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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Post Office Box 350 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350 www.nj.gov/bpu/

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DAVID RAYMOND, Petitioner	) )	ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION SETTLEMENT
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PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY, Respondent	)	BPU DOCKET NO. EC14040322U OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 7755-14

Parties of Record:

**David Raymond,** Petitioner, appearing pro se **Sheree L. Kelly, Esq.,** appearing on behalf of Respondent, Public Service Electric and Gas Company

BY THE BOARD<sup>1</sup>:

On April 4, 2014, David Raymond ("Petitioner") filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") requesting a formal hearing related to a billing dispute with Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("Respondent") for utility services rendered by Respondent to the Woodland Avenue address in Haddonfield, New Jersey.

After the filing of 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 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:14B-1 <u>et seq.</u> and <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:14F-1 <u>et seq.</u> This matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") Joseph A. Ascione.

While this matter was pending at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and entered into and signed a Stipulation of Settlement ("Stipulation") that was submitted to the ALJ. By Initial Decision issued on May 19, 2015, and submitted to the Board on May 20, 2015, to which the Stipulation was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Ascione found that the Stipulation was voluntary, that its terms fully disposed of all issues in controversy, and that it satisfied the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Commissioner Upendra J. Chivukula recused himself due to a potential conflict of interest and as such took no part in the discussion or deliberation of this matter.

Pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation, and in order to fully resolve this matter in settlement of the petition filed by Petitioner, the Respondent has agreed to credit the Petitioner's account ending in 649 07 in the amount of \$500.00, leaving a balance of \$1,151.42.

After review of the record and the Stipulation of Settlement of the parties, the Board <u>HEREBY</u> <u>FINDS</u> that the parties have voluntarily agreed to the Settlement as evidenced by their signatures and that by the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement, have fully resolved all outstanding contested issues in this matter.

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

The effective date of this Order is June 26, 2015.

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES DATED: ne 18,2015 BY: RICHARD S. MROZ PRESIDENT JOSEPH L. FIORDALISO CÓMMISSIONER COMMISSIONER DIANNE SOLOMON COMMISSIONER ATTES **IRENE KIM ASBURY** SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public Utilities.

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## DAVID RAYMOND, PETITIONER

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#### PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY, RESPONDENT

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State of New Jersey OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

**INITIAL DECISION** 

SETTLEMENT OAL DKT. NO. PUC 7755-14 BPU DKT. NO. EC14040322U

DAVID RAYMOND,

Petitioner

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PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY,

Respondent.

David Raymond, petitioner, pro se,

Sheree L. Kelly, Esq., for respondent

Record Closed: May 14, 2015

Decided: May 19, 2015

BEFORE JOSEPH A. ASCIONE, ALJ:

On June 23, 2014, this matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for determination as a contested case, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:14B-1 to -15 and <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:14F-1 to -13.

The parties entered into successful settlement negotiations. As a result, the parties have filed a Stipulation of Settlement (J-1) indicating the terms thereof, which is attached and fully incorporated herein.

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

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- 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 <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 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 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:14B-10.

May 19, 2015

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SOSEPH A. ASCIONE, ALJ

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This matter having been brought before the Office of Administrative Law by the Petitioner, David Raymond ("Petitioner"), against Respondent Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Respondent") for utility service rendered by PSE&G to the premises 20 Woodland Avenue, Haddonfield, NJ (the "Property") and the Parties having agreed to settle this matter, hereby set forth the terms and conditions of their settlement agreement as follows:

- 1. Petitioner has a balance of \$1,651.42 on account ending in 649 07.
- 2. PSE&G agrees to credit Petitioner's account in the amount of \$500.00, leaving a balance of \$1,151.42.

Respondent: PSE&G Petitioner: David Raymond had James T. Walsh St. Customer Relations Consultant Date: