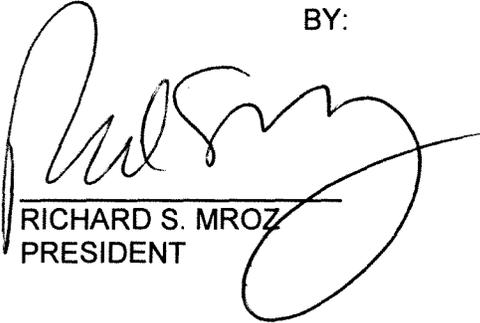


After review of the record in this matter and the Petitioner's letter indicating that a settlement had been reached eliminating all contested issues, the Board **HEREBY ADOPTS** the Initial Decision and the Stipulation of Settlement attached to it in their entirety as if fully set forth herein. Accordingly, the Petition filed in this matter by Petitioner is **HEREBY DISMISSED**.

This Order shall be effective on April 1, 2015.

DATED: 3/18/15

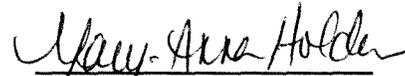
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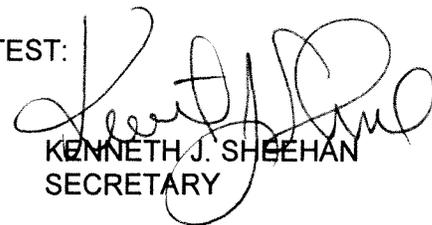
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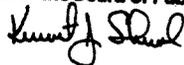


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SECRETARY

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CLAUDETTE JOHNSON,
Petitioner

v.

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY,
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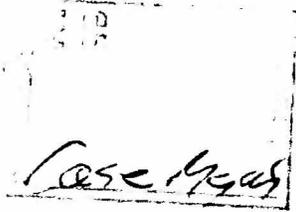
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INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 08002-14

AGENCY DKT. NO. ~~EG1404380U~~

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CLAUDETTE JOHNSON,

Petitioner,

v.

**PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS
COMPANY,**

Respondent.

Claudette Johnson, petitioner, pro se

Amanda Johnson, Esq., for Public Service Electric and Gas Company

**Veronica Beke, Deputy Attorney General, for the Board of Public Utilities
(John J. Hoffman, Acting Attorney General of New Jersey. Attorney)**

Record Closed: January 23, 2015

Decided: February 3, 2015

BEFORE ELIA A. PELIOS, ALJ:

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on June 26, 2014, for determination 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.

The parties have agreed to a settlement and have prepared a Stipulation of Settlement indicating the terms thereof, which is attached and fully incorporated herein.

I have reviewed the record and the terms of settlement and I **FIND**:

1. The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures or their representatives' signatures.
2. The settlement fully disposes of all issues in controversy and is consistent with the law.

I **CONCLUDE** that this agreement meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1 and that the settlement should be approved. I approve the settlement and therefore **ORDER** that the parties comply with the settlement terms and that these proceedings be 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 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.

February 3, 2015 _____

DATE



ELIA A. PELIOS, ALJ

Date Received at Agency: _____

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| |) | STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT |
| Public Service Electric and Gas Company |) | |
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| Respondent. |) | |

On or about April 24, 2014, Petitioner filed the above-referenced billing dispute. Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Respondent") filed an answer to Petitioner's petition and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("NJBPU" or "Board") transmitted the matter to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") as a contested case for adjudication.

In the interests of good customer relations and resolving this matter without further delay, extensive effort and costs, the parties hereto agreed to settle this matter in accordance with the following terms:

1. PSE&G agrees to credit to account number ██████████87 0 5 the sum total of \$742.51, leaving a remaining balance of \$693.31.
2. Beginning on February 15, 2015, Petitioner will pay the remaining balance of \$693.31 over a six (6) month period (hereinafter the "payback period") at one hundred fifteen (\$115.00) dollars per month plus current charges and will pay \$118.31 plus current charges on the last month of the payback period. Payments must be made by the due date presented on each account statement.
3. Petitioner agrees to remain current on her account with PSE&G during the payback period. Any payment missed during the payback period will automatically void this Agreement and the entire balance will be due.
4. This agreement is in settlement of the Petition filed by Petitioner on or about April 24, 2014.
5. Mutual Releases.
 - a. Petitioner hereby remises, releases and forever discharges Respondent from all manner of actions and causes of action, suits, debts, dues, accounts, bonds, covenants, contracts, agreements, judgments, claims or demands whatsoever in law or in equity which they ever had, now have, or which they hereinafter can, shall or

may have against any or all of the Defendants relating in any manner to the Petition, and the claims asserted, or which could have been asserted, in the Petition, (hereinafter "Released Claims"). The foregoing release is *not* intended to, and does *not*, release any claims (1) other than the Released Claims and (2) to enforce the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

b. Respondent does hereby renise, release and forever discharge Petitioner from all manner of actions and causes of action, suits, debts, dues, accounts, bonds, covenants, contracts, agreements, judgments, claims or demands whatsoever in law or in equity which they ever had, now have, or which they hereinafter can, shall or may have against Petitioner related in any manner to the Petition and the claims asserted, or which could have been asserted, in the Petition (hereinafter "Released Claims"). The foregoing release is *not* intended to, and does *not*, release any claims (1) other than the Released Claims, or (2) to enforce the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

6. The undersigned agree that this Settlement contains mutually balancing and interdependent provisions and is intended to be accepted and approved in its entirety. In the event any particular aspect of this Settlement is not accepted and approved by the Board or modified by the Board, the party that is adversely affected by the modification can either accept the modification or declare this Settlement to be null and void, and the parties shall be placed in the same position that they were in immediately prior to its execution.

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC and GAS COMPANY

By: James T. Walsh
James T. Walsh
Manager - Customer Relations

Date: 1-22-15

REVEREND CLAUDETTE JOHNSON

By: [Signature]
Petitioner

Date: 1/22/15