



**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**Board of Public Utilities**  
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**Newark, NJ 07102**  
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ROBERT BODNER, d/b/a LAUNDRY FRESH  
OF NORTH BERGEN, PETITIONER, v.  
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS  
COMPANY, RESPONDENT

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ORDER ADOPTING  
INITIAL DECISION  
SETTLEMENT

BPU Docket No. GC06090642U  
OAL Docket No. PUC11220-06

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD<sup>1</sup>

On September 8, 2006, Robert Bodner, d/b/a Laundry Fresh of North Bergen (Petitioner) filed a petition with the Board disputing the bill of Public Service Electric and Gas Company (Respondent) in the amount of \$19,019.21 for gas service provided during the months of September 2005, through February 2006.

After the filing of Respondent's answer, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on October 30, 2006,<sup>2</sup> for hearing and initial disposition as a contested case pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14-B-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 et seq. The matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Walter M. Braswell.

While this matter was pending at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and reached a settlement that was submitted to the ALJ. By Initial Decision submitted to the Board on March 22, 2007, to which the settlement was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Braswell found that the agreement was voluntary, that its terms fully disposed of all issues in controversy and that it met the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1.

Pursuant to the terms of the settlement, Respondent will issue credits to the Petitioner in the amount of \$5,412.97 reflecting: (1) a credit of \$1,115.10 for late payment and field collection

<sup>1</sup> Commissioner Frederick F. Butler did not participate in the deliberation or vote on this matter.

<sup>2</sup> The date of November 17, 2006, referenced in the Initial Decision was the date of the Notice of Filing of Contested Case issued by OAL, not the date of the transmittal of this matter to OAL by the Board.

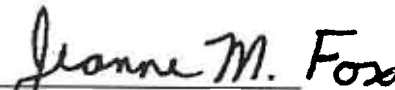
charges; (2) a credit of \$1,000.00 for reimbursement of plumbing charges; and (3) the elimination of \$3,297.87 for gas charges. The balance to be paid by Petitioner when due.

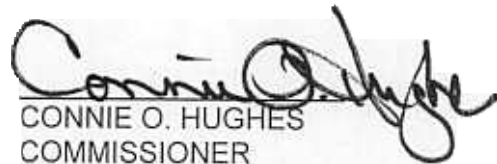
After review and consideration, the Board FINDS that the terms of the settlement are fair and reasonable. Therefore, the Board HEREBY ADOPTS the Initial Decision and the Settlement Agreement in their entirety, incorporating the terms thereof into this final decision as if fully set forth at length herein.

DATED:


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BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
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COMMISSIONER

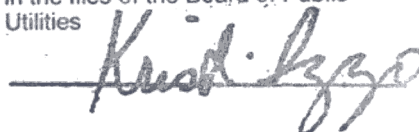
  
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COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
KRISTI IZZO  
SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within  
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v  
Public Service Electric And Gas Company

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**ROBERT BODNER d/b/a LAUNDRY  
FRESH OF NORTH BERGEN**

Petitioner,

v.

**PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS  
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Respondent.

Robert Bodner, pro se., for petitioner

Thomas P. Thackson, Esq., for respondents, (*PSE&G Services Corporation*)

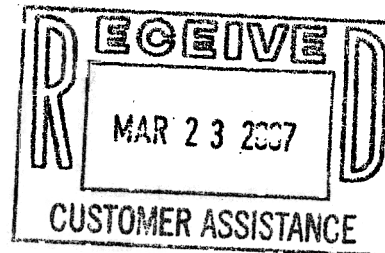
Record Closed: March 14, 2007

Decided: March 14, 2007

BEFORE, **WALTER M. BRASWELL**, ALJ:

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on November 17, 2006, for resolution as a contested case pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 to -15 and N.J.S.A. 52:14F1 to -13.

A hearing was scheduled on March 6, 2007. Prior to the hearing respondent's attorney informed the undersigned, via fax, that the parties reached a settlement and requested the matter be adjourned. A Settlement Agreement was prepared and executed indicating the terms of agreement, which are incorporated herein by reference.



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Having reviewed the record and the settlement terms, I **FIND**:

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

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, 2 Gateway Center, Newark, NJ 07102**, marked "Attention: Exceptions." A copy of any exceptions must be sent to the judge and to the other parties.

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Walter M. Braswell  
WALTER M. BRASWELL, A

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March 9, 2007

Honorable Walter Braswell  
Office of Administrative Law  
33 Washington Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Newark, NJ 07102

Re: Robert Bodner d/b/a Laundry Fresh of North Bergen v. PSEG  
Docket No. BC06090642U  
Stipulation of Settlement

Dear Judge Braswell:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Stipulation of Settlement in connection with the above-referenced matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sheree L. Kelly", written over a horizontal line.

Sheree L. Kelly

SLK/jb  
Enclosure

cc: Robert Bodner  
Edward B. Sullivan

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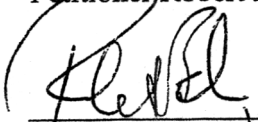
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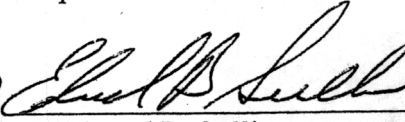
This matter having been brought before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities by the Petitioner Robert Bodner D/B/A Laundry Fresh of North Bergen ("Petitioner"), against Respondent Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Respondent") (Petitioner and PSE&G collectively the "Parties") for service rendered by PSE&G to the Petitioner at 6113 Kennedy Blvd., North Bergen, New Jersey 07047, and the Parties having agreed to settle this matter hereby set forth the terms and conditions of their settlement agreement as follows:

- PSE&G will issue a credit on the Petitioner's bill for \$1,115.10 reflecting a credit for late payment and field collection charges.
2. PSE&G will issue a credit on the Petitioner's bill for \$1,000 reflecting a credit and reimbursement for plumbing costs.
3. PSE&G will eliminate gas charges of \$3,297.87
4. The total credit to be issued by PSE&G is \$5,412.97.

Petitioner Robert Bodner

Respondent PSE&G

  
By Robert Bodner, DATE 3/1/07

  
By Edward B. Sullivan, DATE 3/1/07  
Manager Customer Operations





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