



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
Two Gateway Center
Newark, NJ 07102
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SUSAN HENDERSON, PETITIONER, v.)
SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY,)
RESPONDENT)

ORDER ADOPTING
INITIAL DECISION
SETTLEMENT

BPU Docket No. GC06070544U
OAL Docket No. PUC 6716-06

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On July 26, 2006, Susan Henderson (Petitioner) filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities (Board) for a hearing in regard to a billing dispute with South Jersey Gas (Respondent). Petitioner claimed that Respondent's March 2006 statement for \$613.92 was incorrect. On August 17, 2006, Respondent filed an answer.

On August 23, 2006, 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.

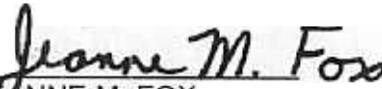
During the pendency of this matter at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and reached a settlement. The settlement was submitted to the ALJ for review. On March 14, 2006, ALJ Hurd filed an Initial Decision with the Board, memorializing the terms of the settlement and recommending that it be approved. The ALJ found the settlement to be voluntary, consistent with the law and fully dispositive of all issues in controversy. The ALJ therefore concluded that the settlement met the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1.

Under the terms of the settlement, Petitioner agreed to pay Respondent \$363.00 of the disputed amount of \$613.92 for the March 2006 statement.

The Board FINDS that the terms of the settlement are fair and reasonable. Therefore, the Board HEREBY ADOPTS the Initial Decision and Stipulation of Settlement in their entirety, incorporating the terms thereof into this final decision as if fully set forth at length herein.

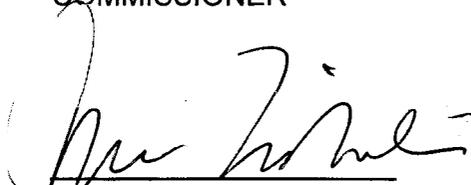
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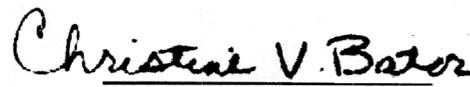
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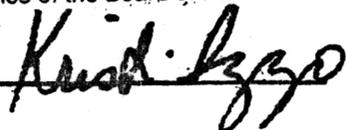

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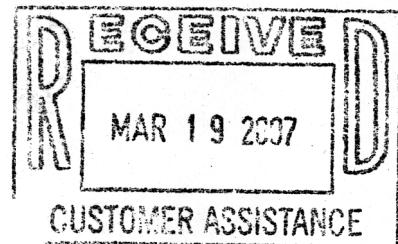
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v.

SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY,

Respondent.



Susan Henderson, petitioner, pro se

Gina Merritt-Epps, Esq., for respondent

Record Closed: March 5, 2007

Decided: March 12, 2007

BEFORE DOUGLAS H. HURD, ALJ:

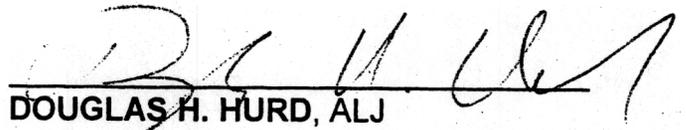
This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law on September 15, 2007, for determination as a contested case, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 to -15 and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 to -13.

The parties have agreed to a settlement and have prepared a Settlement indicating the terms thereof, which is attached and fully incorporated herein.

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 12, 2007

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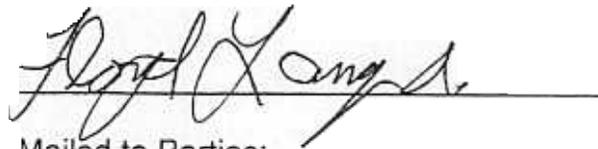


DOUGLAS H. HURD, ALJ

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

The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures or their representatives' signatures.

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

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

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Petitioner, Susan Henderson, and Respondent, S.J. Gas Company, have resolved the March 2006 billing dispute. Petitioner agrees to pay Respondent \$363.00 for the March 2006 bill.

Date: 3/5/07

John C. Hill

Date: 3/5/07

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