



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

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### Introduction

This hearing dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the Tenant for an Order to cancel a Notice to End Tenancy issued for cause and to obtain an Order to have the Landlord comply with the Act.

No one was in attendance for either the Landlord or the Tenant.

### Issue(s) to be Decided

1. Can these matters be determined in the absence of the participants?

### 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 hearing** The hearing must commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise decided by the arbitrator. The arbitrator may conduct the hearing in the absence of a party and may make a decision or dismiss the application, with or without leave to re-apply.

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

### Conclusion

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

This dismissal does not extend any applicable time limits set out under the Act.

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: May 22, 2012.

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