



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR, FF

Introduction

The landlord applies to recover unpaid utility costs.

Neither tenant attended for the hearing within twenty five minutes after its scheduled start time.

The landlord shows that each tenant was served with the application and notice of hearing by registered mail (Canada Post tracking numbers shown on cover page of this decision) sent March 25, 2017 to the rental unit while the tenants still lived there.

The mail went unclaimed. On this evidence I find that the tenants were duly served.

The landlord's undisputed evidence is that the tenants were obliged to pay one half of the power, gas and cable costs for the home.

She shows produces two Fortis gas bills totalling \$328.14, two Shaw cable bills totalling \$306.97 and two Hydro bills totalling \$657.49.

On this evidence I find that the tenants owe the landlord \$646.31 for the utility bills presented. I award the landlord recovery of the \$100.00 filing fee for this application.

I authorize the landlord to retain the \$500.00 security deposit and \$200.00 pet damage deposit she holds, in reduction of the award. There will be a monetary order against the tenants for the remainder of \$46.31.

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: April 25, 2017

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