



Agenda Date: 1/25/17  
Agenda Item: VIIA

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

**AUM VITHTHAL, LLC**  
Petitioner

v.

**PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY**  
Respondent

ORDER ADOPTING  
INITIAL DECISION SETTLEMENT

BPU Docket No. EC16030249U  
OAL Docket No. PUC 08689-16

**Parties of Record:**

**T.R. Suratwala**, for Aum Vitththal, LLC, Petitioner  
**Samuel A. Wolfe, Esq.**, for Respondent, Public Service Electric & Gas, Company

**BY THE BOARD:**

On March 18, 2016 Aum Vitththal LLC ("Petitioner") filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") related to a billing dispute with Public Service Electric & Gas ("PSE&G" or "Respondent") for electric services rendered by Respondent to the Petitioner.

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") John P. Scollo.

The parties subsequently voluntarily agreed to resolve the matter and entered into a signed Stipulation of Settlement ("Stipulation") that was submitted to the ALJ. By Initial Decision issued on December 14, 2016, and submitted to the Board on the same day, to which the Stipulation was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Scollo 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 terms of the Stipulation and in order to fully resolve this matter, PSE&G agreed to issue a credit on the petitioner's electric bill for \$19,577.75 for the account ending in 22 00. Petitioner has agreed to pay the remaining unpaid balance of \$116, 523.75 over 24 consecutive months starting with the December 13, 2016 billing. Petitioner also agrees to have its electric meter changed.

After review of the Initial Decision and the Stipulation, 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, they have fully resolved all outstanding contested issues in this matter. Accordingly, the Board **HEREBY ADOPTS** the Initial Decision and the Stipulation executed by the parties in their entirety as if fully set forth herein.

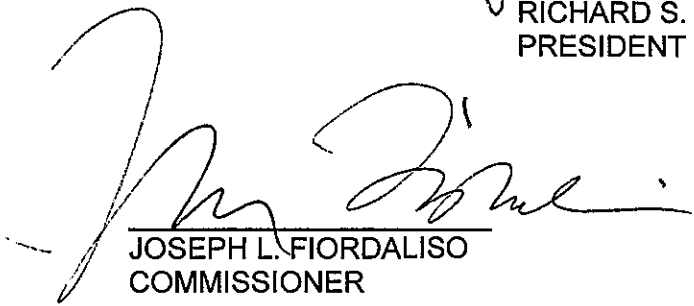
The effective date of this Order is February 4, 2017.

DATED: 1/25/17

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
BY:



RICHARD S. MROZ  
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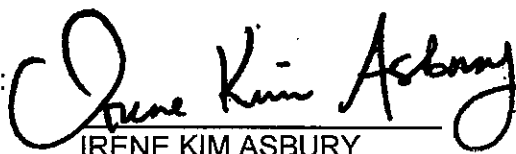
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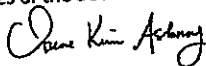
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COMMISSIONER

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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



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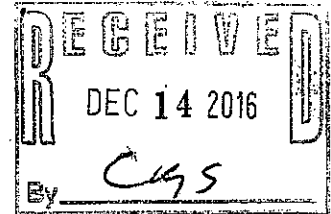
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**INITIAL DECISION**

**SETTLEMENT**

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Respondent.

**T.R. Suratwala**, for Aum Viththal, LLC, Petitioner, pro se

**Samuel A. Wolfe, Esq.**, for respondent

Record Closed: December 5, 2016

Decided: December 14, 2016

BEFORE: **JOHN P. SCOLLO, ALJ:**

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law on June 13, 2016 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.

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The parties have agreed to settle this matter and have prepared the attached Stipulation of Settlement indicating the terms of the settlement.

I have reviewed the record and the settlement terms and **FIND:**

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

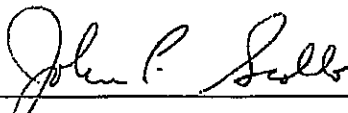
I **CONCLUDE** that the agreement meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1 and that the settlement shall be approved. Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the parties comply with the settlement terms and that the proceedings in this matter hereby are concluded.

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.

December 14, 2016 \_\_\_\_\_

DATE

  
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JOHN P. SCOLLO, ALJ

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December 1, 2016

Honorable John Scollo  
Office of Administrative Law  
33 Washington Street  
Newark, NJ 07102

Re: Aum Viththal, LLC v. PSE&G  
BPU Docket No.: EC16030249U  
OAL Docket No.: PUC 08689-2016 N

Dear Judge Scollo:

Enclosed please find a signed Stipulation of Settlement with reference to the above-captioned matter. Accordingly, please cancel the hearing scheduled for December 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel A. Wolfe", written over a horizontal line.

Samuel A. Wolfe

SAW/jb  
Enclosure

cc: T.R. Suratwala (w/enc.)  
James T. Walsh (w/enc.)

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**STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT**

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On or about March 11, 2016, Petitioner Aum Viththal LLC filed a petition in the above-referenced billing dispute.

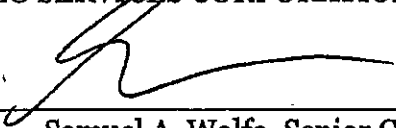
In the interests of resolving this matter without further delay, extensive effort, and costs, the parties hereto agreed to settle this matter in accordance with the following terms:

1. PSE&G agrees to issue a credit on Petitioner's electric bill, in the amount of \$19,577.75 on the account number ending in 22 00.
2. Petitioner agrees to pay the remaining balance of \$116,523.75, over 24 consecutive months starting with the December 13, 2016 billing.
3. At the end of the payment arrangement customer will have a zero balance.
4. Petitioner agrees to have its electric meter changed. Petitioner has the option of having its gas meter changed. Petitioner also has the option to have the Board of Public Utilities witness the testing of the gas meter.
5. This Agreement fully resolves and settles all disputes with respect to PSE&G electric and gas bills for Petitioner's premises, from May 1, 2009 through the date of execution of this stipulation; Respondent and Petitioner agree that no claims or grievances can be later adjudicated relating thereto.

6. The undersigned agree that this Settlement contains mutually balancing and interdependent provisions and is intended to be accepted and approved in its entirety.

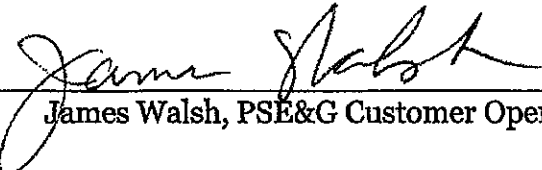
PSEG SERVICES CORPORATION

DATED: 12/1/2016

By:   
Samuel A. Wolfe, Senior Counsel

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS CO.

DATED: 11-30-16

By:   
James Walsh, PSE&G Customer Operations

DATED: 1/30/2016

By:   
T.R. Suratwala, Petitioner