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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/

		COSTOMER ASSISTANCE
SCOTT WILKINS, Petitioner,)))	ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION SETTLEMENT
V.)	
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY, Respondent.)))	BPU DOCKET NO. EC14111288U OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 1412-15

Parties of Record:

Scott Wilkins, pro se.

Pamela J. Scott, Esq., for Respondent, Atlantic City Electric Company

BY THE BOARD:

On November 10, 2014, Scott Wilkins ("Petitioner"), filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") requesting a formal hearing related to a billing dispute with Atlantic City Electric Company ("Respondent" or "Company") for utility services rendered by Respondent to the property located in Clementon, NJ.

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 Bruce M. Gorman ("ALJ").

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 August 19, 2015, and submitted to the Board on August 31, 2015, to which the Stipulation was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Gorman 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, and in order to fully resolve this matter in settlement of the petition filed by Petitioner with regard to the service provided by Respondent to the subject Property, the parties have agreed to a settlement, in which the Company will credit the account in question \$903.45 and Petitioner will pay \$400.00 to Respondent over two years, consisting of

23 consecutive monthly payments of \$17.00 and the final, 24th payment, in the amount of \$9.00. The parties agreed that this settlement resolves all claims related to this billing dispute.

After review of the record and the Stipulation, 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, have fully resolved all outstanding contested issues in this matter.

Accordingly, the Board <u>HEREBY ADOPTS</u> the Initial Decision and the Stipulation executed by the parties in their entirety. The Stipulation is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The effective date of this Order is October 25, 2015.

DATED: October 15, 2015

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INITIAL DECISION
SETTLEMENT

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 1412-15 AGENCY DKT. NO. EC 14111288U

SCOTT WILKINS

Petitioner

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ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC CO.

Respondent

Scott Wilkins, petitioner, pro se

Pamela J. Scott, Esq., for respondent, Atlantic City Electric Company (ACE)

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Record Closed: August 14, 2015

Decided: August 19, 2015

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BEFORE BRUCE M. GORMAN, ALJ:

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law on January 29, 3 Cortes 2015, for determination as a contested case, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 to -15 and Colored 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 terms of settlement and I **FIND**:

 The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures or their representatives' signatures and as placed on the record on August 14, 2015.

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.

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.

DATE	BRUCE M. GORMAN, ALJ
Date Received at Agency:	<u>Rjaslis</u>
Date Mailed to Parties:	8/28/15

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