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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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| FRANCIS A. DERA, JR., Petitioner, |) ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION SETTLEMENT |
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| PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY, Respondent. |) BPU Dkt. No. GC09100842U OAL Dkt. No. PUC12276-09 |

Francis A. Dera, Jr., Haddon Heights, NJ, Petitioner, pro se

Sheree L. Kelly, Esq., Newark, NJ, on behalf of Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Respondent

BY THE BOARD:

On October 14, 2009, Francis A. Dera, Jr. ("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") regarding a bill for utility service provided by Respondent.

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") Tiffany M. Williams.

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 March 24, 2010, to which the Stipulation was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Williams found that the Stipulation 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 Stipulation, which was executed on March 22, 2010, and in full and final settlement of all outstanding issues in this matter, Respondent agreed to credit Petitioner's

account in the amount of \$459.39 as of February 1, 2010. In return, Petitioner agreed, on a going forward basis, to pay his electric and gas bills submitted by Respondent in a timely manner.

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

DATED: 6/7/10

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

LEE A. SOLOMON PRESIDENT

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JEANNE M. FOX COMMISSIONER

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ATTEST:

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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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FRANCIS A. DERA

V.

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY

BPU DOCKET NO. GC09100842U OAL DOCKET NO. PUC12276-09

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INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 12276-09

AGENCY DKT. NO. GC09100842U

FRANCIS A. DERA, JR.,

Petitioner,

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PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC
AND GAS COMPANY,

Respondent.

Francis A. Dera, Jr., petitioner, pro se

Sheree L. Kelly, Esq., for respondent

Record Closed: March 22, 2010

Decided: March 24, 2010

BEFORE TIFFANY M. WILLIAMS, ALJ:

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law on December 31, 2010, 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.

CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 12276-09

The parties have agreed to a settlement and have prepared a settlement

agreement, the terms thereof, which is attached and fully incorporated herein.

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

1. The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their

signatures or their representatives' signatures.

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 N.J.A.C. 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.

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 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.

March 24, 2010

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TIFFANY M. WILLIAMS, ALJ

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Francis A. Ders, Jr. Petitioner

OAL Docket No. PUCCC 12276-2009S BPU Docket No. GC09100842U

Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Respondent STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

This matter having been brought before the Office of Administrative Law by the Petitioner, Francis A. Dera ("Petitioner"), against Respondent Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Respondent") for utility service rendered by PSE&G to the premises 1821 Maple Avenue, Haddon Heights, New Jersey (the "Property") and the Parties having agreed to settle this matter, hereby set forth the terms and conditions of their settlement agreement as follows:

- PSE&G agrees to credit \$459.39 to Petitioner's account no. 65 984 378 06 as of February 1, 2010.
- Going forward, Petitioner agrees to pay his PSE&G bill for electric and gas service in a timely manner.

Petitioner: Francis A. Dera, Jr.

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Date: 3 22 2010

Credit amount as shown on revised Fds 2010 Statement. Flue

(459, 39)

Respondent: PSE&G

Edward B. Sullivan

Manager Customer Operations

Date: 3/22/10

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Transmitting officer or other agency personnel to receive notices of hearing etc., pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:1-8.2 (a) 13. This person need not be served by the parties with motions, correspondence, etc.

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