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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

THOMAS MELANI,
Petitioner

v

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY,
Respondent

-) ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL
-) DECISION SETTLEMENT
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-) BPU Docket No. EC10040285U
-) OAL Docket No. PUC 558-11

Thomas Melani, Wayne, New Jersey, appearing *pro se*

Mally Becker, Esq., Newark, New Jersey, on behalf of Respondent, Public Service Electric and Gas Company

BY THE BOARD:

On April 23, 2010, Thomas Melani ("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.

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 N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 et seq. This matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") Mumtaz Bari-Brown.

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 2, 2011, and submitted to the Board on May 6, 2011, to which the Stipulation was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Bari-Brown 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. Pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation, Respondent will credit Petitioner's account in the amount of \$2,157.44 which represents the full balance thus leaving the account with a zero balance.

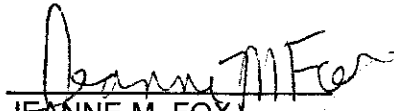
After review of the record and the Stipulation of Settlement of the parties, the Board HEREBY FINDS that the parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures and that by the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement, have fully resolved all outstanding contested issues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

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


DATED: 6/15/11

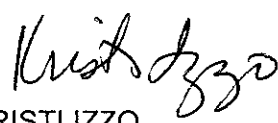
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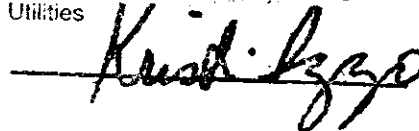

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INITIAL DECISION

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Mally Becker, Esq., for respondent

Record Closed: April 28, 2011

Decided: May 2, 2011

BEFORE MUMTAZ BARI-BROWN, ALJ:

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on January 7, 2011, for resolution as a contested case pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 to -15 and N.J.S.A. 52:14F1 to -13.

A hearing was scheduled on July 28, 2011. Prior to the date of hearing the parties settled the matter. The attached Stipulation of Settlement was submitted on April 28, 2011, indicating the terms of agreement which are incorporated herein by reference.

Having reviewed the record and the settlement terms, I **FIND**:

1. The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures and/or the signatures of their representatives.
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.

May 2, 2011
DATE

Mumtaz Bari-Brown
MUMTAZ BARI-BROWN, ALJ

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STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

This matter having been brought before the Office of Administrative Law by the Petitioner, Thomas Melani ("Petitioner"), against Respondent Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Respondent") for utility service rendered by PSE&G to the premises 99 Robin Hood Way, Wayne, NJ, 07470 (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's bill had a balance of \$2,157.44 on account no. 65 [REDACTED].
2. PSE&G agrees to credit Petitioner's account for \$2,157.44, which will leave a zero balance.

Petitioner: Thomas Melani

By: 

Date: 4/17/2011

Respondent: PSE&G

By: 

Edward Sullivan
Manager, Customer Operations

Date: 4/21/11