

plus current charges over a period of twelve (12) months. Payments shall be due in full on the date specified on the invoice submitted to Petitioner and failure to follow this installment plan will void the Stipulation and the remaining charges shall be due in full.

After review of the Initial Decision and the Stipulation of Settlement of the parties, the Board **HEREBY FINDS** that the parties have voluntarily agreed to the Stipulation 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.

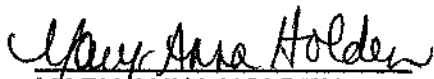
Accordingly, the Board **HEREBY ADOPTS** the Initial Decision and Stipulation of Settlement executed by the parties in their entirety as if set forth at length herein.

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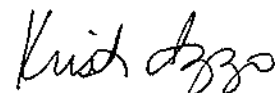
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public Utilities



AUGUSTINE UKEACHU

V.

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY

BPU DOCKET NO. EC12080793U
OAL DOCKET NO. PUC14228-12

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CASE MANAGEMENT

INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 14228-12

AGENCY DKT. NO. EC12080793U

AUGUSTINE UKEACHU,

Petitioner,

v.

**PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC
AND GAS COMPANY,**

Respondent.

Augustine Ukeachu, petitioner, pro se

Amanda Johnson, Esq., for respondent

Record Closed: July 17, 2013

Decided: July 17, 2013

BEFORE LELAND S. MCGEE, ALJ:

On October 19, 2012, this matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for hearing 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. A hearing date was scheduled for July 17, 2013. During the pendency of the case at the OAL, the parties reached a Settlement. A Settlement Agreement was prepared and executed indicating the terms of the agreement, which are incorporated herein by reference.

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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 agreement or their representatives' agreement as set forth above.
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.

July 17, 2013
DATE


LELAND S. MCGEE, ALJ

Date Received at Agency: July 17, 2013

Date Mailed to Parties: _____

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Attachment

Stipulation of Settlement

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Augustine Ukeachu,
Petitioner,

v.

Public Service Electric and Gas Company,
Respondent.

BPU Docket No. E42080793
OAL Docket No. PUC14228-243

On or about August 30, 2012, Petitioner, Augustine Ukeachu ("Petitioner") filed the above-referenced billing dispute. Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Respondent") filed an Answer to Petitioner's petition and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("NJ BPU" or "Board") transmitted the matter to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") as a contested case for adjudication.

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 will apply a \$400.00 credit to Petitioner arrears balance of \$819.61. The arrears balance will then be \$419.61.
2. Petitioner will pay the arrears balance of \$419.61 in installment payments of \$35.00 a month plus current charges over a period of 12 months. Payments are due in full on the dates specified on Petitioner's monthly invoices. Failure to follow the installment plan will void this agreement and charges will be due in full.
3. The undersigned agree that this Settlement

contains mutually balancing and interdependent provisions and is intended to be accepted and approved in its entirety. In the event any particular aspect of this Settlement is not accepted and approved by the Board or modified by the Board, the party that is adversely affected by the modification can either accept the modification or declare this Settlement to be null and void, and the parties shall be placed in the same position that they were in immediately prior to its execution.

Public Service Electric and Gas Company

Edward Sullivan

Edward Sullivan

7/17/13

Date

PSEG Services Corporation

Amanda Johnson

Amanda Johnson, Esq.
Counsel for Respondent

7/17/13

Date

Augustine Ukechue

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Petitioner

7/17/13

Date

MIDLAND FUNDING NEW JERSEY JUDICIARY

Plaintiff

FILING FEE WAIVER REQUEST

Based on Inability to Pay

vs.

AUGUSTINE UKRACHY

Defendant

This waiver is only applicable to the courts filing fees for this case. It does not cover fees to outside agencies. I.E., Court Officers, The Post Office, Transcripts & The Star Ledger.

Applicant's Name:		Docket Number:
Last: UKRACHY	First: AUGUSTINE	DC 013555-12
Home Address:		Home Phone #:
Street: 61 MYRTLE AVE Apt. No.: B2		(862) 368-8009
City: IRVINGTON State: NJ Zip: 07111		Number of Dependents

I, AUGUSTINE UKRACHY, am over the age of 18 and request no court fee be charged as I am without funds to pay the fee. I am a (check one) Plaintiff Defendant in the following court: Civil Special Civil Part General Equity Probate

The following are facts about my financial condition. My income before taxes is:

Salary (per month): \$ 0	Other Income (per month): \$ 210.00 FOOD STAMP / STIPEND
Specify source of other income, including six months of prisoners' account statements in accordance with N.J.S.A. 30:4-16.3 (per month): FOOD STAMP / STIPEND	

The following is a complete list of everything I own and owe, as far as I know:

Own	Amount \$	Owe (per month)	Amount \$
Money in any bank accounts	-0-	Rent/mortgage	950.00
Automobiles	300.00	Food	205
Real estate	-0-	Utilities	200
Insurance with cash value	-0-	Alimony/child support	-0-
Money owed to me	-0-	Auto payment	-0-
Other (specify)		Other (specify)	-0-
TOTALS	0	TOTALS	1150.00

Please attach documents as to income (pay stubs, welfare documents, unemployment documents, last bank statement, etc.)

I certify the statements made by me in this document are true and that my proposed pleading is attached. I understand that if I give any false information, I may be punished by the court.

I am signing this statement to explain to the court why I am unable to pay any court fees in this lawsuit. (Rule 1:13-2(a))

Fee Waived: Yes No

Signature (Applicant): [Signature]
 Date: 8/10/2012
 Print Name: AUGUSTINE UKRACHY

Signature (Judge): [Signature]
 Date: 8/10/12
 Print Name: CAROLYN L. WELCH