

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR MNR

Introduction

This hearing dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the landlord for an order of possession and a monetary order for unpaid rent or utilities.

No one was in attendance for either the landlord or the tenant.

Issue(s) to be Decided

- Is the landlord entitled to an order of possession?
- Is the landlord entitled to a monetary order?

Background and Evidence

There was no additional evidence or testimony provided as there was no one in attendance at the scheduled hearing.

Analysis

Section 61 of the *Residential Tenancy Act* states that upon accepting an application for dispute resolution, the Director must set the matter down for a hearing and that the Director must determine if the hearing is to be oral or in writing. In this case, the hearing was scheduled for an oral teleconference hearing.

Rule 10.1 of the Rules of Procedure provides as follows:

10.1 Commencement of the dispute resolution proceeding

The dispute resolution proceeding must commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise decided by the Dispute Resolution Officer. The Dispute Resolution Officer may conduct the dispute resolution proceeding in the absence of a party and may make a decision or dismiss the application, with or without leave to reapply.

In the absence of the applicant landlord and respondent tenant, the telephone line remained open while the phone system was monitored for eleven minutes and no one on behalf of the applicant landlord or respondent tenant called into the hearing during this time. Based on the aforementioned I find that the landlord has not presented the merits of their application and the application is hereby dismissed with leave to reapply.

Conclusion

I HEREBY DISMISS the landlord's application, with leave to reapply.

This decision is final and binding on the parties, unless otherwise provided under the Act, and 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: May 25, 2012.

Residential Tenancy Branch