

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION

TP 27,294

In re: 2480 16th Street, N.W., Unit 234

Ward One (1)

Campbell Johnson
Tenant/Appellant

v.

MPM Management, Inc.
Housing Provider/Appellee

ORDER ON MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

December 3, 2003

BANKS, CHAIRPERSON. On December 1, 2003, Bernard A. Gray, counsel for the Tenant, filed a motion for continuance of the Commission's hearing scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2003, due to illness. Phillip Felts, counsel for MPM Management, Inc., the Housing Provider, did not object to the continuance.

THE COMMISSION'S ORDER

Continuances are governed by the Commission's regulations, 14 DCMR § 3815.1-3 (1991), which state:

Any party may move to request a continuance of any scheduled hearing or for extension of time to file a pleading, other than a notice of appeal, or leave to amend a pleading if the motion is served on opposing parties and the Commission at least five (5) days before the hearing or the due date; however, in the event of extraordinary circumstances, the time limit may be shortened by the Commission.

Motions shall set forth good cause for the relief requested.

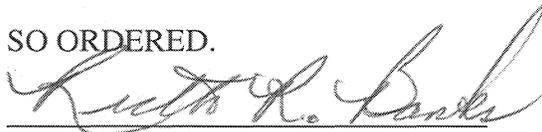
Conflicting engagements of counsel, absence of counsel, or the employment of new counsel shall not be regarded as good cause for

continuance unless set forth promptly after notice of the hearing has been given.

In this case the Tenant's counsel complied with the Commission's rules by moving to request a continuance of the hearing on December 1, 2003, which was six (6) business days before the scheduled hearing on December 9, 2003. The regulations required the motion be filed at least five (5) days before the hearing. Therefore, the counsel complied with 14 DCMR § 3815.1 (1991).

Accordingly, good cause was shown for the continuance and the motion for a continuance is granted. The parties will be contacted at a later date regarding future processing of this appeal.

SO ORDERED.



RUTH R. BANKS, CHAIRPERSON

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing ORDER ON MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE in TP 27,294 was mailed by priority mail, with confirmation of delivery, postage prepaid this ____ day of December, 2003, to:

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