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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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Newark, NJ 07102
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Customer Assistance

ALBERT J. BLACK, PETITIONER v.)
SHORELANDS WATER COMPANY,) ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION
RESPONDENT) SETTLEMENT

BPU Docket No. WC06110805U
OAL Docket No. PUC 52-07

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On November 8, 2006, Albert J. Black (Petitioner) filed a petition and hearing request with the Board of Public Utilities (Board) disputing the bill of Shorelands Water Company (Respondent) in the amount of \$981.00 for water service provided during the months of July 2006, through September 2006. On December 7, 2006, Respondent filed an answer to the petition.

On January 8, 2007, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for determination 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. The matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Douglas H. Hurd. A hearing was held on March 19, 2007, and on April 4, 2007, ALJ Hurd's Initial Decision was filed with the Board. On April 30, 2007, Respondent filed exceptions to the Initial Decision, and on May 2, 2007, Petitioner filed a reply to Respondent's exceptions. On May 11, 2007, the Board requested a 45-day extension until July 5, 2007. On August 1, 2007, the Board requested an additional extension until October 4, 2007.

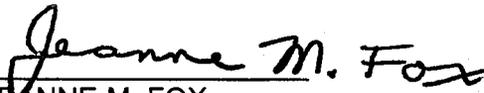
During the pendency of this matter at the Board, the parties engaged in negotiations and reached a settlement. The Stipulation was submitted to the Board for review.

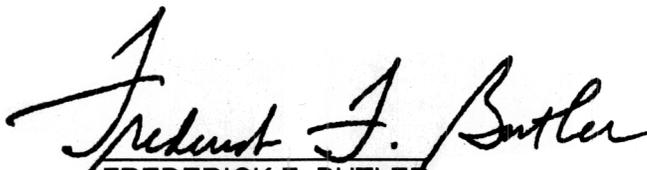
Petitioner's account balance at the time of settlement was \$493.66. Under the terms of the Settlement, Respondent agreed to credit Petitioner's account \$400.00, leaving a balance of \$93.66 to be paid by December 31, 2007.

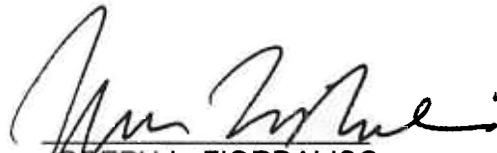
After review and consideration, the Board FINDS that the terms of the Settlement are fair and reasonable. Therefore, the Board HEREBY ADOPTS the Settlement Agreement in its entirety, incorporating the terms thereof into this final decision as if fully set forth at length herein.

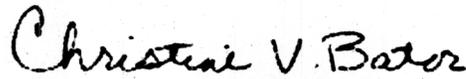
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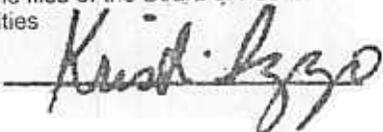

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STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

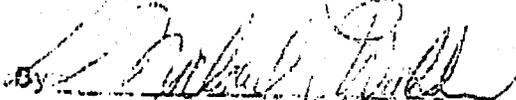
This matter having been brought before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU"), by Albert J. Black, owner of 701 Associates a/k/a B&G Gulf Service Station (hereinafter "Black") represented by Granata & Zaccardi, Attorneys at Law (Louis P. Granata, Esq. appearing) attorneys for Petitioner for services rendered by Shorelands to Black at the B&G Gulf Service Station, 701 Holmdel Road, Holmdel, New Jersey 07733 and by Respondent, Shorelands Water Co., Inc. (hereinafter "Shorelands") and the matter having been transferred to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") before the Honorable Douglas H. Hurd. All and the Parties have agreed to settle this matter hereby set the terms and conditions of their settlement agreement as follows

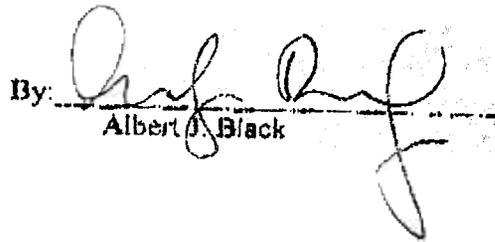
1. As of September 25, 2007, the balance on account #2006318101 was \$493.66.
2. This includes billing in the amount of \$981.00 for water service during the months of July 2006 to September 2006.

- 3. Shorelands will credit Black's account in the amount of \$400.00, leaving a balance of \$93.66
- 4. Black agrees to pay the balance of the bill by Dec. 31, 2007
- 5. Neither party is bound by the Initial Decision in this matter by the OAT and the decision is of no precedential effect.

SHORELANDS WATER CO., INC.
 Respondent
 Michael P. Walsh, President

ALBERT J. BLACK
 Petitioner

By: 
 Michael P. Walsh

By: 
 Albert J. Black

Dated: Sept 27, 2007