

DECISIONS OF

# The Public Service Commission

OF THE

## COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Complainant's method of computation neglects the need of retaining the proportions and relations of a schedule designed for a monthly basis when applying it to a longer or shorter period of service. It is as much in error and for somewhat similar reasons as is the method first used by the respondent. The Commission is of the opinion and finds that respondent's corrected method is a proper one to employ.

Another method, perhaps more readily understood, is illustrated by the following solution: Assuming a 5 light meter and a total consumption of 8,300 cubic feet between November 1st and December 3rd, the application of the old rates to the total consumption results in a charge of \$12.87 or an average of .402 cts. per day. The application of the new rates to the same service results in a total charge of \$16.19 or an average of .506 cts. per day. Since in this case 19 days' service was rendered under the old rates and 13 under the new, the proper charge would be computed as follows, the result being the same as obtained by the use of respondent's corrected method:

19 days @ .402, .....	\$7.64
13 days @ .506, .....	6.58
	\$14.22

In any other case the charge would be computed in a similar manner, using the distribution of service as fixed by the meter reading dates and by November 20, 1920.

An order will issue sustaining the complaint to the extent noted and directing the respondent within 30 days to furnish to its consumers corrected bills for the November service and to make suitable refunds or credits for any excess collected as well as for any penalties paid on such excess charges.

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D. M. ROSSER, et al.

*vs.*

DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA & WESTERN RAILROAD Co.

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COMPLAINT DOCKET NO. 3750

## APPEARANCES:

D. M. Rosser in his own behalf.  
C. M. Lustin for Intervenors.  
J. H. Oliver for Respondent.

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ORDER.

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This matter being before The Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania upon complaint alleging that public necessity and convenience of the present station of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, respondent, at Hicks Ferry, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, no longer exists, and that said station should be relocated about one and a quarter miles nearer to Shickshinny in said county, and answer on file, and having been duly heard and submitted by the parties and full investigation of the matters and things involved having been had, the Commission finds and determines that the removal of the present station of said respondent at Hicks Ferry to a point about one and a quarter miles nearer to Shickshinny is necessary for the safety, accommodation and convenience of the public; and a deed having been executed and delivered conveying to the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, respondent, the necessary land for the erection and maintenance of the new station, together with a right-of-way for the purpose of ingress and egress thereto from the State Highway, copy of which deed is filed of record in this case;

NOW, to-wit, March 21, 1921, IT IS ORDERED: That the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, respondent, remove its present station at Hicks Ferry in Lackawanna County to the point described in the deed above mentioned and construct and maintain a new station at said point.

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**BOROUGH OF COALDALE**

**COMPLAINT DOCKET No. 2954**

**TAX-PAYERS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION OF  
NESQUEHONING**

**COMPLAINT DOCKET No. 2962**

**vs.**

**PANTHER VALLEY WATER CO.**