



# 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 filed on May 30, 2014, by the Tenants to dispute an additional rent increase, for the return of their security and or pet deposit, to suspend or set conditions on the landlord's right to enter the rental unit, and to recover the cost of the filing fee from the Landlord for this application.

The Landlord appeared at the scheduled teleconference hearing; however, no one appeared on behalf of the applicant Tenants.

### Issue(s) to be Decided

Should this application be dismissed with or without leave to reapply?

### Background and Evidence

There was no additional evidence or testimony provided in support of the Tenants' claim as no one attended on behalf of the Tenants.

### 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.

In the absence of the applicant Tenants, the telephone line remained open while the phone system was monitored for eleven minutes and no one on behalf of the applicant Tenants called into the hearing during this time.

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.

Accordingly, in the absence of any submissions from the applicant Tenants I order the application dismissed without liberty to reapply.

Conclusion

I HEREBY DISMISS the Tenants' application, without leave to reapply.

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: July 21, 2014

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