

**CITY OF NORWALK
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: Carol Frank, Chair; Andrew Mattiello; Daisy Franklin; Rev. Julius Gamble, Diana Paladino, Vicky Su; Karen Tobin, via teleconference.

STAFF: Adam Bovilsky, Director of Human Relations and Fair Rent.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon by the Chair.

ROLL CALL

Upon Roll Call, there were 3 members present in person and 4 members present by teleconference.

DISCUSSION OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE OF CASE 228-08E

Mr. Bovilsky said this was originally scheduled for a hearing a few months ago; the scheduled hearing date is February 12th. Yankee Gas, represented by Northeast Utilities, has hired outside counsel, who requested a 30-day continuance. Neither the counsel for the union nor the counsel for the complainant has any objection to this continuance. The union may welcome the continuance because the head of the union is ill. The only reason not to grant the continuance is because this case has gone on so long. This Commission had previously granted a continuance to the complainant.

The Chair said it would behoove the Commission to also grant the extension to the attorney, since they have already done so for the complainant.

Mrs. Tobin said she agreed in theory but given that it has lingered for so long and the employer had ample time to find an attorney, maybe they should grant a two-week extension instead of four weeks. That would send the message that they are being fair but enough is enough.

Ms. Franklin, Mr. Mattiello, Ms. Paladino, Ms. Su and Rev. Gamble all said that they should grant the one month continuance, as requested.

MOTIONS ON CASE 228-08E

- ** MS. PALADINO MOVED TO GRANT A CONTINUANCE ON CASE 228-08E TO MARCH 12, 2009 AT 6:30 P.M.**
- ** MR. MATTIELLO SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE WITH ONE VOTE IN OPPOSITION (MRS. TOBIN).**

ADJOURNMENT

- ** MS. FRANKLIN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** MR. MATTIELLO SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Telesco
Telesco Secretarial Services

