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GLADYS SPIVEY,	)	ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL
Petitioner	)	DECISION
v.	ý	
	)	BPU DKT. NO. EC12090851U
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY, Respondent	)	OAL DKT. NO. PUC16170-12

#### Parties of Record:

Gladys Spivey, appearing <u>pro</u> <u>se</u>
Sheree L. Kelly, Esq., for the Respondent Public Service Electric and Gas Company

### BY THE BOARD:

On September 21, 2012, Gladys Spivey (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 electric and gas utility services rendered by Respondent.

After receiving Respondent's answer, the Board transmitted the matter to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for an evidentiary 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) Tiffany M. Williams. While this matter was pending at the OAL, the parties entered into and signed a Settlement Agreement (Agreement) that was submitted to ALJ Williams. On April 10, 2013, ALJ Williams issued an initial decision concluding that the Agreement satisfied the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1 because she found the terms of settlement were voluntarily entered into, fully disposed of all issues in controversy, and were consistent with law.

The Agreement states Petitioner agrees to pay \$2,952.00 of the disputed amount of \$7,177.20. The settled amount shall be paid in monthly installments of \$35.15 plus current bills beginning with Petitioner's May 2013 bill. The monthly installments are scheduled to continue for eighty-four months, until the settled amount is satisfied.

Upon review of the record and the applicable law, 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 Agreement fully resolve all contested issues in this matter.

Accordingly, the Board HEREBY ADOPTS the Initial Decision in its entirety.

DATED:

4/29/13

**BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES** 

BY:

ROBERT M. HANNA

**PRESIDENT** 

JEANNE M. FOX COMMISSIONER

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#### **GLADYS SPIVEY**

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# PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY

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# **INITIAL DECISION SETTLEMENT**

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 16170-12 AGENCY DKT. EC12090851U

GLADYS SPIVEY,

Petitioner,

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PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY,

Respondent.

Gladys Spivey, petitioner pro se

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

Record Closed: April 8, 2013

Decided: April 8, 2013

BEFORE TIFFANY M. WILLIAMS, ALJ:

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law on December 7, 2012, 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. On April 8, 2013 the matter was scheduled for hearing, at which time, the matter was settled.

The parties have agreed to a settlement and have prepared a settlement agreement indicating the terms thereof, which is attached and fully incorporated herein.

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

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

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.

April 8, 2013	TIFFANY M. WILLIAMS, ALJ
Date Received at Agency:	
Date Mailed to Parties:	

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