

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR, MNSD, FF

Introduction

This hearing dealt with an application by the landlord for an order of possession for unpaid rent, a monetary order for unpaid rent, to keep all or part of the security deposit and recovery of the filing fee.

The landlord participated in the conference call hearing but the tenants did not. The landlord presented evidence that the tenants were served with the application for dispute resolution and notice of hearing in person. I found that the tenants had been properly served with notice of the landlord's claim and the date and time of the hearing and the hearing proceeded in their absence.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to any of the above under the Act.

#### Background and Evidence

This tenancy began July 2011 with monthly rent of \$695.00, the tenants paid a security deposit of \$347.50.

On November 7, 2011 the landlord served the tenants with a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent; the tenants have not filed to dispute this notice.

The landlord testified that the tenants owe \$316.00 on the November 2011 rent and \$36.49 towards the utilities. The landlord stated that the tenants have also not paid the December rent of \$695.00 or the most recent utility bill.

The landlord stated that the tenants appear to be getting ready to vacate but that they have not given him any information in that regard. As the tenants still occupy the rental unit and have made no efforts to pay the rent or utilities that are due, the landlord has requested an order of possession effective 2 days after service on the tenants.

The landlord has also requested a \$352.49 monetary order for the unpaid rent and utilities.

### <u>Analysis</u>

Based on the documentary evidence and testimony I find that the tenant was properly served with a notice to end tenancy for non-payment of rent. The tenant did not pay the outstanding rent within 5 days of receiving the notice and did not apply for dispute resolution to dispute the notice and is therefore conclusively presumed to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the notice. Based on the above facts I find that the landlord is entitled to an order of possession and a monetary order for unpaid rent and utilities.

Accordingly I find that the landlord is entitled to a monetary order for \$352.49.

As the landlord has been successful in their application the landlord is entitled to recovery of the \$50.00 filing fee.

#### Conclusion

I hereby grant the landlord an **Order of Possession**, effective **2 days** after service of the Order upon the tenant(s). This Order must be served on the tenant(s) and may be filed in the Supreme Court of British Columbia and enforced as an Order of that Court.

I find that the landlord has established a monetary claim for \$352.49 in unpaid rent and utilities. The landlord is also entitled to recovery of the \$50.00 filing fee. I order the landlord pursuant to s. 38(4) of the Act to keep the tenant's \$347.50 security deposit in partial satisfaction of the claim and I grant the landlord a monetary order under section 67 for the balance due of **\$54.99**.

If the amount is not paid by the tenant(s), the Order may be filed in the Provincial (Small Claims) Court of British Columbia and enforced as an order of that court.

This decision is made on authority delegated to me by the Director of the Residential Tenancy Branch under Section 9.1(1) of the *Residential Tenancy Act*.

Dated: December 8, 2011.

**Residential Tenancy Branch**