



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

STEVEN F. ROTH, ESQ.,)	ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION
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PETITIONER,)	
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v.)	
)	
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS)	
COMPANY,)	BPU DOCKET NO. EC07090692U
)	OAL DOCKET NO. PUC12196-07
RESPONDENT)	

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On September 19, 2007, Steven F. Roth, Esq. (Petitioner) filed a petition with the Board disputing the charges of Public Service Electric and Gas Company (Respondent) for utility services.

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) Walter M. Braswell.

While this matter was pending at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and reached a settlement that was submitted to the ALJ. By Initial Decision issued on February 27, 2008, and submitted to the Board on March 4, 2008, to which the Stipulation of Settlement (Stipulation) was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Braswell found that the Stipulation 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.

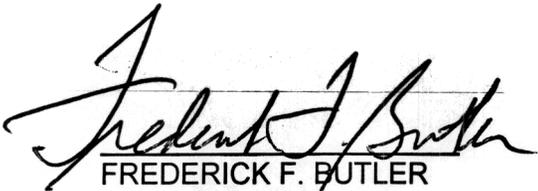
Pursuant to the Stipulation, the Respondent has credited the account of the Petitioner in the amount of \$569.77, applied as of November 8, 2007. In return, the Petitioner has agreed to pay \$50.00 per month, plus current monthly bills, until the past due amount of \$425.92 is paid in full.

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

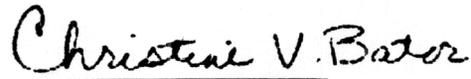
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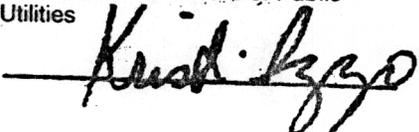

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**PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY
BPU Docket No. EC07090692U
OAL Docket No. PUC 12196-07**

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INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

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AGENCY DKT. NO. EC07090692U

STEVEN ROTH,

Petitioner,

v.

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS

COMPANY,

Respondent.

Steven Roth, Esq., appearing pro se

Sheree Kelly, Esq. appearing on behalf of respondent (PSE&G Services Corporation)

Record Closed: February 21, 2008

Decided: February 27, 2008

BEFORE WALTER M. BRASWELL, ALJ:

On November 7, 2007, 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 assigned to the undersigned on December 7, 2007. My secretary attempted to schedule this matter for a telephone pre-hearing shortly thereafter but was advised by petitioner that the matter had settled and there was no need for a hearing. Respondent's attorney advised the same and a Stipulation indicating the terms of the settlement was signed by all parties and submitted to the OAL, via facsimile, on February 21, 2008.

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.

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

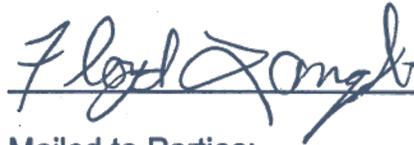
This recommended decision may be adopted, modified or rejected by the **BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**, which by law is authorized to make a final decision in this matter. If the Board of Public Utilities does not adopt, modify or reject this decision within forty-five (45) days and unless such time limit is otherwise extended, this recommended decision shall become a final decision in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10.

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WALTER M. BRASWELL, ALJ

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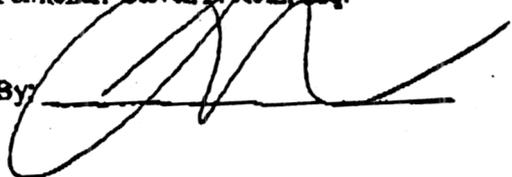
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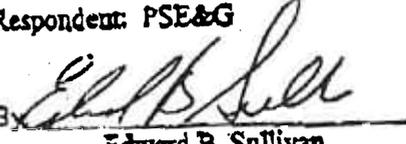
Public Service Electric and Gas Company
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NAL Docket No. PUC 12196-07
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STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

This matter having been brought before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities by the Petitioner, Steven F. Roth, Esq. ("Petitioner"), against Respondent Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Respondent") for utility service rendered by PSE&G to the Petitioner Steven F. Roth, Esq., Roth Associates, 244 Short Hills Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081, and the Parties having agreed to settle this matter, hereby set forth the terms and conditions of their settlement agreement as follows:

1. PSE&G will credit Petitioner's account number 12 104 604 24 in the amount of \$569.77, leaving a balance due in the amount of \$425.92.
2. Petitioner agrees to pay \$50.00 per month plus current monthly bills until the past due amount of \$425.92 is paid in full.
3. PSE&G has made the adjustment to the account, which was applied on November 8, 2007.

Petitioner: Steven F. Roth, Esq.
By: 
Date: 2-14-08

Respondent: PSE&G
By: 
Edward B. Sullivan
Manager Customer Operations
Date: 2/14/08

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