

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding AARJ and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> OLC

Introduction

This hearing was convened as a result of the Tenant's Application for Dispute Resolution, made on March 18, 2019 (the "Application"). The Tenant applied for an order that the Landlord comply with the *Residential Tenancy Act*, regulation, and/or the tenancy agreement, pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act*.

The Tenant attended the hearing in person. The Landlord was represented at the hearing by R.M., an agent. The Tenant and R.M. provided affirmed testimony.

Settlement

The opportunity for settlement was discussed with the parties during the hearing. The parties were advised there is no obligation to resolve the dispute through settlement, but that I could assist the parties to reach an agreement, which would be documented in my Decision.

The parties agreed to settle this matter as follows:

- The Tenant agrees to pay the Landlord \$6,000.00 on account of outstanding BC Hydro charges for the period from August 15, 2013 to November 15, 2018 (the "Settlement Payment").
- 2. The parties agree the Settlement Payment will be made in 60 installments of \$100.00 per month, payable on or before the first day of each month, commencing June 1, 2019, and ending on May 1, 2024.
- 3. For BC Hydro charges incurred after November 15, 2018, the Landlord agrees to provide the Tenant with all statements received, or within 30 days after receipt for statements received after the date of this hearing, as applicable.

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This settlement agreement was reached in accordance with section 63 of the *Residential Tenancy Act*. As this outcome was achieved through negotiation, I decline to award recovery of the filing fee to the Tenant.

Conclusion

I order the parties to comply with the terms of the settlement agreement set out above.

In support of the settlement, and with the agreement of the parties, I grant the Landlord a monetary order in the amount of \$6,000.00, which will be of no force or effect as long as the Tenant makes the instalment payments described above. If necessary, the order may be filed in and enforced as an order of the Provincial Court of British Columbia (Small Claims).

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: May 9, 2019

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