Agenda Date: 8/1/07 Agenda Item: VII-B



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities Two Gateway Center Newark, NJ 07102 www.bpu.state.nj.us

CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

KATHLEEN IANNACONE, Petitioner) ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION) SETTLEMENT
V.	
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY, Respondent) BPU DOCKET NO. EC07030164U) OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 2996-07

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On March 9, 2007, Kathleen lannacone (Petitioner) filed a petition with the Board disputing the bill of Atlantic City Electric Company (Respondent) related to a switched meter adjustment in the amount of \$3,541.59 on Petitioner's account at 1196 N. Main Street, Williamston, New Jersey, that covered the period of July 2004 through October 2006.

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) Bruce M. Gorman.

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 July 16, 2007, to which the settlement was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Gorman 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 settlement, Respondent will credit Petitioner's account 25% of the switched meter adjustment, or \$885.39, and divide the remaining balance of \$2,656.20 into sixty (60) installments of \$44.00 with a final installment of \$16.20 in addition to current charges.

After review and consideration, the Board <u>FINDS</u> that the terms of the settlement are fair and reasonable. Therefore, the Board <u>HEREBY ADOPTS</u> 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.

DATED:

8/1/07

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

BY:

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JEANNE M. FOX PRESIDENT

FREDERICK F. BUTLER COMMISSIONER

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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

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Atlantic City Electric Company BPU Docket No. EC07030164U OAL Docket No. PUC 2996-07

SERVICE LIST

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INITIAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 2996-07

AGENCY DKT. NO. EC07030164U

SETTLEMENT

State of New Jersey OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

KATHLEEN IANNACONE,

Petitioner,

ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY,

Respondent.

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Kathleen lannacone, petitioner, pro se

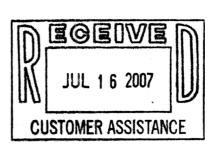
Renee E. Suglia, Esq., for respondent

Decided: July 6, 2007 Record Closed: July 6, 2007

BEFORE BRUCE M. GORMAN, ALJ:

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law on May 16, 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 Agreement indicating the terms thereof, which is attached and fully incorporated herein.



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

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

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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 <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 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.

7/6/07 DATE	BRUCE M. GORMAN, ALJ
Date Received at Agency: 7-16-67	Mailed to Parties:
DATE	OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
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June 28, 2007

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Clerk

Office of Administrative Law Quakerbridge Plaza, Building 9 Quakerbridge Road P. O. Box 049 Mercerville, NJ 08625-0049

Re:

Kathleen Iannacone v. Atlantic City Electric Co.

Billing Dispute

OAL Docket No. PUCCC 02996-2007S

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STATE OF H.J.

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be advised that a settlement has been reached by the parties in the above referenced matter. Enclosed please find the executed settlement agreement. The agreement has also been transmitted to the Board of Public Utilities.

Kindly mark the matter as resolved and let us know if you need any further documentation to have the matter dismissed.

Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully Yours,

Renee E. Suglia

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Enc.

cc: Maureen Coyne Greto

Charlotte DeVault

Kristi Izzo, Secretary, NJ Board of Public Utilities Edward Beslow, Esq., NJ Board of Public Utilities

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June 20, 2007

THICE OF ADMINILANT

Kathleen Iannacone Charles Folker 1196 N. Main Street Williamstown, NJ 08094

Re:

BPU Docket No. EC07030164U Account No. 0137 4049 9994

Dear Ms. Iannacone and Mr. Folker:

On behalf of Atlantic City Electric and, pursuant to your discussion with Charlotte DeVault, this letter agreement will set forth the agreed upon terms of settlement in regard to the above referenced matter. This matter arises as a result of charges posted to your account from an October 2, 2006 switched meter adjustment. This adjustment resulted in a debit of \$3,541.59 to your account at 1196 N. Main Street Williamstown, New Jersey, and covered the time-period of July 2004 through October 2006. You have disputed these charges.

As a good faith gesture to close this dispute and forbear from further litigation, a one-time settlement offer was discussed with you on April 5, 2007. As a courtesy to you, we have extended this settlement offer beyond our April meeting and you have now agreed to accept it.

We will be crediting your account 25% of the debit adjustment, or \$885.39, and dividing the remaining adjusted balance of \$2,656.20 into sixty (60) installments of \$44.00, with a final installment of \$16.20 in addition to your monthly charges. Please note that this arrangement only includes the adjusted balance and does not include any current charges that may be due on your account or on the 1200 N. Main Street Williamstown, New Jersey. Please also note that both current monthly charges and settlement installment must be timely paid by your monthly due date or else the arrangement will be dishonored and the entire debit will be considering due and owing immediately.

This letter agreement is being executed for the sole purpose of compromising and settling this dispute, and it is expressly understood and agreed, as a condition of this compromise, that this agreement shall not constitute or be construed to be an admission on any part of Atlantic City Electric or as evidencing or indicating in any degree an admission of the truth or correctness

of any claims asserted. You have further agreed that this fully executed and acknowledged letter agreement can be submitted to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and/or the New Jersey Office of Administrative Law as notification of settlement and request for withdrawal of the pending matter.

Kindly indicate your agreement by signing below and returning a fully executed copy to me by July 9th, 2007. A copy of this letter has been included for your records. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Renee E. Suglia

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cc:

Maureen CoyneGreto Charlotte DeVault

Acknowledged and agreed by:

Kathleen Iannacone

Charles Folker

DATED: 22 June 2007

DATED:



State of New Jersey

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

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Initial Decisions for Receipt

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Date: 7/12/07

Receipt of the following decisions from the Office of Administrative Law (as well as a copy of this form) is acknowledged as of the date indicated below:

OAL Docket No. PUC	Case Name
Puc 2996-07	Tannacone
Date: 7/12/07	Board of Public Utilities 2 Gateway Center Newark, New Jersey 07102 Board of Public Utilities