

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

### **DECISION**

<u>Dispute Codes</u> OPR MNR

#### <u>Introduction</u>

On May 14, 2015 the Landlords filed an application for Dispute Resolution through the Direct Request Process seeking an Order of Possession for unpaid rent or utilities and a Monetary Order for unpaid rent or utilities. The matter was reviewed on June 01, 2015 and an Interim Decision was sent to the Landlords advising that the matter had been reconvened to this participatory hearing on July 24, 2015,

No one was in attendance at the scheduled teleconference hearing.

### 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 as there was no one in attendance at the scheduled hearing.

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

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

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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 Landlord and respondent Tenant, the telephone line remained open while the phone system was monitored for ten minutes and no one on behalf of either party called into the hearing during this time. Based on the aforementioned I find the Landlord has failed to present the merits of his application and the application was dismissed, without leave to reapply.

## Conclusion

**I HEREBY DISMISS** the Landlord's 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 27, 2015

Residential Tenancy Branch