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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

NATALIA SANCHEZ,
Petitioner

V

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY,
Respondent

) ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL
) DECISION SETTLEMENT
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) BPU Docket No. EC10110837U
) OAL Docket No. PUC00549-11

Parties of Record:

Natalia Sanchez, Petitioner, *pro se*
Sheree L. Kelly, Esq., on behalf of Respondent, PSEG Services Corporation

BY THE BOARD:

On November 12, 2010, Natalia Sanchez ("Petitioner") 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 ("Respondent") for utility services rendered by Respondent.

After the submission of Respondent's answer received on December 20, 2010, the Board transmitted this matter on January 5, 2011 to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") for hearing 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, the parties engaged in negotiations and entered into a signed Stipulation of Settlement ("Stipulation") dated September 12, 2011 that was submitted to the ALJ. By Initial Decision issued on September 13, 2011 and received by the Board on September 21, 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, the parties have agreed that the outstanding balance due on the account is \$21,249.61. Respondent has agreed to credit the amount of \$9,749.61 leaving a new outstanding balance due of \$11,500.00. In return, Petitioner has agreed to pay the remaining balance due for an 18 month term of payments of \$640.00 per month for the first 17 months and a final payment of \$620.00 on month 18. The parties have agreed that these payments will be supplemental to current bills beginning in August. 2011. Respondent has also agreed to

waive late payment charges during the 18-month payment plan and will install a gas remote reading device at the property at no cost to Petitioner.

After review of the record and the Stipulation of Settlement of the parties, the Board HEREBY FINDS that the parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures and that by the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement, they have fully resolved all outstanding contested issues in this matter.

This Order shall become effective upon service of the Order upon all parties of record unless a later date is indicated in the Order, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-40.

Accordingly, the Board HEREBY ORDERS that the Initial Decision and Stipulation executed by the parties BE ADOPTED and APPROVED in its entirety, as if fully set forth herein.

DATED: 10/13/11

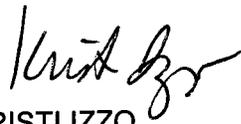
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LEE A. SOLOMON
PRESIDENT

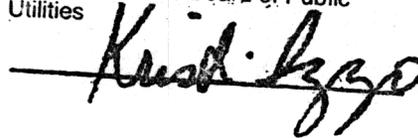

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public Utilities



NATALIA SANCHEZ

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PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY

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INITIAL DECISION

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Petitioner,

v.

**PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS
COMPANY,**

Respondent.

Natalia Sanchez, petitioner appearing pro se

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

Record Closed: September 13, 2011

Decided: September 13, 2011

BEFORE KIMBERLY A. MOSS, ALJ:

On January 7, 2011, 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 February 8, 2011. A follow up status conference was scheduled and conducted on March 3, 2011 during which time a hearing was scheduled for April 4, 2011. The April 4, 2011 hearing date was adjourned at the request of PSE&G. The matter was rescheduled to July 25, 2011. During the pendency of the hearing the parties reached a settlement agreement. On or about August 24, 2011 OAL inquired about the signed Stipulation of Settlement. On

August 29, 2011 the undersigned scheduled a hearing for September 12, 2011. On said date, petitioner failed to appear but agreed to forward over a copy of the signed Stipulation of Settlement, which is 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.

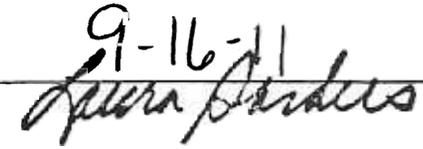
I hereby **FILE** my initial decision with the **BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES** for consideration.

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.

September 13, 2011
DATE


KIMBERLY A. MOSS, ALJ

Date Received at Agency:

9-16-11

DIRECTOR AND
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

Date Mailed to Parties: **SEP 16 2011**

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Natalia Sanchez Petitioner)	OAL Docket No. PUC 00549-2011N
)	BPU Docket No. EC10110837U
v.)	
Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Respondent)	STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

This matter having been brought before the Office of Administrative Law by the Petitioner, Natalia Sanchez ("Petitioner"), against Respondent Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Respondent") for utility service rendered by PSE&G to the premises 99 Broadway, Newark, NJ, 07104 (the "Property") and the Parties having agreed to settle this matter, hereby set forth the terms and conditions of their settlement agreement as follows:

- 1. As of July 19, 2011 Petitioner had a balance of \$21,249.61 on account no. 67 [REDACTED] 03.
- 2. Respondent agrees to credit Petitioner's account for \$9,749.61 leaving a balance of \$11,500.00.
- 3. Petitioner will pay \$640.00 per month for 17 months and a final payment of \$620.00 in the 18th month plus current bill starting with the August 2011 bill.
- 4. Respondent agrees to waive late payment charges during the 18 month payment plan.

Respondent will install a gas remote reading device at the property at no cost to the Petitioner.

Petitioner: Natalia Sanchez

Respondent: PSE&G

By: *Natalia Sanchez*

By: _____
Edward B. Sullivan
Manager - Customer Operations

Date: 7-7-11

Date: