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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

| REONEY LLC, |) | ORDER ADOPTING |
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| Petitioner |) | INITIAL DECISION |
| v. |) | SETTLEMENT |
| PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY, Respondent |))) | BPU DKT NO. EC14111335U OAL DKT NO. PUC01537-15 |

Parties of Record:

Edward A. Dreskin, Esq., on behalf of Reoney LLC, Petitioner, Sheree L. Kelly, Esq., on behalf of Respondent, Public Service Electric and Gas Company

BY THE BOARD¹:

On November 18, 2014, Reoney LLC ("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 premises located at 115 Leslie Street, Newark, 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") Sandra Ann Robinson.

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 3, 2015, and submitted to the Board on March 4, 2015, to which the Stipulation was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Robinson 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.

¹ 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 to fully resolve this matter in settlement of the petition filed by Petitioner, the Respondent agreed to credit the Petitioner's account number ending in 95118 in the amount of \$299.91.

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, 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 April 25, 2015.

DATED: 4/15/15

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

RICHARD S. MRO

PRESIDENT

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JOSEPH L. FIORDALISO COMMISSIONER

MARY/ANNA HOLDEN COMMISSIONER

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ATTEST: KENNETH J. SHEE SECRETARY

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

REONEY LLC

V.

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY

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State of New Jersey OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

> INITIAL DECISION SETTLEMENT OAL DKT. NO, PUC 01537-15

AGENCY DKT. NO. EC14111335U

REONEY LLC,

Petitioner,

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PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND

GAS COMPANY,

Respondent.

Edward A Dreskin, Esq., for petitioner

Sheree L. Kelly, Esq., for respondent

Record Closed and Decided: March 3, 2015

BEFORE SANDRA ANN ROBINSON, ALJ:

This matter concerns a billing dispute by petitioner Reoney, LLC against respondent Public Service Electric and Gas Company. The Reoney of Public Utilities transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), where it was filed on January 29, 2015, for hearing as a contested case, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:14B-1 <u>et</u> seq. and <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:14F-1 <u>et seq.</u>

The parties have agreed to settle this matter and have prepared the attached agreement 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 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.

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<u>March 3, 2015</u> DATE

SANDRA ANN ROBINSON, ALJ

Date Received at Agency:

Date Mailed to Parties: Ir

STATE OF NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Reoney, LLC Petitioner

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Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Respondent OAL Docket No. PUC 01537-2015N BPU Docket No. EC14111335U

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

This matter having been brought before the Office of Administrative Law by the Petitioner, Reoney, LLC ("Petitioner"), against Respondent Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Respondent") for utility service rendered by PSE&G to the premises 115 Leslie Street, Newark, 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. PSE&G agrees to credit Petitioner's account no. ending in 95118 in the amount of \$299.91.
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- 2. The undersigned agree that this Stipulation of Settlement contains mutually balancing and interdependent provisions and is intended to be accepted and approved in its entirely. 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.

Petitioner: Edward A. Droskin, Esq. Attorney for Petitioner

Date: 2-11-2015

Respondent: PSE&G

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James T. Walsh Sr. Customer Relations Consultant

2.11.15 Date: