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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities 44 S. Clinton Avenue – P.O. Box 350 Trenton, NJ 08625 www.nj.gov/bpu/

		CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE
PRAVIN M. KHANDARE, Petitioner)	ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION SETTLEMENT
V)	
NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, Respondent)	DDI DIA NA MOAGAAGGETIA
respondent)	BPU Dkt. No. WC10110877U OAL Dkt. No. PUC 4983-11
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Pravin M. Khandare, Petitioner, appearing pro se

Robert J. Brabston, Esq., on behalf of Respondent, New Jersey American Water Company

BY THE BOARD:

On November 29, 2010, Pravin M. Khandare ("Petitioner") filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") requesting a formal hearing related to a billing dispute with New Jersey American Water Company ("Respondent") for utility services rendered by Respondent.

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") Leland S. McGee.

While this matter was pending at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and entered into and signed an agreement that was submitted to the ALJ. By Initial Decision issued on September 28, 2011, and submitted to the Board on October 5, 2011, to which the agreement was attached and made part thereof, ALJ McGee found that the agreement 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 agreement, Respondent has agreed to reimburse Petitioner in the amount of \$2,500.00 in full and complete settlement of the issues related to this matter.

After review of the record and the agreement of the parties, the Board HEREBY FINDS that the parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures, consistent with the law, and by the terms of the agreement, have fully resolved all outstanding contested issues in this matter.

Accordingly, the Board HEREBY ADOPTS the Initial Decision and the agreement executed by the parties in their entirety as if fully set forth herein.

DATED: (//9/(/

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

LEE A. SOLOMON **PRESIDENT**

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ATTEST:

SECRETARY

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

Utilities

PRAVIN M. KHANDARE

V.

NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

BPU DOCKET NO. WC10110877U OAL DOCKET NO. PUC4983-11

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INITIAL DECISION
SETTLEMENT

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 4983-11
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PRAVIN M. KHANDARE,

Petitioner,

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NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER COMPANY,

Respondent.

Pravin M. Khandare, petitioner, pro se

Robert J. Brabston, Esq., for respondent

Record Closed: September 22, 2011 Decided: September 28, 2011

BEFORE LELAND S. MCGEE, ALJ:

On May 4, 2011, 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 August 22, 2011. 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.

Attachment

have reviewed the record and the terms of settlement and FIND:

The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their agreement or their representatives' agreement as set forth above.

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.

September 28, 2011 DATE	LELAND S. MCGEE, ALJ
Date Received at Agency:	
Date Mailed to Parties:	



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September 9, 2011

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Re:

Pravin M. Khandare v. NJAW BPU Docket No. WC10110877U

OAL Docket No. PUC 04983-2011N

Dear Mr. Khandare:

This will confirm the agreement made between you and New Jersey American Water Company ("NJAWC") on August 22, 2011, before the Honorable Leland McGee wherein NJAWC agreed to issue you a check in the amount of \$2,500 in full and complete settlement of your petition in the above referenced matter.

Please sign and date the copy of this letter provided acknowledging your acceptance of these settlement terms and return it in the enclosed, self-addressed stamped envelope at your earliest convenience. NJAWC will then issue the check and provide the signed acknowledgment to Judge McGee so that this matter can be removed from the docket.

Very truly yours

Robert J. Brabston

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cc: Hon. Leland S. McGee, ALJ (via regular mail, w/out enc.)

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Accepted by Pravin M. Khandare, Petitioner

Date: 9/16/11



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September 20, 2011

Via Facsimile and Regular Mail

Hon. Leland S. McGee, ALJ Office of Administrative Law 33 Washington Street Newark, New Jersey 07102

Re: Pravin M. Khandare v. NJAW

BPU Docket No. WC10110877U OAL Docket No. PUC 04983-2011N

Dear Judge McGee:

As Your Honor may recall, New Jersey American Water Company has amicably resolved this matter with the petitioner, Mr. Khandare. Enclosed is a copy of our September 9, 2011 letter to Mr. Khandare outlining the terms of the settlement as signed and accepted by Mr. Khandare on September 16, 2011.

If the attached acknowledgement of settlement is acceptable to Your Honor, we look forward to receipt of an Initial Decision accepting the settlement of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Brabston

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cc: Mr. Pravin M. Khandare (via regular mail, w/enc.)