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Board of Public Utilities
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Keith Glock, Petitioner,)	ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION
v .	į́	
Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Respondent.)	BPU DOCKET NO. EC18111226 OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 00339-19

Parties of Record:

Keith Glock, petitioner, pro se Justin Incardone, Esq., for respondent, Public Service Electric and Gas Company

BY THE BOARD:

The within matter is a dispute between Keith Glock ("Petitioner") and Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Respondent"). This Order sets forth the background and procedural history of Petitioner's claims and represents the Final Order in the matter pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-20. Having reviewed the record, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") now considers the Initial Decision rendered on May 15, 2019.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On November 2, 2018, the Petitioner filed a petition ("Petition") with the Board seeking monetary reimbursement from PSE&G for a project at Petitioner's home residence.

In the Petition, Petitioner alleged that in December 2017 he contacted PSE&G to inquire about the feasibility of moving an electric pole on his property. In response to the Petitioner's request, PSE&G provided a quote to perform the work for \$3.767.22. Petitioner further alleged that in February 2018, he was notified by PSE&G for the first time that he would need to hire an

¹ In the petition, the Petitioner stated that in all email correspondence with PSE&G, the price was mistakenly listed as \$3,787.22, which is what the Petitioner paid PSE&G.

electrician to extend the wiring from the new pole to his home. Petitioner claimed that PSE&G did not inform him of his ability to stop the project after learning of the additional costs. Following installation of the pole and the wiring to his home, the Petitioner submitted a claim for reimbursement to PSE&G, which was denied. Subsequently, on November 2, 2018, the Petition was filed with the Board seeking reimbursement of the quoted cost of the project of \$3,767.22 and the cost of the electrician of \$3,950.

PSE&G, in its answer dated December 10, 2018, stated that Petitioner was not entitled to any monetary damages. In its answer, PSE&G agreed that there was a typographical error in reference to the cost of the installation contribution for the new pole installation. PSE&G further stated that Petitioner was informed that Verizon would need to transfer its facilities from the old pole to the new, and that additional costs may be assessed by Verizon. PSE&G also indicated that PSE&G and Petitioner discussed the details of the project, including what work was to be done by PSE&G and what work was to be completed by the customer's electrician. PSE&G stated that the onus was on Petitioner to inform PSE&G if he wished to cancel the project. Respondent admitted that Petitioner submitted an appeal, which was denied based upon a review of the work performed by PSE&G. Accordingly, PSE&G stated that no actual consideration was given to Petitioner's appeal.

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") on January 2, 2019, 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. The matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") Judith Lieberman.

The parties subsequently agreed to resolve the matter and entered into a Stipulation of Settlement ("Stipulation") that was submitted to the ALJ on April 23, 2019.

Pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation, and in order to fully resolve this matter, PSE&G agreed to reimburse the Petitioner in the amount of \$1,700.

By Initial Decision issued on May 15, 2019, and submitted to the Board on May 16, 2019, ALJ Lieberman found that the Stipulation was voluntary, its terms fully disposed of all issues in controversy, it was consistent with the law, and that it satisfied the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

After review of the Initial Decision 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, they 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 as if fully set forth herein.

The effective date of this Order is June 22, 2019.

DATED: 6/12/19

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

BY:

SEPH L. FIORDALISO

PRESIDENT

DIANNE SOLOMON COMMISSIONER

COMMISSIONER

ROBERT M. GORDON COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF KEITH GLOCK

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PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY

BPU DOCKET NO. EC18111226 OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 00339-19

SERVICE LIST

Petitioner

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INITIAL DECISION

<u>SETTLEMENT</u>

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 00339-19

AGENCY DKT. NO. EC18111226

KEITH GLOCK,

Petitioner,

V.

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY,

Respondent.

Keith Glock, petitioner, pro se

Danielle Lopez, Assistant General Regulatory Counsel, for respondent, Public Service Electric and Gas Company

Record Closed: May 13, 2019

Decided: May 15, 2019

BEFORE JUDITH LIEBERMAN, ALJ:

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law on January 4, 2019, 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.

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I have reviewed the terms of settlement and I FIND:

- 1. The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures or their representatives' signatures on the attached document. (J-1.)
- 2. The settlement fully disposes of all issues in controversy between them 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.

/vj

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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 N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10.

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APPENDIX

EXHIBIT

Jointly Submitted:

J-1 Settlement Agreement

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May 9, 2019

Via UPS Overnight Delivery Honorable Judith Lieberman Office of Administrative Law 3444 Quakerbridge Road Quakerbridge Plaza-Bldg. 9 Mercerville, NJ 08619

Re: Glock, Keith v. PSE&G

OAL Docket No. PUC 00339-2019S BPU Docket No. EC18111226 Stipulation of Settlement

Dear Judge Lieberman:

Enclosed please find an executed Stipulation of Settlement Agreement by the parties that resolves the issues in the above-referenced matter.

We thank Your Honor for her consideration of this submission.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

cc: Keith Glock (via overnight delivery)
James Walsh, PSE&G (via hand delivery)

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Respondent.)		

On or about November 9, 2018, Petitioner filed the above-referenced billing dispute (the "Petition"). Public Service Electric & Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Respondent") filed an answer to the Petition and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("NJBPU" or "Board") transmitted the matter to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") as a contested case for adjudication.

In the interests of resolving this matter amicably and to avoid further delay and costs to petitioner and respondent (collectively, the "parties"), the parties hereto agree to settle this matter in accordance with the following terms:

- 1. Although not agreeing with the merits of the allegations expressed in the Petition, and expressly denying any liability or wrongdoing, PSE&G agrees to credit Keith Glock's PSE&G account number ending in 203, at the premise of 110 Altamawr Ave, Lawrence Township, N.J. the amount of \$1,700.00. A check in that amount will be sent to petitioner in the amount of \$1,700.00 within 30 days of the fully executed stipulation.
- 2. Petitioner agrees and understands that no claims or grievances can be later adjudicated relating to the matters referenced in the Petition. Petitioner further agrees to take any and all measures necessary to effectuate the dismissal of the Petition with prejudice, including contacting the OAL or Board if necessary to request dismissal with prejudice of the Petition.
- 3.. Petitioner agrees to keep this settlement agreement confidential, and not to disclose its existence or terms to anyone with the following exceptions: (1) legal counsel, for the sole purpose of obtaining legal advice related to this agreement; (2) an immediate family member (defined as petitioner's parent, spouse or child); (3) a tenant at or subsequent owner of 110 Altamawr Ave,

Lawrence Township, N.J. (4) to personnel of the Board or OAL; and (5) if petitioner is required to disclose this agreement by law.

4. The undersigned agree that this settlement contains mutually balancing and interdependent provisions and is intended to be accepted and approved in its entirety. In the event any particular aspect of this settlement is not accepted and approved by the Board or modified by the Board, the party that is adversely affected by the modification can either accept the modification or declare this settlement to be null and vold, and the parties shall be placed in the same position that they were in immediately prior to its execution.

Date: 4-19-2019

James Walsh PSE&G Respondent

Date: 4/23/19

Keith Glock Petitioner