



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
Two Gateway Center
Newark, NJ 07102
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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

DOLORES POLLARD,)	ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION
Petitioner,)	SETTLEMENT
)	
v.)	
)	
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS)	
COMPANY,)	
Respondent)	BPU DOCKET NO. EC07030183U
)	OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 5662-07N

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On March 16, 2007, Dolores Pollard (Petitioner) filed a petition with the Board requesting a hearing regarding charges of Public Service Electric and Gas Company (Respondent) for utility services.

After the filing of Respondent's answer, the Board, on May 7, 2007, 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 (ALJ) Judge Walter M. Braswell.

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 April 3, 2008 and submitted to the Board on April 9, 2008, to which the Settlement was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Braswell found that the Settlement 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.

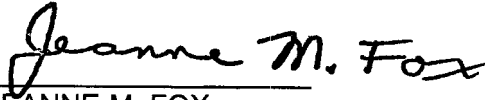
Pursuant to the agreement of the parties, Respondent will credit Petitioner's account for service at 61 Holland Road, South Orange, New Jersey in the amount of \$1,802.67 leaving a balance as of March 4, 2008 in the amount of \$2,800.00. Petitioner shall pay this balance in 24 equal monthly installments of \$116.00 beginning with the April 2008 bill,¹ and Petitioner further


¹ The Board notes that the 24 monthly payments of \$116.00 will result in a total payment of \$2,784. Because the parties have agreed in the Settlement that the 24 equal payments of \$116 will be made and accepted in full

After review of the Initial Decision and the Stipulation of Settlement, 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 Stipulation of Settlement in their entirety.

DATED: 5/9/08

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
BY:


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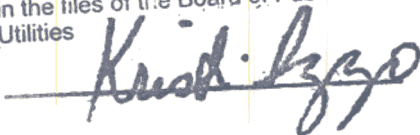

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ATTEST:


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DOLORES POLLARD

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PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY

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INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

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**PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS
COMPANY,**

Respondent.

Dolores Pollard, petitioner, appearing pro se

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

Record Closed: March 26, 2008

Decided: April 3, 2008

BEFORE WALTER M. BRASWELL, ALJ:

On May 30, 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 or about June 18, 2007. A telephone prehearing was scheduled on July 19, 2007 at which time a status conference was scheduled for August 1, 2007 and an in person prehearing was scheduled for November 7, 2007. During the November 7, 2007 in person prehearing the parties could not settle and the matter was scheduled for hearing on March 26, 2008. On the date of the hearing the parties settled the matter. A Settlement Agreement was prepared and

executed indicating the terms of the agreement, which are incorporated herein by reference.

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.

I 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.

April 3, 2008
DATE

Walter M. Braswell
WALTER M. BRASWELL, ALJ

Date Received at Agency: 4/19/08

Floyd X. Smith
Mailed to Parties:

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Pollard

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OAL Docket No. 05927-2007

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PSE + G

Stipulation of Settlement

The parties agree to the following terms & conditions in full and final settlement of the above-captioned matter:

1. PSE + G account no. 12 951 129 22 in the name of Dolores Pollard, for the property located at 61 Holland Rd. South Orange, New Jersey will receive a credit adjustment in the amount of \$1802.67 leaving a current balance, as of March, 4, 2008, in the amount of \$2800.00.


2. The \$2800.00 shall be paid in equal monthly installments \$116.67 per month continuing for 24 months and beginning with April, 2008 bill.


3. All current monthly bills beginning with the April, 2008 bill shall be paid by the

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due date on the bill

4. Mrs. Pellard has the opportunity to have her gas and electric meters tested and witnessed by the BPU. SEIG will contact the BPU and arrange to have the forms forwarded to Mrs. Pellard in order to facilitate her requesting the tests. If the tests reveal that the meter is registering inaccurate or faulty or if there is found to be evidence of a diversion of service at the property, further adjustments may need to be made to Mrs. Pellard's utility account. Mrs. Pellard will contact Sheree Kelly @ 430-6460 to arrange for a diversion of service investigation, within 10 days of today's date.


Dolores Pellard, Petitioner
Dated: 3/26/08


Sheree Kelly for Respondent
Dated: 3/26/08

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