



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
Two Gateway Center
Newark, NJ 07102
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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

JOSEPH DOLCE,)	ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION
PETITIONER)	
v.)	
UNITED WATER NEW JERSEY,)	BPU DOCKET NO. WC07080640U
RESPONDENT)	OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 01014-08

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On August 27, 2007, Joseph Dolce (Petitioner) filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") disputing the bill of United Water New Jersey (Respondent) for water services.

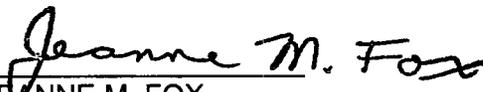
After the filing of Respondent's answer, the Board, on November 16, 2007, transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for hearing and initial disposition as a contested case pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 et seq. This matter was assigned to Administrative Law (ALJ) Judge Gail M. Cookson.

While this matter was pending at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and entered into and signed a Stipulation of Settlement (Settlement) that was submitted to the ALJ. By Initial Decision issued on March 20, 2008, and submitted to the Board on March 27, 2008, to which the Settlement was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Cookson found that the agreement was voluntary, that its terms fully disposed of all issues in controversy and that it met the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1. Pursuant to the terms of their Settlement, the Respondent has credited to Petitioner the amount of \$434.16. In return, the Petitioner agreed to withdraw his petition in this matter.

After a review and consideration of the Initial Decision and the agreement of the parties, the Board HEREBY FINDS that the terms of the Settlement represent a fair and reasonable resolution of all outstanding contested issues. Accordingly, the Board HEREBY ADOPTS the Initial Decision and the Stipulation of Settlement of the parties in their entirety as if fully set out herein.

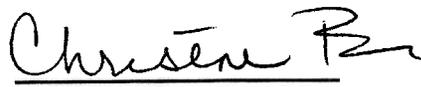
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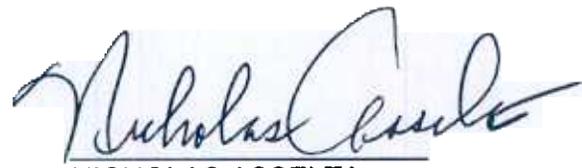
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public Utilities



JOSEPH DOLCE

v.

**UNITED WATER NEW JERSEY
BPU Docket No. WC07080640U
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INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 01014-08

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UNITED WATER NEW JERSEY,

Respondent.

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Joseph Dolce, appearing pro se

John P. Wallace, Esq., on behalf of United Water New Jersey (John P. Wallace, attorney)

Record Closed: March 14, 2008

Decided: March 20, 2008

BEFORE GAIL M. COOKSON, ALJ:

On January 2, 2008, this matter was transmitted 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. 52:14F 1 to- 13. The matter was scheduled for an evidentiary hearing on March 4, 2008. On March 3, 2008, respondent's attorney advised that the parties had reached a tentative settlement and requested that the March 4, 2008 hearing be adjourned. Counsel also advised that a settlement document would be forthcoming. The Stipulation of Settlement was received by the OAL on March 14, 2008 which is attached hereto and made part hereof.

I have reviewed the record and terms of the Stipulation of Settlement and **FIND**:

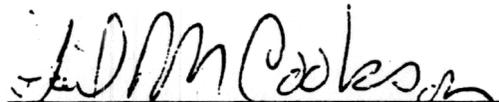
- 1 The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by the signatures of the parties or their representatives.
- 2. The settlement fully disposes of all issues in controversy and is consistent with law.

I **CONCLUDE** that the agreement meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1 and therefore, it is **ORDERED** that the parties comply with the settlement terms and that these proceedings be and are hereby concluded.

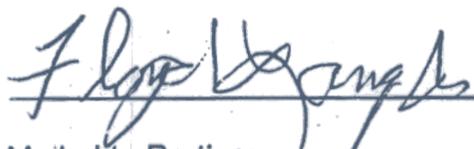
I hereby **FILE** my initial decision with the **BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES** for consideration.

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 (45) 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.

March 20, 2008
DATE


GAIL M. COOKSON, ALJ

Date Received at Agency: 3/21/08


Mailed to Parties:

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Joseph Dolce
50 Bloomfield Road
Manalapan, NJ 07726

March 7, 2008

John P. Wallace, Esq.
171 East Ridgewood Avenue
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

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10/14/08
Cookson*

RE: Joseph Dolce vs. United Water New Jersey
BPU Docket No. WC07080640U
Premises: 40 Swan Court, Paramus, NJ 07652

Dear Mr. Wallace,

Enclosed please find two signed copies of the Stipulation of Settlement in the above matter regarding a credit to Account No. 10000998300834 in the sum of \$434.16.

Also enclosed is a copy of a statement I received today from United Water, which shows a credit applied to said account in the sum of \$434.16. As you know, said account is my former account. The account is no longer in existence and the meter for said account is no longer under my name, since I sold my home at 40 Swan Court, Paramus, NJ on July 26, 2007. Therefore, please arrange for your client to send a check for the credited amount of \$434.16 to me at my new address, 50 Bloomfield Road, Manalapan, NJ 07726.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Joseph Dolce

CC: Office of Administrative Law ✓

United Water New Jersey
Customer Service Center
190 Moore Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601
Telephone: 800-422-5987
www.unitedwater.com



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Billing Date:	03/03/08
Account Number:	10000998300834
Previous Balance	\$525.63CR
Total Credits	\$176.22CR
Balance Forward	\$701.85CR
Current Charges	\$267.69
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$434.16CR
FINAL BILL	

SERVICE TO: JOSEPH DOLCE
Please note that our payment address has changed to PO BOX 371804, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7804. Always include your full 4-digit account number on your payment.
SERVICE ADDRESS: 40 SWAN CT PARAMUS NJ
Approximately 13% or \$11.43 of your current period charges reflects the average Gross Receipts and Franchise Taxes which are paid to the State of New Jersey and distributed to New Jersey municipalities.

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PLEASE DETACH HERE AND RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT IN THE RETURN ENVELOPE PROVIDED.

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Balance Forward	\$701.85CR
Current Charges	\$267.69
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$434.16CR
<i>Please make payable to: UNITED WATER NEW JERSEY</i>	
Payment Amount Enclosed	\$ _____

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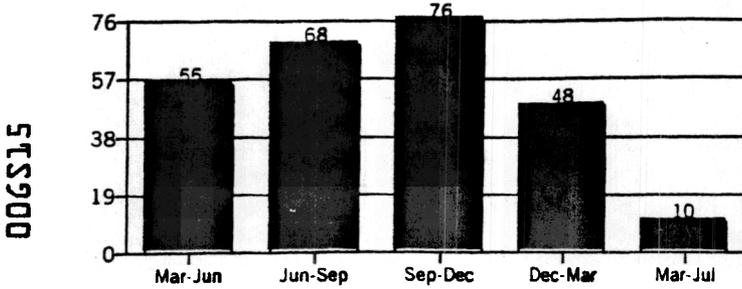
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USAGE HISTORY

Quarterly usage in hundred cubic feet



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SERVICE TO: JOSEPH DOLCE

SERVICE ADDRESS: 40 SWAN CT PARAMUS NJ

Meter Number	Service		Days of Service	Meter Reading		Usage	Unit of Measure	Reading Type	Rate
	From	To		Previous	Present				
8021667	03/05/06	03/22/07	382	4272	4279	7	CCF	METER CHANGE	GSQ
8424694	03/22/07	07/26/07	126	0000	0003	3	CCF	PRORATED ACTUAL	GSQ
TOTAL						10	CCF		

EQUIVALENT TO 7.480 GALLONS
 W/O WATER

FACILITIES CHARGE	\$67.22
WATER CHARGE	\$24.25
W/O WATER	\$176.22
TOTAL CURRENT CHARGES	\$267.69

TOTAL CREDITS \$176.22 CR

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT ACCOUNT INFORMATION

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

United Water's budget billing plan lets you pay the same amount each month for your water bill. Make budgeting easier sign up today. For information call our Customer Service Center at 1-800-422-5987.

Make it easy with E-Pay! Pay your bill automatically by having your payment electronically deducted from your checking or savings account. For details, call us or visit unitedwater.com.

FINAL BILL

This is your final bill. Please remit payment in full by the due date listed. Failure to remit payment by due date may result in further collection activity.

It has been a pleasure serving you.

We hope we may again have the opportunity to serve you in the future.

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PLEASE DETACH HERE AND RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT IN THE RETURN ENVELOPE PROVIDED.

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March 4, 2008

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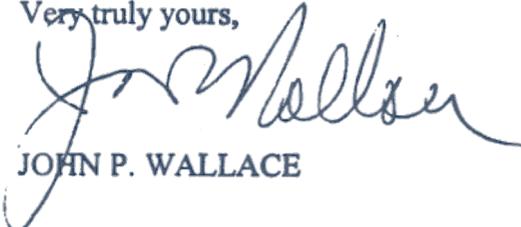
Re: Dolce vs. United Water New Jersey
BPU Docket No. WC07080640U

Dear Mr. Dolce:

With respect to the settlement reached in the above matter I am enclosing herewith three copies of a Stipulation of Settlement which I have signed on behalf of United Water. I would appreciate your signing and returning two (2) copies of said Stipulation and I will forward same to the Office of Administrative Law in order to conclude the matter.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,



JOHN P. WALLACE

JPW/pj
Enclosures

cc: Ms. Simone Reeves

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Attorney for Respondent

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Respondent.
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Docket No. WC07080640U

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

The parties to this matter having reached a settlement with respect to the above matter, which relates to disputed water charges premises at 40 Swan Court, Paramus, New Jersey, Account # 10000998300834;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Respondent, United Water New Jersey, will give a credit to Petitioner in the amount of \$434.16 for Account # 10000998300834, and will cancel any outstanding bills for said account:.
2. Petitioner agrees that the petition in the above matter be and same is hereby withdrawn.

Dated: March 7, 2008



JOSEPH DOLCE,



JOHN P. WALLACE, ESQ.
Attorney for Respondent

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Re: Initial Decisions for Receipt

We are hereby forwarding to you the following decisions from the office of Administrative Law. Receipt is acknowledged as of the next business day of the date indicated below. Should a listed decision not be included in this batch, please call 973-648-6008.

OAL Docket No. PUC

Case Name

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