

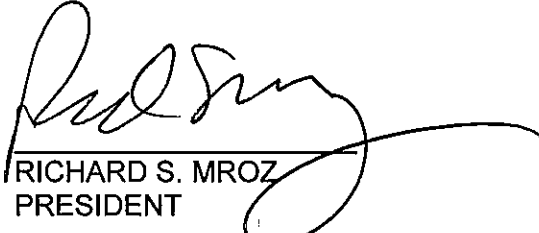


After review of the Initial Decision and the Stipulation, the Board **HEREBY FINDS** that the parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures and that, by the terms of the Stipulation, they have fully resolved all outstanding contested issues in this matter. Accordingly, the Board **HEREBY ADOPTS** the Initial Decision and the Stipulation executed by the parties in their entirety as if fully set forth herein.

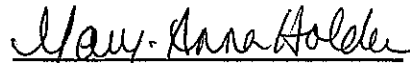
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DATED: 5/31/17

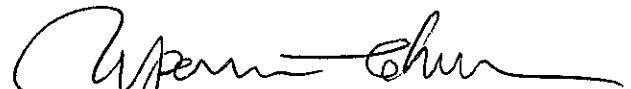
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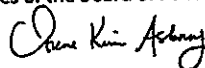
  
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within  
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**ERNESTINE JORDAN**

**V.**

**PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY  
BPU DOCKET NO. EC16101044U  
OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 01177-17**

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INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 01177-17

AGENCY DKT. NO. EC16101044U

**ERNESTINE JORDAN,**

Petitioner,

v.

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

**ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY,**

Respondent.

Ernestine Jordan, petitioner, pro se

**Samuel A. Wolfe, Esq., Senior Counsel, and Alexander C. Stern, Esq., Associate**  
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Record Closed: April 17, 2017

Decided: April 17, 2017

**BEFORE MARY ANN BOGAN, ALJ:**

This proceeding involves a billing dispute. The petition was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law on January 25, 2017, for determination as a contested case.

The parties filed on April 17, 2017, a Stipulation of Settlement (J-1) which resolves all issues in this proceeding. Said Stipulation of Settlement has been signed by petitioner and respondent. It indicates the terms of settlement, and is attached and fully incorporated herein.

I have reviewed the terms of settlement and I **FIND:**

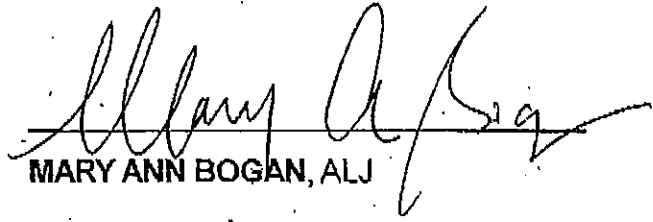
1. The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures or their representatives' signatures on the attached document.
2. The settlement fully disposes of all issues in controversy between the parties and is consistent with the law.

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

April 17, 2017 \_\_\_\_\_

DATE



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**MARY ANN BOGAN, ALJ**

Date Received at Agency:

4/18/17 \_\_\_\_\_

Date Mailed to Parties: \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPENDIX**

**EXHIBITS**

**Jointly Submitted**

J-1 Stipulation of Settlement

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STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

OAL Docket No. PUC 01177-2017 S  
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On or about November 1, 2016, Petitioner filed a petition in the above-referenced billing dispute.

In the interests of resolving this matter without further delay, extensive effort, and costs, Petitioner and PSE&G agree to settle this matter on the following terms:

- 1) Petitioner currently has an outstanding balance on her PSE&G account number ending in 393 01, in the amount of \$3,563.00.
- 2) Petitioner hereby enters into an 18-month deferred payment arrangement (DPA) on the remaining outstanding balance of \$3,563.00 on account number ending 393 01.
- 3) Petitioner's payments under the DPA start with the April 9, 2017 billing. Petitioner shall pay her monthly charges, plus \$198.00 per month for 18 consecutive months, due on company records by the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- 4) If Petitioner fails to make a payment under paragraph 3 above, PSE&G may discontinue service after providing Petitioner with notice of discontinuance and proceed with regular collection activity as provided in the New Jersey Administrative Code, N.J.A.C. 14:3-7.7.
- 5) This Agreement resolves all of Petitioner's disputes set forth in her petition and her other documents related to this matter; Respondent and Petitioner agree that no claims or grievances can be later adjudicated relating thereto.

6) The undersigned agree that this Settlement contains mutually balancing and interdependent provisions and is intended to be accepted and approved in its entirety.

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS CO.

DATED: 4-11-17

By: Alexander C. Stern  
~~Samuel A. Wolfe, Senior Counsel~~  
Alexander C. Stern, Associate General Regulatory Counsel

DATED: 4-11-17

By: James Walsh  
James Walsh, PSE&G Customer Operations

DATED: 4/7/17

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