

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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# Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

#### **DECISION**

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR, FF

This is a review hearing dealing with the landlord's application pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the Act) for:

- an order of possession for unpaid rent pursuant to section 55;
- a monetary order for unpaid rent pursuant to section 67;
- authorization to recover his/her/their/its filing fee for this application from the tenant pursuant to section 72.

This matter was set for a conference call review hearing at 9:00 a.m. on this date. The landlord attended the hearing via conference call and provided undisputed affirmed testimony. The tenants did not attend or submit any documentary evidence. The landlord provided undisputed affirmed testimony that the landlord was served with the notice of hearing package and a copy of the Review Consideration Decision from the tenant. The landlord also confirmed that the tenant was served with a copy of the original notice of a hearing documents and evidence.

The tenants failed to attend the hearing by way of conference call. I waited until 13 minutes past the start of the scheduled hearing time in order to enable both parties to connect with this teleconference hearing.

Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure provides that:

#### 7.1 Commencement of the dispute resolution hearing

The dispute resolution hearing will commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise set by the arbitrator.

#### 7.2 Delay in the start of a hearing

In the event of a delay of a start of a conference call hearing, each party must stay available on the line to commence the hearing for 30 minutes after the time scheduled for the start of the hearing.

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In the event of a delay of a face-to-face hearing, unless otherwise advised, the parties must remain available to commence the hearing at the hearing location for 30 minutes after the time scheduled for the start of the hearing.

## 7.3 Consequences of not attending the hearing

If a party or their agent fails to attend the hearing, the arbitrator may conduct the dispute resolution hearing in the absence of that party, or dismiss the application, with or without leave to re-apply.

## 7.4 Evidence must be presented

Evidence must be presented by the party who submitted it, or by the party's agent. If a party or their agent does not attend the hearing to present evidence, any written submissions supplied may or may not be considered.

No New Documentary evidence has been submitted by either party.

At the outset, the landlord stated that the tenants still occupy the rental unit and have still not paid any rent. The landlord requests an end to the tenancy and to reinstate the original decision and order granted on February 20, 2018.

Accordingly, in the absence of any evidence or submissions from the tenants and in the absence of the tenants' participation in this hearing, I order that the decision and order granted on February 20, 2018 be reinstated.

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: March 29, 2018

Residential Tenancy Branch