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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Post Office Box 350 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350 www.nj.gov/bpu/

		CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE
GEORGE BOINIDES, Petitioner	)	ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION SETTLEMENT
V.	)	
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY, Respondent	) )	BPU Docket No. EC12070671U OAL Docket No. PUC 14231-12

#### Parties of Record:

**George Boinides**, appearing <u>pro se</u> **Amanda Johnson, Esq**., appearing on behalf of Respondent, Public Service Electric and Gas Company

#### BY THE BOARD:

On July 23, 2012, George Boinides ("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") Richard McGill.

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 May 21, 2013, and submitted to the Board on May 23, 2013, to which the Agreement was attached and made part thereof, ALJ McGill 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 Stipulation, Respondent has agreed to credit Petitioner's second floor apartment account, located at Bloomington, NJ, in the amount of \$1,070.82. After the credit, Petitioner will be left with a \$430.37 balance on the second floor apartment account. Petitioner has agreed to pay the remaining \$430.37 on that account by monthly installments of \$100.00, except for the last installment, and to maintain the account as current by paying bills by the due date shown on each bill.

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

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

DATED: 6/21/13

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

ROBERT M. HANNA

PRESIDENT

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COMMISSIONER

MARY-ANNA HOLDEN

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#### **GEORGE BOINIDES**

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# PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY

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INITIAL DECISION
SETTLEMENT

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AGENCY DKT. NO. EC12070671U

GEORGE BOINIDES,

Petitioner,

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PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY,

Respondent.

George Boinides, pro se

Amanda Johnson, Esq., for respondent

Record Closed: May 20, 2013

Decided: May 21, 2013

## BEFORE RICHARD McGILL, ALJ:

This matter is a billing dispute between George Boinides and Public Service Electric and Gas Company. The matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law on October 19, 2012, for determination as a contested case.

On the hearing day, the parties agreed to an amicable resolution of the matter and submitted a Stipulation of Settlement. Having reviewed the record and the settlement terms, I FIND as follows:

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 The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures or the signatures of their representatives.

2. The settlement fully disposes of all issues in controversy and is consistent with the law.

Therefore, I **CONCLUDE** that the agreement meets the requirements of <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 1:1-19.1 and that the settlement should be approved. Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the parties comply with the terms of the settlement, and it is **FURTHER ORDERED** that the proceeding in this matter 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 (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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