



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## DECISION

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### Introduction

This hearing was convened to hear the matters pertaining to the Tenants' Application for Dispute Resolution filed on May 30, 2016. The Tenants filed seeking a monetary order for the return of their security deposit; half of a month's rent; and recovery of the filing fee.

No one was in attendance at the scheduled teleconference hearing for either the Tenant or the Landlord.

### 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.

### 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 Tenants and respondent Landlord, 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 neither party had an opportunity to make submissions. Accordingly, I dismissed the application, with leave to reapply.

### Conclusion

No one was in attendance at the scheduled hearing and the Tenants' application was dismissed, with leave to reapply.

This decision is final, legally binding, and 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 23, 2016

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