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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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FIRST CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC. Petitioner	) ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL ) DECISION SETTLEMENT )	
v. PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY, Respondent	) ) BPU DOCKET NO. EC1105030 ) OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 08119	

### Parties of Record:

J. Edward Waller, Esq., on behalf of Petitioner, LDR Equities, LLC Sheree L. Kelly, Esq., on behalf of Respondent, Public Service Electric and Gas Company

### BY THE BOARD:

On May 18, 2011, First Class Championship Development Center, 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") 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 ("Settlement") that was submitted to the ALJ. By Initial Decision issued on February 27, 2012, and received by the Board on March 2, 2012, to which the Settlement was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Moss 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, and in order to fully resolve this matter, the parties have agreed that the current balance on Petitioner's account with Respondent is \$5,030.81. Respondent has agreed to credit Petitioner's account in the amount of \$2,500.00 leaving a balance of \$2,530.81. In return, commencing with its March 2012 bill for electric and gas service, Petitioner has agreed to pay the balance at \$100.00 per

month until the balance is fully paid and to pay bills on time by the due date on the bill. In addition, should Petitioner like Respondent to make a field visit to the subject property, said request should be made by a call to Respondent's attorney, Ms. Kelly.

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: 4/12/12

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY

COMMISSIONER

ROBERT M. HANNA

**PRESIDENT** 

JEANNE M. FOX COMMISSIONER

NICHOLAS ASSELTA COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

KRISTI IZZO SECRETARY

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

Utilities

BPU DOCKET NO. EC11050307U OAL DOCKET NO. PUC08119-11

### FIRST CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC.

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### PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY

## BPU DOCKET NO. EC11050307U OAL DOCKET NO. PUC08119-11

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**INITIAL DECISION** 

SETTLEMENT

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 08119-11N AGENCY DKT. NO. EC11050307U

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FIRST CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC,

Petitioner.

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PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY,

Respondent.

J. Edward Waller, Esq. on behalf of petitioner

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

Record Closed: February 24, 2012 Decided: February 27, 2012

## BEFORE KIMBERLY A. MOSS, ALJ:

On July 8, 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 prehearing was scheduled and conducted during which time the parties agreed on a hearing date. Several conferences and hearings were scheduled and adjourned due to the parties discussing settlement. On February 24, 2012 the undersigned received the Stipulation of Settlement, which are incorporated herein by reference.

### OAL DKT. NO. PUC 08119-11N

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

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

2-27-12

DATE

KIMBERLY A. MOSS, ALJ

Date Received at Agency:

Date Mailed to Parties:

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

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First Class Championship Development	*21
Center, Inc. c/o Carolyn Kelley Petitioner	OAL Docket No. EC11050307U  BPU Docket No. EC11050307U
<b>v.</b>	) STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT
Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Respondent	) ) )

This matter having been brought before the Office of Administrative Law by the Petitioner, First Class Championship Development Center, Inc. ("Petitioner"), against Respondent Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Respondent") for utility service rendered by PSE&G to the premises 936-938 Bergen Street, Newark, NJ, 07112 (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. As of February 14, 2012, Petitioner has a balance of \$5,030.81 on the active account at the Property.
- 2. Respondent agrees to credit Petitioner's account in the amount of \$2,500.00.
- 3. Petitioner agrees to pay current bills, plus the balance of \$2,530.81 at \$100.00 per month until said balance is completed beginning with March 2012 PSE&G gas and electric bill.
- 4. Petitioner agrees to pay bills on time by the due date on the bill.
- 5. If Petitioner would like a field visit to the Property by PSE&G, she will call Sheree L. Kelly, Esq.

Petitioner: First Championship Development	Respondent: PSE&G
Center, Inc.	,
By. Ledward Waller, Esq.	Sheree L. Kelly, Esq. Assist. General Regulatory Counsel
Attorney for Petitioner	Assist. General Regulatory Counsel
Date: 2/16/12	Date: 2/22/12-