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

<b>HELEN ANGAINE,</b>	)	ORDER ADOPTING
Petitioner	)	INITIAL DECISION
	)	SETTLEMENT
v.	)	
	)	
<b>PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY,</b>	)	BPU DOCKET NO. GC14020173U
Respondent	)	OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 7754-14

**Parties of Record:**

**Helen Angaine**, Petitioner, appearing pro se  
**Sheree L. Kelly, Esq.**, appearing on behalf of Respondent, Public Service Electric and Gas Company

BY THE BOARD<sup>1</sup>:

On February 21, 2014, Helen Angaine (“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 to the William Street residence in Orange, New Jersey.

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 John F. Russo, Jr. (“ALJ”).

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 20, 2015, and submitted to the Board on May 21, 2015, to which the Stipulation was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Russo 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.

<sup>1</sup> Commissioner Upendra J. Chivukula recused himself due to a potential conflict of interest and as such took no part in the discussion or deliberation of this matter.

Pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation, and in order to fully resolve this matter in settlement of the petition filed by Petitioner, the Respondent has agreed to credit the Petitioner's account ending in 333 04 in the amount of \$932.00. Respondent further agreed to credit petitioner's account ending in 704 01 in the amount of \$228.23 and have the credit report removed.

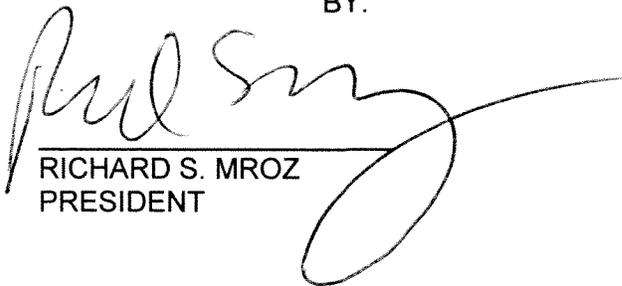
After review of the record and the Stipulation of Settlement of the parties, the Board **HEREBY FINDS** that the parties have voluntarily agreed to the Settlement as evidenced by their signatures and that by the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement, have fully resolved all outstanding contested issues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

Accordingly, the Board **HEREBY ADOPTS** the Initial Decision and the Stipulation of Settlement executed by the parties in their entirety as if fully set forth herein.

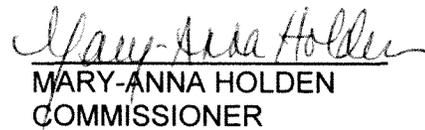
This Order shall be effective on June 26, 2015.

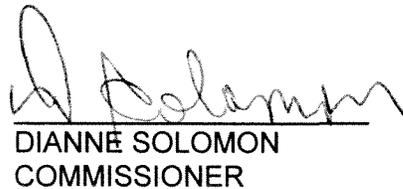
DATED: June 18, 2015

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
BY:

  
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PRESIDENT

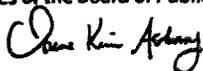
  
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IRENE KIM ASBURY  
SECRETARY

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



HELEN ANGAINE

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State of New Jersey  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 7754-14

AGENCY DKT. NO. GC14020173U

**HELEN ANGAINE,**

Petitioner,

v.

**PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC  
AND GAS COMPANY,**

Respondent.

*Case management*

Helen Angaine, petitioner, pro se

Sheree L. Kelly, Esq. for respondent

Record Closed: May 11, 2015

Decided: May 20, 2015

BEFORE JOHN F. RUSSO, JR., ALJ:

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law on June 23, 2014, 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 Stipulation of Settlement indicating the terms thereof, which is attached and fully incorporated herein.

*Cms*  
*E. Hartsfield*  
*J. Ford*  
*R. Lambert*  
*R. Matos*  
*A. Visco*  
*V. Haynes*  
*D. Lee-Thorne*  
*E. Beslow*  
*J. Gertsman*  
*C. Jordan*  
*DAG*

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 on the attached settlement agreement.
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.

May 20, 2015  
DATE

  
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JOHN F. RUSSO, JR., ALJ

Date Received at Agency:

5-21-15

Date Mailed to Parties:

5-21-15

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Public Service Electric and Gas Company, )  
Respondent )

OAL Docket No. PUC 07754-2014 S  
BPU Docket No. GC14020173U  
  
STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

This matter having been brought before the Office of Administrative Law by the Petitioner, Helen Angaine ("Petitioner"), against Respondent Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Respondent") for utility service rendered by PSE&G to the premises 234 William Street, Orange, NJ (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. PSE&G agrees to credit Petitioner's account ending in 333 04, in the amount of \$932.00.
2. PSE&G agrees to credit Petitioner's account ending in 704 01, in the amount of \$228.23 and have the credit report removed, Petitioner understands this may take 30-45 days.

Petitioner: Helen Angaine

Respondent: PSE&G

H. Angaine

James T. Walsh  
James T. Walsh  
Sr. Customer Relations Consulta...

Date: 05/04/2015

Date: 5-4-2015