Docket 8500. Order, April 19, 1963

Order dismissing motion to the Commission to hold settlement conference.

Respondent, on April 17, 1963, having filed motions addressed to the hearing examiner and to the Commission requesting that either the hearing examiner or the Commission hold a conference for the settlement of this proceeding, or for alternative relief; and it appearing that Section 4.13(c)(6) of the Commission's Rules of Practice

provides that "Hearing examiners shall have the duty to conduct fair and impartial hearings, to take all necessary action to avoid delay in the disposition of proceedings, and to maintain order. They shall have all powers necessary to that end, including the following: * * * (6) To hold conferences for settlement, simplification of the issues, or any other proper purpose"; and that the hearing examiner therefore has full authority to take the actions requested by respondent's motion;