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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities Two Gateway Center, Suite 801 Newark, NJ 07102 www.ni.gov/bpu/

		CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE
MICHAEL R. PEROFF, Petitioner)))	ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION SETTLEMENT
V.) }	
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY, Respondent.)	BPU Dkt. No. GC10080628U OAL Dkt. No. PUC11541-10
Parties of Record:		

Michael R. Peroff, Montclair, New Jersey Sheree L. Kelly, Esq., Public Service Electric and Gas Company

BY THE BOARD:

On August 31, 2010, Michael R. Peroff ("Mr. Peroff") filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") requesting a formal hearing related to a billing dispute with Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G") for utility services rendered.

After the filing of the 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") Kimberly A. Moss.

While this matter was pending at the OAL, Mr. Peroff and PSE&G (collectively the "Signatory 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 June 15, 2011, and submitted to the Board on June 17, 2011, to which the Stipulation was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Moss 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, PSE&G has agreed to credit Mr. Peroff's account, which has a current balance of \$2,073.89, in the amount of \$1,037.00 leaving an outstanding balance of \$1,036.89. In return, Mr. Peroff has agreed to pay \$173.00 per month until the outstanding balance is paid in full, in addition to his regularly scheduled budget plan, beginning with his July 2011 bill.

After reviewing the record and the Stipulation, the Board <u>HEREBY FINDS</u> that the Signatory Parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures and that by the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement, have fully resolved all outstanding contested issues in this matter. The Signatory Parties further acknowledge that resolution of any issue agreed to in this Stipulation shall become effective upon service of the Board Order on all parties of record unless a later date is indicated in the Order, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-40.

The Board <u>HEREBY</u> <u>ORDERS</u> that the Initial Decision and the Stipulation of Settlement executed by the parties be ADOPTED in its entirety, as if fully set forth herein.

DATED: 7/14/11

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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ATTEST:

SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public

Utilities

MICHAEL R. PEROFF

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PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY

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INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 11541-10

AGENCY DKT. NO. GC100800628U

MICHAEL R. PEROFF,

Petitioner,

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PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY.

Respondent.

Michael R. Peroff, petitioner, pro se

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

Record Closed: June 15, 2011

Decided: June 15, 2011

BEFORE KIMBERLY A. MOSS, ALJ

On October 15, 2010 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 and conducted on December 7, 2010. Several status conferences were scheduled thereafter, the last one being June 1, 2011 wherein the parties reached a tentative settlement. On June 15, 2011 the undersigned received the Stipulation of Settlement, 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.

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	KIMBERLY A. MOSS, ALJ
Date Received at Agency	
Date Mailed to Parties:	

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June 9, 2011

Honorable Kimberly A. Moss Office of Administrative Law 33 Washington Street Newark, NJ 07102-3011

Re: Michael Peroff v. PSE&G

BPU Docket No.: GC10080628U OAL Docket No.: PUC 11541-2010N

Dear Judge Moss

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sheree L. Kelly

SLK/jb Enclosure

cc: Michael Peroff (w/enc.) Edward B. Sullivan

STATE OF NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

LAW

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)	STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT
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This matter having been brought before the Office of Administrative Law by the Petitioner, Michael Peroff ("Petitioner"), against Respondent Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Respondent") for utility service rendered by PSE&G to the premises 215 N. Mountain Avenue, Montelair, NJ, 07042 (the "Property") and the Parties having agreed to settle this matter, hereby set forth the terms and conditions of their settlement agreement as follows:

Petitioner's current balance is \$2,073.89 on account no. 66 668 782 05

PSE&G agrees to credit Petitioner's account for \$1,037.00, leaving a balance of \$1,036.89.

Petitioner agrees to pay \$173.00 per month until paid in full, in addition to his regularly scheduled budget plan, beginning with his July 2011 bill.

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Respondent: PSE&G

Edward B. Sullivan

Manager, Customer Operations

Date 5/31/11

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