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Attachment



**State of New Jersey**  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

**INITIAL DECISION**

**DISMISSAL**

OAL DKT. NO. CSV 10236-21

AGENCY DKT. NO. 2022-1126

**IN THE MATTER OF MARK ATKINSON,  
DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP,  
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY.**

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**Mark Atkinson, appellant, pro se**

**Charles A. Fiore, Esq., for respondent, Deptford Township, Municipal Utilities  
Authority, (Marmero Law, L.L.C., attorneys)**

Record Closed: June 28, 2022

Decided: June 28, 2022

**BEFORE JEFFREY R. WILSON, ALJ:**

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), where it was filed on December 16, 2021, and assigned to the undersigned Administrative Law Judge, on May 16, 2022. A telephone prehearing conference was scheduled for June 27, 2022. Notice for the telephone conference was mailed to the petitioner at his address of record, on May 30, 2022. The notice included the following language:

If you do not participate in the prehearing conference, the file will be returned to the transmitting agency for appropriate action which may include imposition of the proposed penalty or granting the relief requested by the other party.

To date, the petitioner has not provided a request for an adjournment of the June 27, 2022, prehearing conference or an explanation for his nonappearance for the same. Neither has this office received notice of legal representation on behalf of the petitioner. Therefore, I **CONCLUDE** that the petitioner has failed to appear and has abandoned his appeal.

**ORDER**

It is hereby **ORDERED** that this appeal be **DISMISSED**.

I hereby **FILE** my initial decision with the **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION** for consideration.

This recommended decision may be adopted, modified or rejected by the **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**, which by law is authorized to make a final decision in this matter. If the Civil Service Commission does not adopt, modify or reject this decision within forty-five days and unless such time limit is otherwise extended, this recommended decision shall become a final decision in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10.

Within thirteen days from the date on which this recommended decision was mailed to the parties, any party may file written exceptions with the **DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF APPEALS AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS, UNIT H, Civil Service Commission, 44 South Clinton Avenue, PO Box 312, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0312**, marked "Attention: Exceptions." A copy of any exceptions must be sent to the judge and to the other parties.



June 28, 2022  
DATE

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**JEFFREY R. WILSON, ALJ**

Date Received at Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Mailed to Parties: \_\_\_\_\_

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