

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding NPR Limited Partnership and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR

Introduction

This matter was conducted by way of Direct Request Proceeding, pursuant to Section 55(4) of the *Residential Tenancy Act (Act)*, and dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the landlord for an order of possession and a monetary order due to unpaid rent. A participatory hearing was not convened.

The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that the landlord served the tenant with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding via registered mail. Section 90 of the *Act* states a document sent by mail is deemed served on the 5th day after it is mailed. However the landlord does not indicate on the signed Proof of Service when the documents were served.

Based on the written submissions of the landlord, I find that the landlord has failed to establish when the documents were served and as such, I cannot determine if or when the tenant would have received these documents. As the Direct Request process is an *ex parte* written proceeding there is no ability for me to question the landlord to determine when the documents were served on the tenant.

Issue(s) to be Decided

The issues to be decided are whether the landlord is entitled to an order of possession for unpaid rent and to a monetary order for unpaid rent, pursuant to Sections 46, 55, 67, and 72 of the *Act*.

Conclusion

Based on the above, I dismiss the landlord's Application in its entirety with leave to reapply either through the Direct Request process with adequate evidence to establish how and when documents were served or through a participatory hearing process.

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 17, 2013

Residential Tenancy Branch