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

MARTIN HALL, Petitioner,)	ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION
)	SETTLEMENT
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SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY, Respondent)	BPU DOCKET NO. GC08040280U
)	OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 6347-08

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On April 29, 2008, Martin Hall (“Petitioner”) filed a petition with the Board requesting a formal hearing regarding the charges of South Jersey Gas Company (“Respondent”) for utility service.

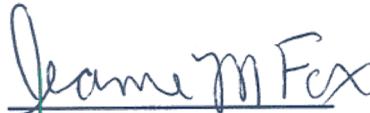
After the filing of Respondent’s answer, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law (“OAL”) for hearing and initial disposition as a contested case pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 et seq. This matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) W. Todd Miller.

While this matter was pending at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and entered into and signed a Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) that was submitted to the ALJ. By Initial Decision issued on January 5, 2009, and submitted to the Board on January 13, 2009, to which the Agreement was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Miller found that the Agreement 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 terms of their Agreement, the parties have agreed that the Respondent shall reduce the amount owed for the disputed period (February 3, 1998 through December 3, 2002) to \$1,014.00. The parties have further agreed that the Petitioner shall pay this amount in monthly installments of \$50.00 in addition to charges incurred for current gas service.

After review of the Initial Decision and the Agreement of the parties, the Board HEREBY FINDS that, by the terms of the Agreement, the parties have resolved all outstanding contested issues in this matter. Accordingly, the Board HEREBY ADOPTS the Initial Decision and the Settlement Agreement executed by the parties in their entirety as if fully set forth herein.

DATED: 2/11/09

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
BY:


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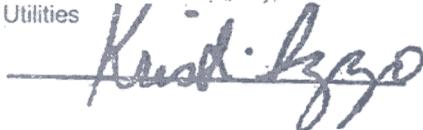

NICHOLAS ASSELTA
COMMISSIONER


ELIZABETH RANDALL
COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


KRISTI IZZO
SECRETARY

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



**MARTIN HALL
v.
SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY
BPU DOCKET NO. GC08040280U
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INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 6347-08

AGENCY DKT. NO. GC08040280U

MARTIN HALL,
Petitioner,
v.

SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY,
Respondent.

Martin Hall, petitioner, pro se

Gina Merritt-Epps, Esq., for respondent

Record Closed: January 5, 2009

Decided: January 5, 2009

BEFORE W. TODD MILLER, ALJ:

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law on August 6, 2008, for determination 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 parties have agreed to a settlement and have prepared a Settlement Agreement indicating the terms thereof, which is attached and fully incorporated herein.

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

1. The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures or their representatives' signatures and as placed on the record on January 5, 2009.
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 N.J.A.C. 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 N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10.

January 5, 2009
DATE


W. TODD MILLER, ALJ

Date Received at Agency: 1-13-09


Mailed to Parties:
DIRECTOR AND
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

JAN 8 2009

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Martin Hall v. South Jersey Gas (SJG)
GC 080400280 U OAL Docket PUC 6347-08

January 5, 2009

Settlement Terms:

SJG agrees to reduce the amount owed for the disputed period (2/3/98 - 12/3/02) to \$1,014.00. Mr. Hall shall pay the amount owed at \$50^{pa} month under account number [REDACTED]-59-1-5.

The \$50 monthly payments will be in addition to the charges incurred for ^{current} gas services.

Thank you
Mary Mendenhall (SJG)

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A copy of the administrative law judge's
decision is enclosed.

This decision was mailed to the
parties on JAN 8 2009