



**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**Board of Public Utilities**  
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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

**CORNELL L. ADAMS,**  
Petitioner

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ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL  
DECISION SETTLEMENT

V.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY,**  
Respondent

)

BPU DOCKET NO. EC13080698U  
OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 15638-13

**Parties of Record:**

**Cornell L. Adams**, appearing pro se  
**Amanda Johnson, Esq.**, appearing on behalf of Respondent, Public Service Electric and Gas Company

**BY THE BOARD:**

On August 5, 2013, Cornell L. Adams (“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”) James A. Geraghty.

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 March 20, 2014 and submitted to the Board on March 24, 2014, to which the Stipulation was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Geraghty 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 Stipulation, the parties have agreed, in the interest of resolving all outstanding issues in this matter without further delay, extensive effort and costs, that the Respondent shall apply the respective credits to the following accounts: (1) A credit of \$2,850.55 to the account ending in #1400 at 125 Pennsylvania Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, resulting in a credit of

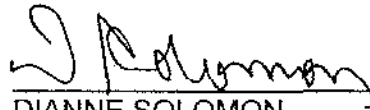
\$1,882.21, the amount that Respondent shall forward to Petitioner; (2) A credit in the amount of \$16.86 to the account ending in #3002 at 131 Pennsylvania Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, resulting in a credit to Petitioner of \$16.83; (3) A credit in the amount of \$3,069.62 to the account ending in #8709 at 63-69 Emmett Street, Newark, New Jersey resulting in a \$0 remaining balance; and (4) a credit in the amount of \$4,098.68 to the account ending in #7806 at 1199 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey, resulting in a \$0 remaining balance. The Petitioner has agreed to pay the remaining balance on the account ending in #7806 in the amount of \$27.83 by the next billing date following the execution of this Agreement. The parties have also released each other from any claims related to the filed petition.


After review of the Initial Decision and the Stipulation of Settlement of the parties, the Board **HEREBY FINDS** that the parties have voluntarily agreed to the Stipulation 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 Stipulation of Settlement executed by the parties in their entirety as if set forth at length herein.

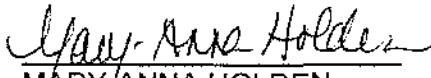
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PRESIDENT

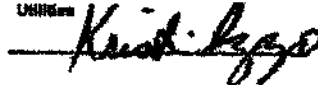
  
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ATTEST:   
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SECRETARY

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



CORNELL L. ADAMS, PETITIONER

V.

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY, RESPONDENT

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CASE MANAGEMENT



State of New Jersey  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

**INITIAL DECISION**

**SETTLEMENT**

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 15638-13

AGENCY REF. NO.: EC13080698U

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Petitioner,

v.

**PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND  
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Respondents

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**Cornell L. Adams,** petitioner, pro se

**Amanda Johnson,** Esq., for respondent and **Patricia Esler,** Manager-  
Customer Assessment for respondent Public Service Electric & Gas  
Company

Record Closed: March 19, 2014

Decided: March 20, 2014

BEFORE **JAMES A. GERAGHTY,** ALJ:

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law on October 29,  
2013 for hearing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 to -15 and N.J.S.A. 52:14F1 to -13.

The parties have agreed to settle this matter and have prepared the attached stipulation indicating the terms of settlement.

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

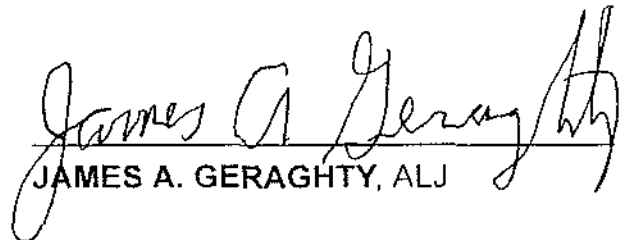
- 1 The parties have agreed to settle this matter and have prepared the attached agreement indicating the terms of settlement.
- 2 The settlement fully disposes of all issues in controversy and is consistent with the law.

I **CONCLUDE** that the agreement meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1 and that the settlement shall be approved. Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the parties comply with the settlement terms and that it is further ordered that the proceedings in this matter hereby are **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.

DATE 3/20/14

  
JAMES A. GERAGHTY, ALJ

Date Received at Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Mailed to Parties: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cornell Adams	)
	) BPU DOCKET NO. EC13080698U
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	) OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 15638-2013 N
v.	)
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	) <b>STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT</b>
Public Service Electric and Gas Company	)
	)
Respondent.	)

On or about August 5, 2013, 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 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 apply the respective credits to the following accounts:
  - a) A credit in the amount of \$2,850.55 will be applied to account number 7051971400 (125 Pennsylvania Avenue, Newark, NJ), resulting in a credit to Petitioner in the amount of \$1,882.21. PSE&G will send the petitioner the amount of \$1,882.21.
  - b) A credit in the amount of \$16.86 will be applied to account number 7051203002 (131 Pennsylvania Avenue, Newark NJ), resulting in a credit to Petitioner in the amount of \$16.83.
  - c) A credit in the amount of \$3,069.62 will be applied to account number 7020108709 (63-69 Emmett Street, Newark, NJ), resulting in a \$0 remaining balance.
  - d) A credit in the amount of \$4,098.68 will be applied to account number 6529337806 (1199 Broad Street, Newark, NJ), resulting in a \$0 remaining balance.
2. Petitioner agrees to pay the \$27.83 remaining balance due on account number 6529337806 by the next billing date following execution of this agreement.
3. This agreement is in settlement of the Petition filed by Petitioner on or about August 5, 2013.

3. 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.

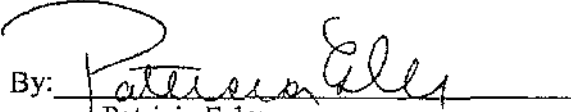
b. Respondent does hereby remise, release and forever discharge Petitioner from all manner of actions and causes of action, suits, debts, dues, accounts, bonds, covenants, contracts, agreements, judgments, claims or demands whatsoever in law or in equity which they ever had, now have, or which they hereinafter 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 & GAS CO.

DATED:

By:

  
Patricia Esler

Manager – Customer Assessment

CORNELL ADAMS

DATED: 2/19/04

By:   
Petitioner