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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities

Two Gateway Center

Newark, NJ 07102

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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

RON GRENOBLE,
Petitioner
v.

) ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION
) SETTLEMENT
)

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS
COMPANY
Respondent

) BPU DOCKET NO. EC09060485U
) OAL DOCKET NO. PUC13093-09
)

Ron Grenoble, Hoboken, New Jersey, pro se

Alexander C. Stern, Esq., PSEG Services Corporation, Newark, New Jersey, for
the Respondent

BY THE BOARD:

On June 23, 2009, Ron Grenoble ("Petitioner") filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") requesting a formal hearing related to a billing dispute with Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("Respondent" or "PSE&G") regarding a bill for utility service. Petitioner disputed his utility bills in connection with three accounts for a premise located in Hoboken: (1) for electric and gas service to a music studio; (2) for electric service to a theater; and (3) for electric and gas service to an apartment.

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") 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 ("Settlement") that was submitted to the ALJ. By Initial Decision issued on January 6, 2010, and submitted to the Board on January 8, 2010, 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 satisfied the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement, with regard to Account (1) described above, Respondent will apply \$2,100.00 (plus interest collected on same) it previously collected from Petitioner to the outstanding December 15, 2009 balance of \$3,273.00 as a deposit on that overdue amount. Respondent has also agreed to credit the

account with an additional \$242.07 to eliminate certain field collections and late payment charges. These adjustments will make the account current through the November 30, 2009 billing period.

With regard to Account (2) described above, Respondent will apply \$914.00 (plus interest collected on same) it previously collected from Petitioner as a deposit on the December 15, 2009 balance of \$928.52. Respondent has also agreed to credit the account with an additional \$100.00 to eliminate certain field collection and late payment charges. These adjustments, like those made to Account (1), will make the account current through the November 30, 2009 billing period.


Petitioner agreed to timely pay his PSE&G bills for electric and gas service each month, as well as to provide Respondent with reasonable access to the premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of inspections incident to the rendering of service, including meter readings, inspections, testing, or repairing the utility's facilities used in connection with supplying the service or removal of its facilities.

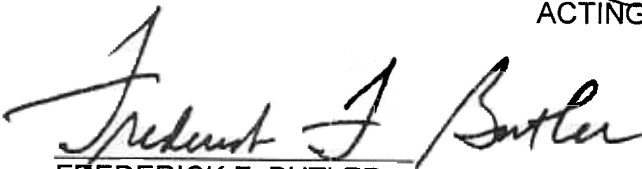
Both parties agree that the Stipulation of Settlement fully resolves all issues contained in this matter.


After review of the Initial Decision and the Settlement of the parties, the Board HEREBY FINDS that, by the terms of the Settlement, the parties have resolved all outstanding contested issues in this matter. Accordingly, the Board HEREBY ADOPTS the Initial Decision and the Stipulation of Settlement executed by the parties in their entirety as if fully set forth herein.

DATED: 2/18/10


BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
BY:


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ACTING PRESIDENT


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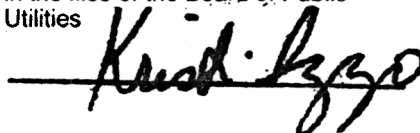

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RON GRENOBLE

v.

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY

BPU DOCKET NO. EC09060485U

OAL DOCKET NO. PUC13093-09

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INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 13093-09

AGENCY DKT. NO. EC09060485U

ROB GRENOBLE,

Petitioner,

v.

**PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS
COMPANY,**

Respondent.

Rob Grenoble, petitioner, appearing pro se

Alexander C. Stern, Esq. appearing on behalf of respondent (PSE&G Services Corporation)

Record Closed: December 31, 2009

Decided: January 6, 2010

BEFORE WALTER M. BRASWELL, ALJ:

On November 9, 2009 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. A telephone prehearing was scheduled on December 14, 2009 at which time the parties engaged in settlement discussions. A status conference was scheduled for December 22, 2009 wherein the parties advised the matter was resolved. On December 31, 2009 the undersigned received the Stipulation of Settlement 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:**

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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.

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DATE

Date Received at Agency: 1-8-10

Date Mailed to Parties:

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Walter M. Braswell
WALTER M. BRASWELL, ALJ

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December 31, 2009

VIA FAX

Honorable Walter Braswell, ALJ
Office of Administrative Law
33 Washington Street
Newark, NJ 07102-3011

Re: Rob Grenoble v. PSE&G
BPU Docket No.: EC09060485U
OAL Docket No.: PUC13093-2009N

Dear Judge Braswell:

Enclosed please find a signed Stipulation of Settlement with reference to the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexander C. Stern". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alexander C. Stern

ACS/jb
Enclosure

cc: Rob Grenoble (w/enc.)
Edward B. Sullivan (w/enc.)

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

Rob Grenoble)	
)	BPU DOCKET NO. EC09060485U
)	OAL DOCKET NO. PUC13093-2009N
Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	
)	STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT
Public Service Electric & Gas Company)	
)	
Respondent.)	

On or about June 23, 2009, Petitioner filed the above-referenced billing dispute. Public Service Electric & Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Respondent") filed an answer to the petition and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("NJBPU" or "Board") transmitted the matter to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") as a contested case for adjudication.

In the interests of resolving this matter amicably and to avoid further delay and costs to the parties, the parties hereto agreed to settle this matter in accordance with the following terms:

1. Petitioner has three accounts with PSE&G for a premise located at 927 Madison St; Hoboken, New Jersey. Account # 67-118-207-03 is for electric and gas service to a music studio. Account #67-118-195-00 is for electric service to a theater. Account #67-014-016-00 is for electric and gas service to an apartment.

2. Although not agreeing with the merits of the allegations expressed in the Petition, PSE&G agrees to credit Petitioner's accounts as follows:

Account # 67-118-207-03 - As of December 15, 2009, the account had an outstanding overdue balance of \$3273.20 with billing reflected through November 30, 2009. PSE&G will apply \$2,100 (plus interest collected on same) it previously obtained from Petitioner as a deposit pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:3-3.4 to the outstanding overdue balance. Additionally, in the interests of good customer relations, PSE&G will credit the account \$242.07 to eliminate certain field collection and late payment charges. With these adjustments, Petitioner's account will be current through the November 30, 2009 billing period.

Account #67-118-195-00 - As of December 15, 2009, the account had an outstanding overdue balance of \$928.52. PSE&G will apply \$914 (plus interest collected on same) it previously obtained from Petitioner as a deposit pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:3-3.4 to the outstanding overdue balance. Additionally, in the interests of good customer relations, PSE&G will credit the account \$100.00 to eliminate certain field collection and late payment charges. With these adjustments, Petitioner's account will be current through the November 30, 2009 billing period.

3. Petitioner agrees to timely pay his PSE&G bills for electric and gas service each month, as well as to, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 14:3-3.6, provide PSE&G with reasonable access to customer's premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of inspection of customer's premises incident to the rendering of service including reading meters; inspecting, testing, or repairing its facilities used in connection with supplying the service; or the removal of its property.

4. This agreement is in full settlement of the Petition filed by Petitioner on or about June 23, 2009.

5. The undersigned agree that this Settlement contains mutually balancing and interdependent provisions and is intended to be accepted and approved in its entirety. In the event any particular aspect of this Settlement is not accepted and approved by the Board or modified by the Board, the party that is adversely affected by the modification can either accept the modification or declare this Settlement to be null and void, and the parties shall be placed in the same position that they were in immediately prior to its execution.

PSEG SERVICES CORPORATION
Attorneys for PSE&G

DATED: 12-30-09

By: Alexander C. Stern
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Assistant General Regulatory Counsel

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS CO.

DATED:

By: Edward B. Sullivan
Edward B. Sullivan
Manager of Customer Operations

WATER MUSIC

DATED:

By: Rob Grenoble
Rob Grenoble, President

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<u>1381-09</u>	<u>Holy ROSARY DAY</u>
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	<u>Rising SUN ACADEMY</u>
<u>11358-09</u>	<u>Robert & SARA</u>
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