearing at a future date?

13 MS. RICHARDSON: Not today.

14 JUDGE JORGENSEN: At a future date?

15 MS. RICHARDSON: Yes, future date.

16 JUDGE JORGENSEN: Okay. Let's go off the
17 record to discuss dates.

18 (WHEREUPON, a discussion was held
19 off the record.)

20 THE COURT: Back on the record.

21 The parties have agreed that we will
22 have an evidentiary hearing in this matter on October

1 17th at 11:00 a.m.

2 Is there anything further for the
3 record for today?

4 MS. RICHARDSON: Yes, just to clarify some of
5 the statements he made. I last made a payment in
6 November of 2012, my bill. And I never was late with
7 a light bill. And the reason that no payments were
8 made because I was in dispute after the November
9 payment because ComEd -- I was on a budget of \$16 per
10 month by the light, heat, and ComEd took me off the
11 \$16 a month budget and put me on \$268 a month budget
12 because they couldn't get into the back of my yard to
13 read the meters. So they were charging me 268 a
14 month for lights.

15 JUDGE JORGENSON: Okay.

16 MS. RICHARDSON: And I refuse to pay an
17 \$1,800 light bill or 1,500 to them when they were the
18 ones put these charges, set these charges at what
19 they are to accumulate to what they accumulated to.

20 JUDGE JORGENSON: All right. We will go to
21 evidentiary hearing on October 17. Please bring at
22 least three copies of any documents you intend to

1 enter to present your case.

2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: It would be better, Judge, if
3 she brought five copies.

4 JUDGE JORGENSEN: Five copies.

5 MR. GOLDSTEIN: One for you and one for me.

6 JUDGE JORGENSEN: Okay. Five copies, please,
7 of every document that you intend to enter into
8 evidence into the record.

9 MS. RICHARDSON: Okay.

10 JUDGE JORGENSEN: And we will adjourn unless
11 there's anything further for the record from anyone
12 else, we will adjourn until October 17th.

13 MR. BAILEY: Thank you, Judge.

14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you.

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