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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**Board of Public Utilities**  
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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

DARA SKINNER,  
Petitioner

ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL  
DECISION SETTLEMENT

V.

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY,  
Respondent

BPU Docket  
No. EC10050315U  
OAL Docket No. PUC6779-10

Dara Skinner, Petitioner, appearing *pro se*

David K. Richter, Esq., on behalf of Respondent, Public Service Electric and Gas  
Company

BY THE BOARD:

On May 4, 2010, Dara Skinner ("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 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") Irene Jones.

While this matter was pending at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and entered into and signed a letter of agreement ("agreement") that was submitted to the ALJ. By Initial Decision issued on November 16, 2011, and submitted to the Board on November 22, 2011, to which the agreement was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Jones found that the agreement 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 agreement, and in order to fully resolve this matter, Respondent has agreed to credit \$4,868.36 to Petitioner's account. In return, Petitioner has agreed to pay the full amount of current monthly charges owed for electric and gas service.

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

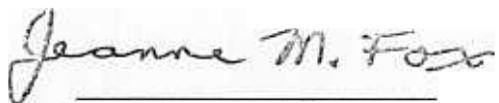
Accordingly, the Board HEREBY ADOPTS the Initial Decision and the letter agreement executed by the parties in their entirety as if fully set forth herein.

DATED: 12/15/11

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
BY:



LEE A. SOLOMON  
PRESIDENT



JEANNE M. FOX  
COMMISSIONER



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COMMISSIONER



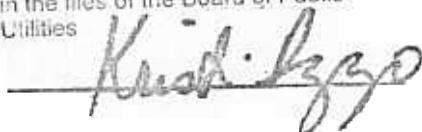
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COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



KRISTI IZZO  
SECRETARY

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



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**PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY**

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**INITIAL DECISION**

**SETTLEMENT**

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 6779-10

AGENCY DKT. NO. EC10050315U

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Petitioner,

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**PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS**

**COMPANY**

Respondent.

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**Dara Skinner, pro se**

**David K. Richter, Esq., for respondent Public Service Electric and Gas  
Company**

**Caroline Vachier, Deputy Attorney General, for respondent Board of Public  
Utilities (Paula Dow, Attorney General of New Jersey, attorney)**

Record Closed: November 9, 2011

Decided: November 16, 2011

**BEFORE IRENE JONES, ALJ.**

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

On June 23, 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. 52:14F1 to -13.

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A hearing was scheduled for February 7, 2011 but was adjourned to March 10, 2011 to allow respondent time to conduct further investigation at the property regarding diversion of service. On March 3, 2011, the undersigned was notified that the parties reached a settlement. The signed Stipulation of Settlement was forwarded to the OAL on November 9, 2011 and is attached hereto.

After reviewing the record and the settlement, **FIND:**

1. The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by the signatures or the signatures of the representatives.
2. The settlement fully disposes of all issues in controversy and is consistent with the law and is in the public interest.

Therefore, I **CONCLUDE** that this agreement meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1(d) and should be approved. It is further **ORDERED** that the parties comply with the settlement terms and the proceedings be **CONCLUDED**.

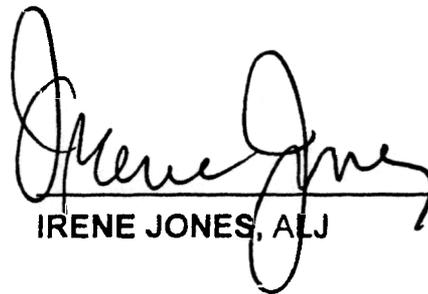
I hereby **FILE** my initial decision with the **BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES** for consideration.

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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*.

November 16, 2011

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DATE

  
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IRENE JONES, ALJ

Date Received at Agency:

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Date Mailed to Parties

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October 25, 2011

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Re: Skinner v. PSE&G  
BPU Docket No. EC10050315U

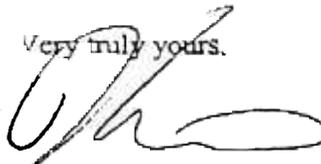
Dear Ms. Skinner:

This letter is a follow up with your conversation with Mr. Edward Sullivan and your agreement with respect to the above-referenced matter. As discussed, in the interests of good customer relations and in full settlement of this matter, PSE&G will credit your account in the amount of \$4,868.36.

It is understood that after the credit to your account, you will continue to pay the full amount of the current monthly charges owed for electric and gas service to your various accounts. Obviously, once this settlement is signed, if you receive your next set of bills and there is a problem or concern, feel free to contact me at the number above or Ed Sullivan at (973) 430-6170.

Please execute this document, sign both copies of this letter, retain one for your records and return one original to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the number above.

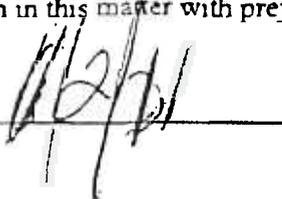
Very truly yours,



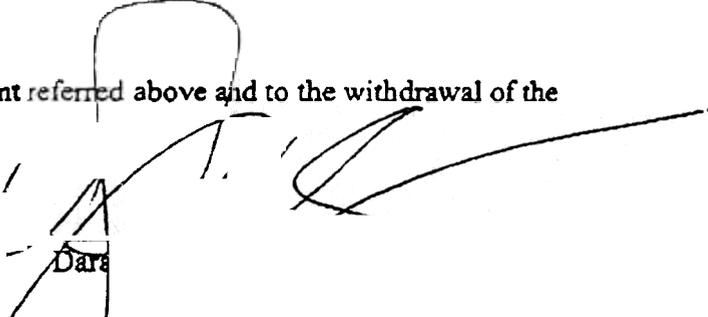
David K. Richter

I hereby agree to the terms of the settlement referred above and to the withdrawal of the Petition in this matter with prejudice.

Date:



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