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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

) OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 15641-13

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor Post Office Box 350 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350 www.nj.gov/bpu/

JOHN K. DOMICI, JR. / GENERAL TOOL SPECIALTIES, INC., Petitioner)	ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION SETTLEMENT
V.)	
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY,)	BPU DOCKET NO. EC13080763U

Parties of Record:

Respondent

Robert J. Ferb, Esq., on behalf of Petitioner, John K. Domici, Jr./General Tool Specialties Inc. **Sheree L. Kelly, Esq.,** appearing on behalf of Respondent, Public Service Electric and Gas Company

BY THE BOARD:

On August 23, 2013, John K. Domici, Jr., / General Tool Specialties, Inc. ("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.

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") Ronald W. Reba.

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 January 13, 2014 and submitted to the Board on January 16, 2014, to which the Stipulation was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Reba 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 Stipulation, the parties have agreed that the amount in dispute is \$26,813.71. Respondent has agreed to accept \$13,406.85 in full as final settlement of the disputed amount. In return, Petitioner has agreed: (1) to pay \$744.72 per month for a period of 18 months, until the \$13,406.85 is paid in full; and (2) to withdraw the Petition filed in this matter.

After review of the Initial Decision and the Stipulation of Settlement of the parties, the Board <u>HEREBY FINDS</u> 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 <u>HEREBY ADOPTS</u> the Initial Decision and Stipulation of Settlement executed by the parties in their entirety as if set forth at length herein. Therefore, the Petition filed in this matter is <u>HEREBY DISMISSED</u>.

DATED: 2/19/14

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

DIANNE SOLOMON PRESIDENT

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MARY-ANNA HOLDEN

ATTEST:

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

JOHN K. DOMICI, JR. / GENERAL TOOL SPECIALTIES, INC., PETITIONER

V.

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY, RESPONDENT

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INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 15641-13 AGENCY DKT. NO. EC13080763U

JOHN K. DOMICI JR. / GENERAL TOOL SPECIALITIES INC.,

Petitioner,

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PUBLIC SERVICE ELCTRIC AND GAS COMPANY,

Respondent..

Robert J. Ferb, Esq., for petitioner

Sheree L. Kelly, Esq., for respondent

Record Closed: December 27, 2013 Decided: January 13, 2014

BEFORE RONALD W. REBA, ALJ:

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on October 29, 2013, 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 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 settlement terms and I FIND:

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

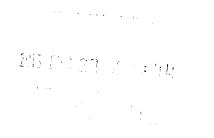
I hereby FILE my initial decision with the BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES for consideration.

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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 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:14B-10.

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DATE	RONALD W. REBA, ALJ
Date Received at Agency:	1/13/14
Date Mailed to Parties:	1/13/14
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December 23, 2013

Honorable Ronald W. Reba, ALJ Office of Administrative Law 9 Quakerbridge Plaza Mercerville, NJ 08619

Re: John K. Domici, Jr./General Tool Specialties, Inc. v. PSE&G

BPU Docket No.: EC13080763U OAL Docket No.: PUC 15641-2013 S

Dear Judge Reba:

Enclosed please find a fully executed Stipulation of Settlement with reference to the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheree L. Kelly

SLK/jb Enclosure

cc: Robert J. Ferb, Esq. (w/enc.)

Edward B. Sullivan (w/enc.)

STATE OF NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW



John K. Domici, Jr./General Tool)
Specialties, Inc.	OAL Docket No. PUC 15641-2013 S
Petitioner	BPU Docket No. EC13080763U
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, John K. Domici, Jr./General Tool Specialties, Inc. ("Petitioner"), against Respondent Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Respondent") for utility service rendered by PSE&G to the premises 284 Sunnymead Road, Hillsboro Township, NJ 08844 (the "Property") and the Parties having agreed to settle this matter, hereby set forth the terms and conditions of their settlement agreement as follows:

- 1. The amount in dispute is \$26,813.71.
- 2. PSE&G agrees to accept \$13,406.85 in full and final settlement of this amount.
- 3. Petitioner agrees to pay \$744.82 per month for a period of eighteen (18) months, until the \$13,406.85 is paid in full.
- 4. Petitioner agrees to withdraw his Petition.

Petitioner: John K. Domici, Jr.

General Tool Specialties, Inc.

By:

Robert J. Ferb, Esq. Attorney for Petitioner

Date: /2//7/20/3

Respondent: PSE&G

Edward B. Sullivan

Manager, Customer Operations

Date:

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