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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RONALD B. SULLIVAN, dba ASHLAND HAIR CARE CENTER,

Complainant,

v.

Case No. 10597 (Filed June 15, 1978)

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, a corporation,

Defendant.

CRDER OF DISMISSAL

The complaint alleges that: (1) defendant's meters are inaccurate, (2) defendant is in violation on billing procedures, and (3) defendant has failed to credit payments on complainant's account. Complainant requests that his account be properly credited and that the meters be checked for accuracy.

Complainant failed to respond to defendant's efforts to arrange a meeting and the answer was filed on December 8, 1978. It denies all of complainant's allegations and alleges that: (1, complainant has recently filed for bankruptcy, (2) service was discontinued on August 1, 1978 at complainant's request, and (3) defendant's representatives were informed that the sum of \$419.41 owed defendant is uncollectible. Complainant questioned the accuracy of defendant's meters in an earlier complaint, and they were checked by a Commission engineer, who filed a report dated September 1, 1977, which affirmed that all three meters were accurate under the standard adopted by the Public Utilities Commission (Case No. 10248, Decision No. 87968, dated October 12, 1977). No money was deposited with the Commission, so defendant has no guarantee that the bill will be paid.

The Commission wrote a letter to complainant dated February 7, 1979 to advise that his complaint is scheduled for dismissal unless the Commission is notified of his intention to pursue this action. No communication has been received from complainant, and the letter directed to him has not been returned by the post office. Complainant has recently moved to a different city and no longer occupies the premises served by the meters in question.

Scheduling a hearing or a meeting of the parties is not justified in this proceeding. It is evident that complainant does not intend to prosecute this complaint.

IT IS ORDERED that Case No. 10597 is dismissed.

The effective date of this order shall be thirty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco , California, this 10th day of APRIL 1 , 1979.