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### STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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CHINWE NWADIOGBU, Petitioner, vs.	) ) )	ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION AND SETTLEMENT
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY, Respondent.		PU Docket No. GC10070467L AL Docket No. PUC09356-10

George G. Gussis, Esq., New Brunswick, New Jersey, on behalf of Petitioner, Chinwe Nwadiogbu

Sheree L. Kelly, Esq., Newark, New Jersey, on behalf of Respondent, Public Service Electric and Gas Company

#### BY THE BOARD:

On July 12, 2010, Chinwe Nwadiogbu ("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") Kimberly A. Moss.

While this matter was pending at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and entered into and signed a Stipulation of Settlement ("Stipulation") dated March 8, 2011 and submitted to the ALJ. By Initial Decision filed on March 14, 2011, to which the Stipulation was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Moss found that the parties had entered into the Stipulation voluntarily, 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, Respondent has agreed to credit Petitioner's account in the amount of \$2,778.41 on a current balance due of \$2,430.00 to reflect a credit in the amount of \$348.41, exclusive of any bills accruing after January 24, 2011. After review of the record and the Stipulation of the parties, the Board HEREBY FINDS that the parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures and that by

parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures and that by the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement, the parties have fully resolved all outstanding contested issues in this matter.

Accordingly, the Board <u>HEREBY ADOPTS</u> the Initial Decision and the Stipulation of Settlement executed by the parties in their entirety as if fully set forth herein.

DATED: 4/27/11

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

LEE A. SOLOMON PRESIDENT

COMMISSIONER

JOSEPH L. FIORDALISO COMMISSIONER

NICHOLAS ASSELTA COMMISSIONER

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

#### CHINWE NWADIOGBU

vs

## PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY

BPU DOCKET NO. GC10070467U OAL DOCKET NO. PUC09356-10N

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# State of New Jersey OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

**INITIAL DECISION** 

SETTLEMENT

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 09356-10

AGENCY DKT. NO. G' C10070467U

CHINWE NWADIOGBU.,

Petitioner.

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY,

Respondent.

George G. Gussis, Esq. on behalf of petitioner

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

Decided: March 14, 2011 Record Closed: March 14, 2011

BEFORE KIMBERLY A. MOSS, ALJ:

On August 31, 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 telephone pre-hearing was scheduled and conducted wherein the parties engaged in extensive settlement discussions. Status conferences were conducted on December 17, 2010 and February 1, 2011. During the pendency of the February 1, 2011 conference the parties reached a settlement. On March 14, 2011 the parties forwarded a copy of the fully executed Stipulation of Settlement indicating the terms of the agreement, which are incorporated herein by reference.

have reviewed the record and terms of the Stipulation of Settlement and FIND:

1. The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by the

signatures of the parties or their representatives.

2. The settlement fully disposes of all issues in controversy and is consistent

with law.

I CONCLUDE that the agreement meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1 and therefore, it is ORDERED that the parties comply with the settlement terms and that

these proceedings be and are hereby 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 (45) days and unless such time limit is otherwise extended, this

recommended decision shall become a final decision in accordance with  $\underline{\text{N.J.S.A}}$ .

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52:14B-10.

KIMBERLY A. MOSS, ALJ

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March 9, 2011

Honorable Kimberly A. Moss Office of Administrative Law 33 Washington Street Newark, NJ 07102-3011

Re:

Chinwe Nwadiogbu v. PSE&G

BPU Docket No.: GC10070467U OAL Docket No.: PUC 09356-2010N

Dear Judge Moss:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sheree L. Kelly

SLK/jb Enclosure

cc:

Chinwe Nwadiogbu (w/enc.)

Edward B. Sullivan

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	) STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT
Public Service Electric and Gas Company,	)
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This matter having been brought before the	e Office of Administrative Law by the

Petitioner, Chinwe Nwadiogbu ("Petitioner"), against Respondent Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Respondent") for utility service rendered by PSE&G to the premises 23 James Street, New Brunswick, (the "Property") and the Petitioner having agreed to settle this matter, hereby set forth the terms and conditions of their settlement agreement as follows:

> As of January 24, 2011, Petitioner's current balance on account no. 62 57 was \$2,430.00.

2. PSE&G agrees to credit Petitioner's account in the amount of \$2,778.41, leaving a credit to Petitioner's account in the amount of \$348.41, exclusive of any bills that have accrued after January 24, 2011.

Petitioner: Chinwe Nwadiogbu Respondent: PSE&G

By: Chris Kwaliffs

Date: 02/25/11 Edward B. Sullivan

Manager Customer Operations