

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

### **DECISION**

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#### <u>Introduction</u>

This hearing dealt with an application by the landlord for an order of possession, a monetary order and an order to retain the security deposit in partial satisfaction of the claim. Despite having been served with the application for dispute resolution and notice of hearing by registered mail on March 19, 2012, the tenant did not participate in the conference call hearing.

At the outset of the hearing, the landlord stated that the tenant moved out of the rental unit on or about April 1, 2012. Accordingly, I dismissed the portion of the landlord's claim regarding an order of possession.

#### Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to a monetary order?

#### Background and Evidence

The tenancy began on December 1, 2011. Rent in the amount of \$750 plus \$50 for utilities was payable in advance on the first day of each month. At the outset of the tenancy, the landlord collected a security deposit from the tenant in the amount of \$400. The tenant failed to pay rent or utilities in the month of March 2012 and on March 5, 2012 the landlord served the tenant with a notice to end tenancy for non-payment of rent.

#### Analysis

Based on the landlord's undisputed evidence, I find that the landlord has established a claim for \$800 in unpaid rent and utilities. The landlord is also entitled to recovery of the \$50 filing fee.

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## Conclusion

The landlord is entitled to \$850. I order that the landlord retain the security deposit of \$400 in partial satisfaction of the claim and I grant the landlord an order under section 67 for the balance due of \$450. This order may be filed in the Small Claims Court 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: April 20, 2012.	
	Residential Tenancy Branch