



Agenda Date: 6/30/17
Agenda Item: VIIA

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

DEBORAH EDWARDS,
Petitioner

v.

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY,
Respondent

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ORDER OF EXTENSION

BPU DOCKET NO. EC16060553U
OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 12603-16

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

The Initial Decision of the Administrative Law Judge was received by the Board of Public Utilities (Board) on May 24, 2017; therefore, the 45-day statutory period for review and the issuing of a Final Decision will expire on July 8, 2017. Prior to that date, the Board requests an additional 45-day extension of time for issuing the Final Decision in order to adequately review the record in this matter.

Good cause having been shown, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10(c) and N.J.A.C. 1:1-18.8, **IT IS ORDERED** that the time limit for the Board to render a Final Decision is extended until August 22, 2017.

DATED: 6/30/17

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
BY:¹

RICHARD S. MROZ
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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

¹ Authorized by Board to execute this Order of Extension on its behalf.

Date Board mailed Order to OAL: 7/5/17

cc: Service List Attached



DATED: 7/6/17

LAURA SANDERS, ACTING
DIRECTOR & CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

Date OAL mailed executed Order to Board: 7/6/17

Date Board mailed executed Order to Parties: 7/7/17

DEBORAH EDWARDS

v.

**PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY
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INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 12603-16

BPU DKT. NO. EC16060553U

DEBORAH EDWARDS,

Petitioner,

v.

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC
& GAS COMPANY,

Respondent.

Deborah Edwards, petitioner pro se

Alexander Stern, Esq., for respondent

Record Closed: May 12, 2017

Decided: May 17, 2017

BEFORE LELAND S. MCGEE, ALJ:

This matter was filed on August 16, 2016, to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for hearing 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 May 15, 2017. During the pendency of the case at the OAL, the parties reached a Settlement.

The Settlement Agreement and Release indicating the terms of settlement was signed and is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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

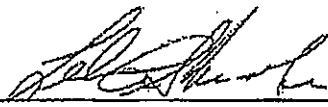
1. The parties have voluntarily agreed to the resolution of the within matter as evidenced by their signatures or the signatures of their representatives.
2. The Settlement fully disposes of all issues in controversy and is consistent with the law.

Therefore, I **CONCLUDE** that this Consent Order meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1 and that the settlement should be approved. Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the parties comply with the terms, and it is **FURTHER ORDERED** that the proceedings in this matter 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 17, 2017 _____
DATE



LELAND S. MCGEE, ALJ

Date Received at Agency: _____

Date Mailed to Parties: _____

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Deborah Edwards)	
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Petitioner,)	STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT
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v.)	OAL Docket No. PUC 12603-16N
)	BPU Docket No. EC16060553U
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Public Service Electric and Gas Company))	
Respondent.)	

On or about June 29, 2016, Petitioner filed a petition in the above-referenced billing dispute. Public Service Electric & Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Respondent") filed an answer to the 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, Petitioner and PSE&G agree to settle this matter on the following terms:

1. Petitioner's account ending in 544 18 will be credited \$15,538.00. Prior to the application of the credit, Petitioner had an outstanding balance on the account of \$4,284.62 as of April 2017.
2. Petitioner agrees to pay the balance associated with usage for May 2017 as well as all bills due and owing for utility service going forward.
3. After issuance of the \$15,538.00 credit, the account will have a credit balance of \$12,253.38. PSE&G will issue Petitioner a check in that amount.
4. This agreement is in full settlement of the Petition filed by Petitioner in or about August 2016.
5. The undersigned agree that this Settlement contains mutually balancing and interdependent provisions and is intended to be accepted and approved in its entirety. If 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.

PSEG SERVICES CORPORATION
Attorneys for PSE&G

DATED: 5/12/17

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DATED: 5/12/17

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James Walsh, PSE&G Customer Operations

DATED: 5/12/17

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