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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

PRATAP JAINDANI,)	ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION
Petitioner)	SETTLEMENT
)	
v.)	
)	BPU DOCKET NO. GC07080606U
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY,)	
Respondent)	OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 8903-07

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On August 9, 2007, Pratap Jaindani ("Petitioner") filed a petition with the Board disputing the bill of New Jersey Natural Gas Company ("Respondent") for gas services.

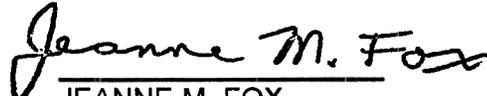
After the filing of Respondent's answer, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") for hearing and initial disposition as a contested case pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 et seq. This matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ")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

While this matter was pending at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and entered into and signed a Stipulation of Settlement ("Stipulation") that was submitted to the ALJ. By Initial Decision issued on March 7, 2008, and submitted to the Board on March 13, 2008, to which the Stipulation was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Schuster found that the Stipulation 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 settlement, the Respondent credited Petitioner's gas service accounts #xxxxxxxxx43 and #xxxxxxxxx60 in the amounts of \$9,681.23 and \$850.81, respectively. In return, the Petitioner agreed to pay the amount of \$4,006.62, towards gas service account #xxxxxxxxx27.

After review of the Initial Decision and the Stipulation of the parties, the Board HEREBY FINDS that the terms of the Stipulation 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 forth herein.

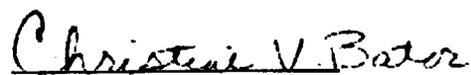
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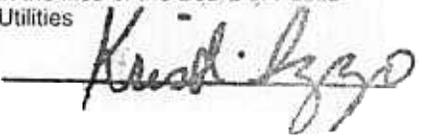

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ATTEST:


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



**PRATAP JAINDANI
v.
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY**

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INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

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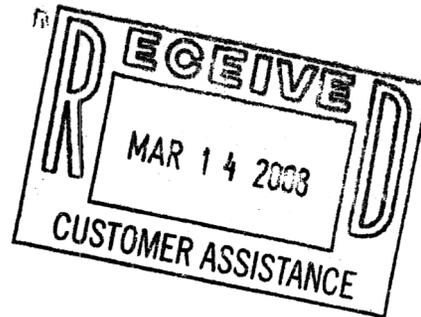
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v.

**NEW JERSEY NATURAL
GAS COMPANY,**

Respondent.



Fred J. Klein, Esq., for petitioner

Eileen F. Quinn, Esq., for respondent

Record Closed: March 6, 2008

Decided: March 7, 2008

BEFORE JOHN SCHUSTER III, ALJ:

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law on November 8, 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 Stipulation of Settlement (J-1) indicating the terms thereof, which is attached and fully incorporated herein.

have reviewed the record and the terms thereof and I **FIND**:

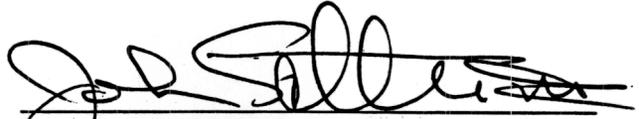
1. The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures or their representatives' signatures.
2. The settlement fully disposes of all issues in controversy and is consistent with the law.

I **CONCLUDE** that this settlement 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.

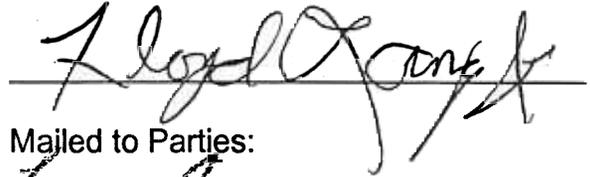
hereby **FILE** my initial decision with the **BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES** for consideration.

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.

March 7, 2008
DATE


JOHN SCHUSTER III, ALJ

Date Received at Agency: 3/13/08



Mailed to Parties:



**DIRECTOR AND
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

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EXHIBITS

Joint:

J-1 Stipulation of Settlement

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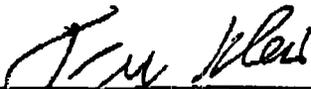
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STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

The matter in difference in the above-entitled action having been amicably adjusted by and between the parties, it is hereby stipulated and agreed that the same be and is hereby settled as follows:

Respondent, New Jersey Natural Gas Company will credit (1) \$9,681.23 (ninety-six hundred eighty-one dollars and twenty-three cents) to petitioner's gas account [REDACTED] 3; and, (2) \$850.81 (eight hundred fifty dollars and eighty-one cents) to petitioner's gas account [REDACTED] 50. Further, Petitioner will pay \$4,006.62 (four thousand six dollars and sixty-two cents) to his gas account 22001.0703527.

Dated: March 5, 2008



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Attorney for Petitioner, Pratap Jaindani



Eileen F. Quinn, Esq.
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VIA FACSIMILE 609-588-6574 & REGULAR MAIL

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**Re: Pratap Jaindari v. New Jersey Natural Gas Co.
Billing Dispute
OAL Docket No.: PUC 08903-2007S
Agency Reference No.: GC07080606U**

Dear Judge Schuster:

Enclosed please find a copy of the fully executed Stipulation of Settlement in connection with the above-referenced dispute which was scheduled for a plenary hearing before Your Honor on Friday, March 7, 2008.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 732-938-1018.

Respectfully yours,

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Enclosure

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This decision was mailed to the
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