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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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		CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE
732 GREELEY AVENUE CONDO ASSOCIATION CORP Petitioner V. UNITED WATER NEW JERSEY, INC.,)))	ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION SETTLEMENT BPU DKT. NO. WC11010011U
Respondent)	OAL DKT. NO. PUC04175-11

Parties of Record:

Greg Trinks, Treasurer, on behalf of 732 Greeley Avenue Condo Association Corp. **John P. Wallace, Esq.**, on behalf of United Water New Jersey, Inc.

BY THE BOARD:

On January 11, 2011, 732 Greeley Avenue Condo Association Corp. ("Petitioner") filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") requesting a formal hearing related to a billing dispute with United Water New Jersey, Inc. ("Respondent") pertaining to private fire protection charges.

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") Jesse H. Strauss.

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 July 15, 2011, and submitted to the Board on July 20, 2011, to which the Stipulation was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Strauss 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, Respondent has agreed to credit Petitioner's account in the amount of \$1,860.28 for fire protection charges and, in return, Petitioner has agreed that its petition be withdrawn.

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.

Accordingly, the Board <u>HEREBY ADOPTS</u> the Initial Decision and the Stipulation of Settlement executed by the parties in their entirety as if fully set forth herein.

DATED: 8/18/11

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

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ATTEST:

CARMEN DIAZ
ACTING SECRETARY

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

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732 GREELEY AVENUE CONDO ASSOCIATION CORP.

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UNITED WATER NEW JERSEY, INC.

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INITIAL DECISION
SETTLEMENT

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732 GREELEY AVENUE CONDO ASSOCIATON CORP.,

Petitioner.

V.

UNITED WATER NEW JERSEY,

Respondent.

Greg Trinks, Treasurer for petitioner

John P. Wallace, Esq., for respondent

Record Closed: July 12, 2011

Decided: July 15, 2011

BEFORE JESSE H. STRAUSS, ALJ:

The Board of Public Utilities transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on April 8, 2011 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 reached an amicable resolution of the matter, and submitted the Settlement Agreement indicating the terms thereof, which is attached and fully incorporated herein.

Having reviewed the record and the settlement terms, I FIND

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

I CONCLUDE that this agreement meets the requirements of <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 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 15, 2011	gran A. Law
DATE	JESSE H. STRAUSS, ALJ
Date Received at Agency:	
Date Mailed to Parties:	

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Petitioner,

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AGENCY REF. NO.: WC11010011U

UNITED WATER NEW JERSEY, :

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

Respondent.

The parties to this matter having reached a settlement with respect to the above matter, which relates to disputed private fire protection charges by Respondent of \$3,720.56 for Account , premises at 732 Greeley Avenue, Fairview, New Jersey,

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Respondent, United Water New Jersey, will credit the sum of \$1,860.28 for fire protection charges at premises located at 732 Greeley Avenue, Fairview, New Jersey. . and the control of th
- Petitioner agrees that the petition in the above matter be and same is hereby withdrawn.

Dated: July 6, 2011

732 GREELEY AVE. CONDO

ASSOCIATION CORP., Petitioner

GREG TRINKS, Treasurer

Attorney for Respondent, UNITED WATER NEW JERSEY