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GREG LABORDE, Petitioner)))	ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION SETTLEMENT
V.	į	
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY, Respondent))	BPU DKT. NO. GC13020144U OAL DKT. NO. PUC 04678-13

Parties of Record:

Greg Laborde, appearing <u>pro se</u>

Sheree L. Kelly, Esq., appearing on behalf of Public Service Electric and Gas Company

BY THE BOARD:

On February 20, 2013, Greg Laborde ("Petitioner"), filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") requesting a formal hearing regarding a billing dispute with Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("Respondent") over gas service provided by Respondent.

After receiving Respondent's answer, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") for hearing and initial disposition as a contested case pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 et seq. The matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") Kimberly A. Moss.

While the matter was pending at the OAL, the parties entered into and signed a Stipulation of Settlement ("Stipulation") and submitted it to ALJ Moss. Pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation, Respondent agrees to credit Petitioner's account \$832.48. On May 21, 2013, ALJ Moss issued an Initial Decision finding that the Stipulation satisfied the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1 because it was voluntary, its terms fully disposed of all issues in controversy, and it was consistent with the law. On May 23, 2013, ALJ Moss submitted the Initial Decision to the Board.

Following a review of the Initial Decision and the Stipulation of Settlement, the Board <u>HEREBY FINDS</u> that the parties have voluntarily agreed to the Stipulation as evidenced by their signatures and that by the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement fully resolve all contested issues in this matter.

Accordingly, the Board <u>HEREBY ADOPTS</u> the Initial Decision and Stipulation of Settlement executed by the parties in their entirety as if set forth at length herein.

DATED: 6/21/13

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

ROBERT M. HANNA

PRESIDENT

JEANNE M. FOX COMMISSIONER

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MARY-ANNA HOLDEN COMMISSIONER

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GREG LABORDE

V.

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY

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INITIAL DECISION
SETTLEMENT

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 04678-13N AGENCY DKT. NO. GC13020144U

GREG LABORDE,

Petitioner,

V.

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY,

Respondent.

Greg Laborde, petitioner, appearing pro se

Sheree L. Kelly, Esq. on behalf of respondent (PSE&G Services Corporation)

Record Closed: May 21, 2013

Decided: May 21, 2013

BEFORE KIMBERLY A. MOSS, ALJ:

On April 3, 2013, this matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for hearing as a contested case pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 to-15 and N.J.S.A. 52:14F 1 to-13. A telephone prehearing was conducted on May 1, 2013 during which a status conference was scheduled for May 15, 2013. During the pendency of the conference the parties reached a settlement. On May 21, 2013 the undersigned received a copy of the executed Stipulation of Settlement, which is attached hereto for reference.

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I have reviewed the record and terms of the Stipulation of Settlement and FIND:

The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by the 1.

signatures of the parties or their representatives.

The settlement fully disposes of all issues in controversy and is consistent 2.

with law.

I CONCLUDE that the agreement meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1 and therefore, it is ORDERED that the parties comply with the settlement terms and that

these proceedings be and are hereby concluded.

I hereby FILE my initial decision with the BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES for

consideration.

This recommended decision may be adopted, modified or rejected by the BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, which by law is authorized to make a final decision in this matter. If the Board of Public Utilities does not adopt, modify or reject this decision within forty-five (45) 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.

DATE

Date Received at Agency:

Date Mailed to Parties:

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KIMBERLY A. MOSS, ALJ

MAY 2 3 2013

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Greg Laborde Petitioner) OAL Docket No. PUC 04678-2013 N BPU Docket No. GC13020144U
v. Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Respondent)) STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT)))
This matter having been brought before the Petitioner, Greg Laborde ("Petitioner"), against I Company ("PSE&G" or "Respondent") for utility 55 Corbin Avenue, Apt. #34, Jersey City, NJ 07 having agreed to settle this matter, hereby set for agreement as follows: 1. Respondent agrees to credit Petition	Respondent Public Service Electric and Gas y service rendered by PSE&G to the premises 306-6918 (the "Property") and the Parties th the terms and conditions of their settlement
Petitioner: Greg Laborile By:	Respondent: PSE&G By: Sheree L. Kelly, Eq.
Date: 5/15/13	Date:5-16-B