

Agenda Date: 11/8/07 Agenda Item: VIIB

#### STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities Two Gateway Center Newark, NJ 07102 www.nj.gov/bpu/

#### **CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE**

LAL ENTERTAINMENT, Petitioner	) ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION ) SETTLEMENT
V.	
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY, Respondent	) ) BPU DOCKET NO. EC07030169U ) OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 5906-07

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

#### BY THE BOARD:

On March 12, 2007, LAL Entertainment (Petitioner) filed a petition with the Board disputing the bill 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. 52:14-B-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 et seq. The matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Jeffrey A. Gerson.

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 submitted to the Board on October 15, 2007, to which the settlement was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Gerson 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 the agreement, Petitioner has agreed to pay \$1,500.00 on the Account ending 32 inclusive of the bills for July and August 2007, to be paid in six (6) monthly payments of \$200.00 and one (1) monthly payment of \$300.00 with the first payment due on or before September 15, 2007. In addition, Petitioner has also agreed to pay \$1,200.00 on the Account ending 14 in full and final satisfaction of all amounts due for utility service on this account as of August 1, 2007. Toward this end, a deposit of \$1,075.00 on this account will be applied to the

\$1,200,00 balance, leaving due and owing \$125,00 to be satisfied in one payment on or before September 15, 2007. Petitioner further agreed that all current bills on both aforementioned accounts will be fully paid in a timely manner. If they are not, the Respondent reserves the right to request a deposit and/or discontinue service.

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.

**BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES** BY:

PRESIDENT

COMMISSIONER

OMMISSIONER

CHRISTINE V. BATOR COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

**SECRETARY** 

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

**Utilities** 

# LAL ENTERTAINMENT v. PUBLIC SEREVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY

#### BPU DOCKET NO. GC07030169U OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 5906-07

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INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 05906-07

AGENCY DKT. NO. GC07030169U

LAL ENTERTAINMENT,

Petitioner.

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PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY,

Respondent.



Abbey Tarei, petitioner, pro se

Sharee Kelly, Esq., for respondent Public Service Electric & Gas Company

Record Closed: August 24, 2007 Decided: October 11, 2007

BEFORE JEFFREY A. GERSON, ALJ:

On June 6, 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. 52:14F1 to -13. The matter was scheduled for a settlement conference on August 20, 2007, but was adjourned because the parties had reached a settlement. A Settlement

Agreement indicating the terms of settlement was signed by the parties and submitted to the undersigned on August 24, 2007. A copy of the Settlement Agreement is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

have reviewed the record and terms of the 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 issues in controversy and is consistent with law.

CONCLUDE that the agreement meets the safeguard requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1 and, accordingly, I approve the settlement and ORDER that the parties comply with the settlement terms.

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

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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.

10(11(07)	JEFFREY A. GERSON, ALJ  Receipt Acknowledged:
Date Received at Agency: 10-16-07	Mailed to Parties:
DATE	OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

#### STATE OF NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

LAL Entertainment ) Petitioner, )	BPU Docket No. GC07030169U 25 27 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28
<b>v</b> , )	STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT
Public Service Electric and Gas Company)  Respondent.	2: 18

This matter having been brought before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities by the Petitioner, LAL Entertainment ("Petitioner"), against Respondent Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Respondent") and transferred to the Office of Administrative Law before the Honorable Jeffrey Gerson, A.L.J., for utility service rendered by PSE&G to the Petitioner at 326 Third Street, Jersey City, New Jersey ("Property"), and the Parties having agreed to settle this matter, hereby set forth the terms and conditions of their settlement agreement as follows:

- I. Petitioner agrees to pay \$1500.00, on account number 21 884 248 32, plus pays the amount of \$747.52, in full and final
  - satisfaction of all amounts due for utility service on this account as of August 1, 2007.
- 2. The \$1500.00 will be paid in 6 monthly installments of \$200.00 and one monthly installment of \$300.00. The first payment is due on or before September 15, 2007.
- 3. Petitioner agrees to pay \$1200.00 on account number 21 884 245 14, in full and final satisfaction of all amounts due for utility service on this account as of August 1, 2007.

- Petitioner has a deposit of \$1075.00 on account number 21 884 245 14, which will be 4. applied to the \$1200.00 outstanding balance, leaving one payment of \$125.00 due on or before September 15, 2007.
- 5. Petitioner agrees that all current bills on account numbers 21 884 248 32 and 21 884 245 14 will be paid in full and on a timely basis. If future bills are not paid on a timely basis, PSE&G reserves the right to request a deposit or discontinue of service or both.

Petitioner: LAL Entertainment

Respondent: PSE&G

Edward B. Sullivan

Manager Customer Operations



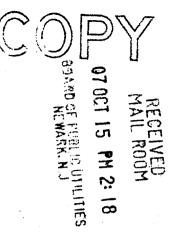


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Re: Initial Decisions for Receipt

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.

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