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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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| Mohamed K Conteh, appearing pro se | | |
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| Parties of Record: | | |
| Respondent. |) | |
| PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY, |) | BPU Dkt. No. GC10070484U OAL Dkt. No. PUC9427-10 |
| V. |) | BBU BU N. GO (GOTTO IO III) |
| Petitioner, |) | DECISION SETTLEMENT |
| MOHAMED K. CONTEH, |) | ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL |
| | | CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE |

BY THE BOARD:

On July 20, 2010, Mohamed K. Conteh ("Petitioner") filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") requesting a formal hearing related to a billing dispute with Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("Respondent") for utility services rendered by Respondent.

Sheree L. Kelly, Esq., Public Service Electric and Gas Company

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") Kimberly A. Moss.

While this matter was pending at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and entered into and signed a Stipulation of Settlement ("Stipulation") that was submitted to the ALJ. By Initial Decision issued on June 23, 2011, and submitted to the Board on June 30, 2011, to which the Stipulation was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Moss 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, which was intended to resolve all outstanding issues, Respondent agreed to credit Petitioner's account in the amount of \$2,447.20 leaving a balance of \$208.19. In return, Petitioner agreed to pay the \$208.19 in two payments: \$105.00 plus the current bill by the end of June 2011; and \$103.19

plus the current bill, by the end of July 2011 Petitioner further agreed to continue to pay all forthcoming bills on time.

After review of the record and the Stipulation of Settlement of the parties, the Board <u>HEREBY FINDS</u> that the parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement 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.

The Board <u>HEREBY ORDERS</u> the adoption of the Initial Decision and the Stipulation of Settlement executed by the parties in their entirety as fully set forth herein.

DATED: 7/14/11

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

BY:

LEE A. SOLOMON PRESIDENT

JEANNE M. FOX COMMISSIONER

OSEPH L. FIORDALISO COMMISSIONER

NICHOLAS ASSELTA COMMISSIONER

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INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 09427-10

AGENCY DKT. NO. GC10070484U

MOHAMMED K. CONTEH.,

Petitioner.

V.

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY,

Respondent.

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Mohammed K. Coneth, petitioner, pro se

Sheree Kelly, Esq. on behalf of respondent (PSE&G Services Corporation)

Record Closed: June 23, 201

Decided: June 23, 2011

BEFORE KIMBERLY A. MOSS, ALJ

On August 26, 2010, 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 telephone prehearing was scheduled and conducted on September 20, 2010. Several status conferences were conducted, the last one being April 26, 2010 during which time the parties agreed to a hearing date. A hearing was scheduled for June 14, 2010. During the pendency of the hearing the parties reached a settlement. On June 23, 2011 the undersigned received the Stipulation of Settlement, which are incorporated herein by reference.

have reviewed the record and terms of the Stipulation of Settlement and FIND:

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

The settlement fully disposes of all issues in controversy and is consistent with law.

I CONCLUDE that the agreement meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1 and therefore, it is ORDERED that the parties comply with the settlement terms and that these proceedings be and are hereby 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 (45) 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.

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| DATE | KIMBERLY A. MOSS, ALJ |
| Date Received at Agency: | |
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| Mohammed K. Conteh |) OAL Docket No. PUC 09427-2010N |
| Petitioner |) BPU Docket No. GC10070484U |
| V . |) |
| • |) STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT |
| Public Service Electric and Gas Company, |) |
| Respondent |) |
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This matter having been brought before the Office of Administrative Law by the Petitioner, Mohammed K. Conteh ("Petitioner"), against Respondent Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Respondent") for utility service rendered by PSE&G to the premises 103 Myrtle Avenue, Jersey City, NJ, 07305 (the "Property") and the Parties having agreed to settle this matter, hereby set forth the terms and conditions of their settlement agreement as follows:

- Petitioner's current balance is \$2,655.39 on account no. 66
- 2. PSE&G agrees to credit Petitioner's account for \$2,447.20, leaving a balance of \$208.19.
- Petitioner agrees to pay the \$208.19 in two payments. \$105.00 plus current bill by the end of June 2011 and \$103.19 plus current bill by the end of July 2011.
- 4. Petitioner agrees to continue to pay all forthcoming bills on time.

Petitioner: Mohammed K. Conteh

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Date: 4/16/2011

Respondent: PSE&G

Edward B. Sullivan

Manager, Customer Operations

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