



Agenda Date: 7/22/15
Agenda Item: VIIA

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor
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Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350
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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

WILLIAM L. BUNTING, JR.,)	ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL
Petitioner)	DECISION SETTLEMENT
v.)	
)	
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY,)	BPU DOCKET NO. EC14101228U
Respondent)	OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 01081-15

Parties of Record:

William L. Bunting, Jr., Petitioner, pro se
Sheree L. Kelly, Esq., for Respondent, Public Service Electric and Gas Company

BY THE BOARD: ¹

On October 27, 2014, William L. Bunting, Jr. ("Petitioner") filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") requesting a hearing pertaining to a billing dispute for utility services provided by Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("Respondent"). The Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") on January 16, 2015 for hearing as a contested case. The matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") John S. Kennedy.

While this matter was pending at the OAL, the parties met and entered into and signed a Stipulation of Settlement ("Stipulation") which was submitted to the ALJ. By Initial Decision issued on June 16, 2015, and received by the Board on June 17, 2015, ALJ Kennedy found that the stipulation was voluntary, disposed of all outstanding issues and conformed with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1. A copy of the Stipulation was attached to and made part of the Initial Decision.

Pursuant to the Stipulation, the Respondent has agreed to credit the disputed amount of \$615.12 to the account ending in 03108 at Petitioner's premises leaving a zero balance. In return, Petitioner will contact Respondent regarding deactivating utility services when a tenant vacates the premises to ensure that no billing takes place, although applicable charges will be applied if Petitioner agrees to transfer service into his name.

¹ 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.

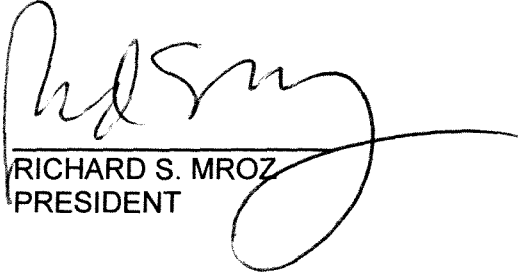
After review of the record in this matter, the Board **HEREBY FINDS** that the Stipulation of the parties is reasonable and resolves all outstanding issues. Accordingly, the Board **HEREBY ADOPTS** the Initial Decision and Stipulation of Settlement in their entirety as if set forth at length herein.

This order shall be effective on August 1, 2015.

DATED:

July 23, 2015

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
BY:



RICHARD S. MROZ
PRESIDENT



JOSEPH L. FIORDALISO
COMMISSIONER

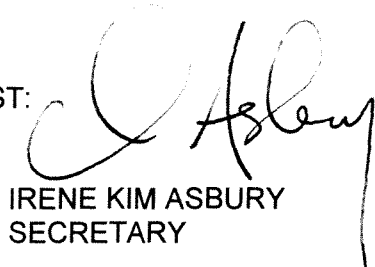


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COMMISSIONER



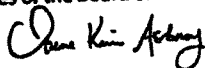
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SECRETARY

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



WILLIAM L. BUNTING, JR.
Petitioner

v.

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY,
Respondent

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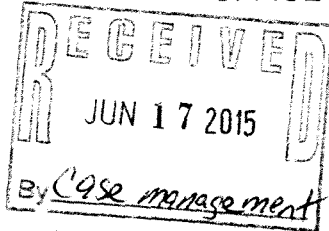
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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW



INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

(CORRECTED)

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 01081-15

AGENCY DKT. NO. EC14101228U

WILLIAM L. BUNTING, JR.,

Petitioner,

v.

**PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND
GAS COMPANY,**

Respondent.

William L. Bunting, Jr., petitioner, pro se

Sheree L. Kelly, Esq., for respondent

C. Jordan

Record Closed: June 4, 2015

Decided: June 16, 2015

BEFORE JOHN S. KENNEDY, ALJ:

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law on January 22, 2015, 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.

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.
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.

Within thirteen days from the date on which this recommended decision was mailed to the parties, any party may file written exceptions with the **SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, 44 South Clinton Avenue, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350**, marked "Attention: Exceptions." A copy of any exceptions must be sent to the judge and to the other parties.

June 16, 2015
DATE



JOHN S. KENNEDY, ALJ

Date Received at Agency:

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Date Mailed to Parties:

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STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

This matter having been brought before the Office of Administrative Law by the Petitioner, William L. Bunting ("Petitioner"), against Respondent Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Respondent") for utility service rendered by PSE&G to the premises, 266 Witherspoon Street, Princeton Twp. NJ 08542 (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 the disputed amount of \$615.12 to the account ending in 03108 at 266 Witherspoon St, Princeton Twp. N.J. leaving a zero balance.
2. In the future, Petitioner will contact respondent regarding deactivating utility services when a tenant vacates the premises to ensure no billing takes place. Applicable charges will be applied if Petitioner agrees to transfer service into his name.

Petitioner: William L. Bunting

Respondent: PSE&G

By: William L. Bunting

By: James T. Walsh
James T. Walsh
Sr. Customer Relations Consultant

Date: 5/28/15

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