

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding PRUDENTIAL POWER PLAY REALTY and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

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Introduction

This matter proceeded by way of an *ex parte* Direct Request Proceeding, pursuant to section 55(4) of the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "*Act*"), and dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the landlord for an Order of Possession based on unpaid rent.

The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on April 12, 2017, the landlord personally served the tenant the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding. The landlord had a witness sign the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding to confirm personal service. Based on the written submission of the landlord and in accordance with section 89 of the *Act*, I find that the tenant has been duly served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on April 12, 2017.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent pursuant to sections 46 and 55 of the *Act*?

Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding served to the tenant;
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord and the tenant on February 13, 2015, indicating a monthly rent of \$700.00, due on the first day of the month for a tenancy commencing on March 1, 2015;

- A copy of a letter indicating the landlord reduced the tenant's monthly rent from \$700.00 to the current monthly rent of \$600.00;
- A Monetary Order Worksheet and ledger showing the rent owing and paid during this tenancy;
- The Monetary Order Worksheet noted that, of the \$1,600.00 identified as owing in the 10 Day Notice, \$675.00 was paid on March 4, 2017, \$50.00 was paid on March 8, 20176 and \$320.00 was paid on March 31, 2017; and
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) dated March 3, 2017, and personally served to the tenant on March 3, 2017, with a stated effective vacancy date of March 13, 2017, for \$1,600.00 in unpaid rent.

Witnessed documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates that the 10 Day Notice was personally served to the tenant at 10:30 am on March 3, 2017. The 10 Day Notice states that the tenant had five days from the date of service to pay the rent in full or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end.

<u>Analysis</u>

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and in accordance with section 88 of the *Act*, I find that the tenant was duly served with the 10 Day Notice on March 3, 2017.

I find that the tenant was obligated to pay the monthly rent in the amount of \$600.00, as per the tenancy agreement and the decrease letter.

I accept the evidence before me that the tenant has failed to pay the rent owed in full within the 5 days granted under section 46(4) of the *Act* and did not dispute the 10 Day Notice within that 5 day period.

Based on the foregoing, I find that the tenant is conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the 10 Day Notice, March 13, 2017.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent owing as of April 7, 2017.

Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective **two days after service of this Order** on the tenant. Should the tenant fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed and enforced as an Order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

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 13, 2017

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