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### STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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#### **CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE**

IRISH PUB & INN (ROGER FEELEY),	)	ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL
Petitioner	)	DECISION AND
V.	)	SETTLEMENT
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY,	)	
Respondent	)	BPU DKT. NO. EC10090641U
	)	OAL DKT. NO. PUC606-11

Alfred R. Scerni, Esq., on behalf of Petitioner, Irish Pub & Inn (Roger Feelev)

Renee Suglia, Esq., on behalf of Respondent, Atlantic City Electric Company

#### BY THE BOARD:

On September 2, 2010, the Irish Pub & Inn (Roger Feeley)<sup>1</sup> ("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") 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") W. Todd Miller.

While this matter was pending at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and entered into and signed a Settlement that was submitted to the ALJ. By Initial Decision issued on

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The caption was originally entered in the Board's case management system as Roger Feeley v. Atlantic City Electric Company because the subject line of the petition listed the account as that of Roger Feeley. However, the petition's signature line lists the name "Catherine D. Burke" and is signed by "Frank Pileggi – Manager." Subsequent correspondence listed the petitioner as "Irish Pub & Inn" at the same address. Further, Petitioner's counsel's October 28, 2011 confirmation of settlement letter describes his client as "Irish Pub & Inn."

November 1, 2011, and submitted to the Board on November 14, 2011, to which the Settlement was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Miller found that the Settlement 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 Settlement, the parties have agreed that: (1) after exchanging the existing meter for Periodic Testing, Respondent found that the demand readings were incorrect; (2) adjustment to the demand usage resulted in a debit to Petitioner's account in the amount of \$4,326.11; (3) as a good faith gesture, Respondent will reduce the adjustment amount by \$2,326.11, leaving an adjusted balance of \$2,000.00; and (4) Petitioner shall pay the adjusted balance in one lump-sum check made payable to Respondent.

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

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

DATED: 12/15/11

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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NICHOLAS ASSELTA

**COMMISSIONER** 

**ATTEST** 

KRISTI IZZO SECRETARY I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original

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BPU DOCKET NO. EC10090641U OAL DOCKET NO. PUC606-11

## IRISH PUB & INN (ROGER FEELEY)

V.

### ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY

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**INITIAL DECISION** 

SETTLEMENT

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 606-11

AGENCY REF. NO. EC10090641U

**IRISH PUB & INN** (ROGER FEELEY),

Petitioner,

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ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY,

Respondent.

Alfred R. Scerni, Jr., Esq., for petitioner (Parker McCay, attorneys)

Renee Suglia, Esq., for respondent

Record Closed: October 28, 201

Decided: November 1, 2011

BEFORE W. TODD MILLER, ALJ:

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law on January 13. 2011, 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 (letter dated October 28, 2011) indicating the terms thereof, which is attached and fully incorporated herein.

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.

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.

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

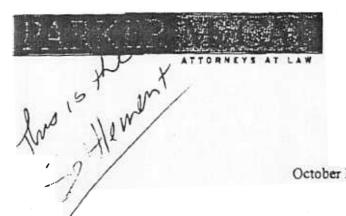
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52:14B-10.

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.

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DATE	W. TODD MILLER, ALJ
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October 28, 2011

File No. 13624-0002

The Honorable William T. Miller Administrative Law Judge Office of Administrative Law 1601 Atlantic Avenue Sixth Floor Atlantic City, NJ 08401

> Irish Pub & Inn (Feeley, Roger) v. Atlantic City Electric Company Re:

OAL Docket No. PUC 00606-2011 S Agency Ref. No. EC10090641U

Dear Judge Miller:

Per our telephone conversation on this date, enclosed please find a copy of a letter from Atlantic City Electric summarizing the settlement reached by the Parties in regard to the above captioned matter. I have acknowledged and agreed to the settlement on behalf of Petitioner, Irish Pub & Inn, with my signature.

In light of the settlement reached, Your Honor indicated that no appearance would be necessary this afternoon.

By copy of this letter, I am forwarding a signed copy of the settlement letter to counsel for Atlantic City Electric, Renee Suglia, Esquire.

Thank you for your courtesies.

Respectfully submitte

ARS/tlc

Enc.

w/enc:

Irish Pub & Inn Renee Suglia, Esquire

Mount Laurel, New Jersey | Lawrenceville, New Jersey | Atlantic City, New Jersey

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5 Collins Drive #84CP22 Carneys Point, NJ 08069



October 28, 2011

VIA FAX (609) 347-8050

Alfred R. Scerni, Esq. Parker McCay 15 S. Pennsylvania Ave. Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Re:

Account No. 0332698-1999-4

Irish Pub & Inn, 164 S. James Pl, Atlantic City, NJ

Dear Mr. Scemi:

This letter is to serve as a summary of our settlement.

On March 31, 2010 Atlantic City Electric ("ACE") was at the property to exchange the existing meter at the property for Periodic Testing. At that time is was found that the kW demand usage at the property was being billed incorrectly. The demand usage at the property was reviewed from April until May 2010, at which time it was confirmed that the demand readings previously obtained were incorrect. The demand usage was adjusted based on the usage obtained from the new meter.

This adjustment was completed on May 3, 2010 and resulted in a debit to the account in the amount of \$4,326.11. A further review of this adjustment has been completed. As a good faith gesture and to resolve this matter amicably, ACE is willing to reduce this adjustment amount by \$2,326.11, leaving an adjusted balance of \$2,000.00. This balance will be paid in one lump sum check made payable to Atlantic City Electric Company. The check can be sent to our P.O. Box with your next morithly billing. Please note your account number (listed above) on the check.

This letter will confirm your agreement that all matters arising out of this dispute as set forth above will be, and are, settled. You agree that, to conclude this matter, you will submit a letter to the Office of Administrative Law withdrawing your petition.

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Kindly indicate your agreement by signing below and returning a fully executed copy to me.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely, agus Chyperter

Sent By: CONECTIV;

Agnes Carpenter, Senior Analyst

Regulatory/Executive Customer Relations

Atlantic City Electric

Acknowledged and agreed by:

Alfred R. Scerni, Esq.

Attorney for Petitioner, Insh Pub & Inn

Date



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Judge William T. Miller

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Message:

Please see attached correspondence.

Thank you for your courtesies.

We are transmitting on a Canon 3170 telecopier. If you are experiencing problems receiving this transmission, please call us at (609) 347-8000, Ext. 8012.

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