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JAMES GAGLIANONE, Petitioner) ORDER ADOPTING) INITIAL DECISION AND	
V.)	SETTLEMENT
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY, Respondent	,))	BPU DKT. NO. EC12050359U OAL DKT. NO. PUC 7706-12

Parties of Record:

Michael D. Lindner, Esq., Blumberg & Lindner, on behalf of Petitioner, James Gaglianone **Pamela J. Scott, Esq.**, on behalf of Respondent, Atlantic City Electric Company

BY THE BOARD:

On May 1, 2012, James Gaglianone ("Petitioner") filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") requesting a formal hearing related to a billing dispute with Atlantic City Electric 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") W. Todd Miller.

While this matter was pending at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and entered into and signed a Settlement Agreement ("Settlement") that was submitted to the ALJ. By Initial Decision issued on March 8, 2013, and submitted to the Board on March 22, 2013, to which the Settlement was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Miller 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, and in order to fully resolve this matter, the parties have agreed that Petitioner shall pay a compromise balance of \$7,325.00 to Respondent and Respondent shall accept this compromise amount in full settlement of the dispute. The parties further agreed that Petitioner shall make payments of \$300.00 per month for a period of twenty-three (23) months beginning with the April 2013 bill with the final payment of \$425.15 due April 30, 2015. The parties also agreed that the Settlement is subject to the provisions of Respondent's tariff and the New Jersey Administrative Code regarding late payments and penalties.

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

Accordingly, the Board <u>HEREBY ADOPTS</u> the Initial Decision and the Settlement executed by the parties in their entirety as if fully set forth herein.

DATED: 4/29/13

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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

JAMES GAGLIANONE

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INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 7706-12 AGENCY DKT. NO. EC12050359U

JAMES GAGLIANONE

Petitioner,

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ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY,

Respondent.

Michael D. Lindner, Jr., Esq., for petitioner

Pamela J. Scott, Esq., for respondent

Record Closed: March 8, 2013

Decided: March 8, 2013

BEFORE W. TODD MILLER, ALJ:

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law on JUNE 11. 2012, 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.

The parties have agreed to a settlement and have prepared a Settlement Agreement indicating the terms thereof, which is attached and fully incorporated herein.

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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 and as placed on the record on March 8, 2013.
- 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.

3-8-13 DATE	BRUCE M. GORMAN, ALJ
Date Received at Agency:	
Date Mailed to Parties:	

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