

The case was assigned to Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") Tama B. Hughes.

The parties subsequently voluntarily agreed to resolve the matter and entered into a signed Settlement and Release Agreement ("Settlement") that was submitted to the ALJ on June 20, 2018. Petitioner and SJG also submitted a Stipulation of Dismissal with Prejudice to the ALJ on June 20, 2018.

Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement, and in order to fully resolve this matter, SJG applied two credits to Petitioner's account in the total amount of \$350.00. After the credits are applied, Petitioner agreed to pay the remaining \$267.78 balance by making payments of \$44.63 per month for the next six (6) months, plus current charges.

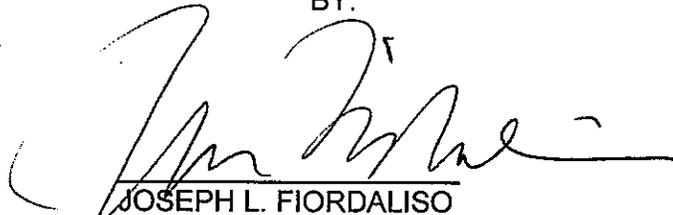
By Initial Decision issued on June 26, 2018, and submitted to the Board on June 29, 2018, ALJ Hughes found that the Stipulation was voluntary, that its terms fully disposed of all issues in controversy and that it satisfied the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1.

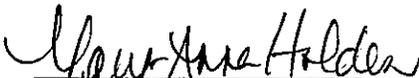
After review of the Initial Decision and the Settlement, the Board **HEREBY FINDS** that the parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures and that, by the terms of the Settlement, they have fully resolved all outstanding contested issues in this matter. Accordingly, the Board **HEREBY ADOPTS** the Initial Decision and the Settlement executed by the parties in their entirety as if fully set forth herein.

The effective date of this Order is August 4, 2018.

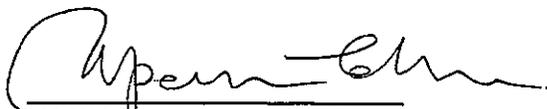
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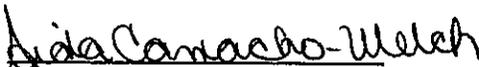

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BPU DOCKET NO. GC18020152U
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INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 04851-18

AGENCY DKT. NO. GC18020152U

NORMAN PENDERGHEST,

Petitioner,

v.

SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY,

Respondent.

Norman Penderghest, pro se

Van L. McPherson, III., Esq., for respondent

Record Closed: June 20, 2018

Decided: June 26, 2018

BEFORE TAMA B. HUGHES, ALJ:

Petitioner, Norman Penderghest, disputes charges on his gas bill. On April 3, 2018, this matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law 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 entered into successful settlement negotiations. As a result, the parties have filed a Settlement and Release Agreement (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 the Settlement Agreement and I
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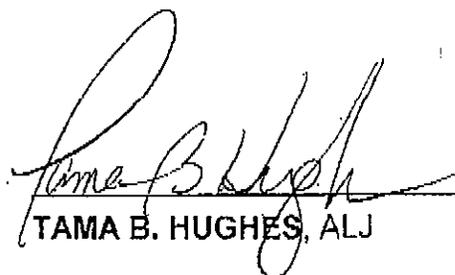
1. The parties have voluntarily agreed to the Settlement Agreement as evidenced by their signatures or their representatives' signatures.
2. The Settlement Agreement fully disposes of all issues in controversy and is consistent with the law.

I **CONCLUDE** that the Settlement Agreement meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1 and that the Settlement Agreement should be approved. I approve the Settlement Agreement 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.

June 26, 2018
DATE


TAMA B. HUGHES, ALJ

Date Received at Agency: 6-29-18

Date Mailed to Parties:

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