

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

#### **DECISION**

**Dispute Codes**: OPR

### <u>Introduction</u>

This hearing was scheduled in response to the landlord's application for an order of possession. The landlord attended and gave affirmed testimony. The landlord was assisted during the hearing by "JP," a family member.

Despite service of the application for dispute resolution and notice of hearing (the "hearing package") by way of registered mail, the tenant did not appear. Evidence submitted by the landlord includes the Canada Post tracking number for the registered mail, and the Canada Post website informs that the item was "successfully delivered."

### Issue(s) to be Decided

Whether the landlord is entitled to the above under the Act, Regulation or tenancy agreement.

### Background and Evidence

There is no written tenancy agreement in evidence for this tenancy which began approximately 3 years ago. Monthly rent is \$750.00. No security deposit was collected.

Arising from rent and utilities which were unpaid over a period of time, the landlord issued a 10 day notice to end tenancy for unpaid rent or utilities dated September 9, 2013. The notice was served by way of posting on the unit door on that same date. A copy of the notice was submitted in evidence. Subsequently, the tenant made no further payment toward either rent or utilities and she continues to reside in the unit.

#### <u>Analysis</u>

The full text of the Act, Regulation, Residential Tenancy Policy Guidelines, Fact Sheets, forms and more can be accessed via the website: www.rto.gov.bc.ca

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Based on the documentary evidence and the affirmed / undisputed testimony of the landlord, I find that the tenant was served with a 10 day notice to end tenancy for unpaid rent or utilities dated September 9, 2013. The tenant did not pay the outstanding rent or utilities within 5 days of receiving the notice, and did not apply to dispute the notice. The tenant is therefore conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the Act to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the notice. Accordingly, I find that the landlord has established entitlement to an **order of possession**.

## Conclusion

I hereby issue an **order of possession** in favour of the landlord effective not later than **two (2) days** after service on the tenant. This order must be served on the tenant. Should the tenant fail to comply with the order, the order may be filed in the Supreme 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: November 07, 2013

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