



**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**Board of Public Utilities**  
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| NYEPLU KPODI,                   | ) | ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION |
| PETITIONER                      | ) | SETTLEMENT                      |
| v.                              | ) |                                 |
| PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS | ) |                                 |
| COMPANY,                        | ) | BPU DOCKET NO. EC07120956U      |
| RESPONDENT                      | ) | OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 03014-08     |

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

**BY THE BOARD:**

On December 20, 2007, Nyeplu Kpodi (Petitioner) filed a petition with the Board requesting a hearing regarding 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 (ALJ) Judge Gail M. Cookson.

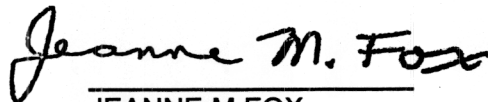
While this matter was pending at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and reached a settlement that was submitted to the ALJ. By Initial Decision issued on May 30, 2008 and submitted to the Board on June 4, 2008, to which the settlement was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Cookson found that 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 their settlement, which is in full and final satisfaction of all claims, the Respondent has agreed to credit Petitioner's account in the amount of \$1,885.31, leaving a balance due of \$500.00. In return, Petitioner has agreed to pay the balance due of \$500.00 on or before July 30, 2008.

After a review and consideration of the Initial Decision and the agreement of the parties, the Board HEREBY FINDS that the terms of the agreement represent a fair and reasonable resolution of all outstanding contested issues. Accordingly, the Board HEREBY ADOPTS the Initial Decision and agreement of the parties in their entirety as if fully set out herein.

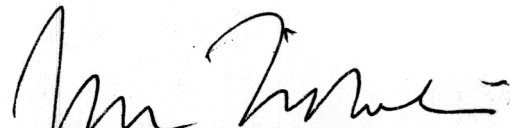
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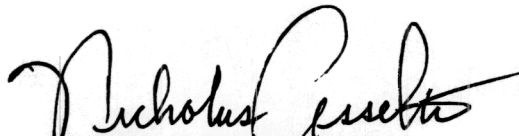
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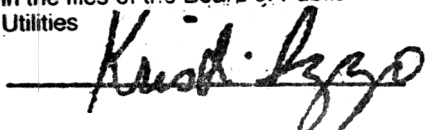
  
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**NYEPLU KPODI**

**v.**

**PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY**

**BPU Docket No. EC07120956U**

**OAL Docket No. PUC 03014-08**

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**INITIAL DECISION**

**SETTLEMENT**

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 03014-08

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**NYEPLU L. KPODI,**

Petitioner,

v.

**PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY,**

Respondent.

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Nyeplu L. Kpodi, pro se

Sheree L. Kelly, Esq., for respondent Public Service Electric & Gas  
Company (PSE&G Services Corporate Counsel)

Record Closed: May 30, 2008

Decided: May 30, 2008

**BEFORE GAIL M. COOKSON, ALJ:**

On February 13, 2008, 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 scheduled for a hearing on May 30, 2008. On May 30, 2008, the parties reached a settlement with the assistance of this forum. I queried all parties and I **FIND** that all parties were in fact in agreement and satisfied with its terms and conditions. A hand-written settlement document was prepared and executed which is attached hereto and made part hereof. I have reviewed the record and terms of the Stipulation of Settlement and **FIND**:

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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.

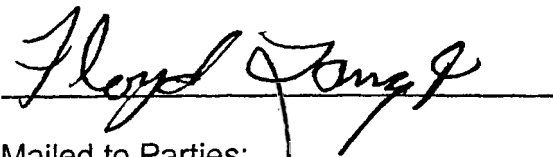
I hereby **FILE** my initial decision with the **BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES** for consideration.

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.

May 30, 2008  
DATE

  
GAIL M. COOKSON, ALJ

Date Received at Agency: 6/4/08

  
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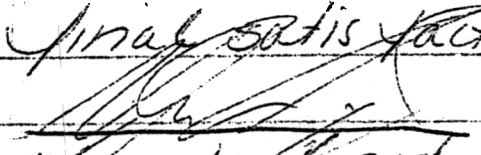
The parties agree that the above-captioned matter shall be settled upon the following terms:


1. The amount of \$2,385.31 is currently outstanding on account no. [REDACTED] 61 in the name of Petitioner. This is the final bill on this account.

2. PSETG will credit account [REDACTED] \$1,885.31, leaving a balance due and owing of \$500.00

3. Petitioner will pay \$500.00 on or before July 30, 2008.

4. This settlement is in full and final satisfaction of all claims.

  
Joseph Kpodi

  
Ed Sullivan  
PSETG



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