

**The Second Taxing District
Appeals Committee
Meeting Notes – April 22, 2010**

Present:	Mary E. Burgess Al Ayme Maria Borges-Lopez	Chair Person
Also Present:	John M. Hiscock Gwendolyn Gonzalez Lloyd Amster Deidre Amster Mary Geake	General Manager Assistant Clerk Prime Locations, Inc.

Call To Order

Commissioner Mary E. Burgess called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, April 22, 2010. The hearing took place at South Norwalk Electric and Water, One State Street, Norwalk, Connecticut.

Following introductions, Mr. Hiscock explained the Department's appeals process to the appellant. Mr. Hiscock then stated Staff's understanding and position with respect to the appeal by the appellant of the Department's discount policy, pointing out that the appeal was based around the Department's 10-Net-10 discount policy, and pertained to a payment that was not received by SNEW.

Commissioner Borges-Lopez made the following statement for the record:

“Through the Chair, for the record I would like to make a statement. I do work at 50 Washington Street, and we're a tenant of Prime Locations, and I just want to put it on the record that I'm not a corporate officer, nor have I engaged in any type of contract with Prime Locations.”

Mr. Amster explained that historically Prime Locations, Inc. has an impeccable payment history since they started their accounts with SNEW back in 1999, further explaining that this is an occurrence that has never happened before and that Prime Locations, Inc. will from this point forward overnight their payments so as to avoid a potential lost discount due to a payment not being delivered on time or lost. Mr. Amster asked the Committee to take into consideration their payment history, as well as the fact that they are one of SNEW's largest customers and have always been helpful in the community and with the Department. He further expressed that in the current economy, receiving the discount is crucial for his company.

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The Committee, as well as Staff, agree that Prime Locations Inc. has an excellent payment history, however indicated that lost payments and missed discounts are a common occurrence in the Department, and that the granting of the discount would set a precedent and cause potential issues going forward.

Mr. Hiscock explained that the Committee would review the issue at hand, taking into consideration what was presented by both Prime Locations, Inc. and staff. He further explained that the Committee would render a draft decision which will be provided to Prime Locations, Inc. and forwarded to the Board of District Commissioners for a final decision at their next regularly scheduled Commission meeting.

[Mr. and Mrs. Amster left the meeting]

Following a discussion of the issues brought forth by both Staff and the appellant, the Appeals Committee voted unanimously not to grant the discount to Prime Locations, Inc. based on the Department's longstanding Discount Policy.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.