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LDR Equities, LLC, Petitioner,)	ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION
V.	į	
Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Respondent))	BPU DOCKET NO. EC18050493U OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 08560-18

Parties of Record:

Daniel Rubin, Managing Partner for LDR Equities, LLC James T. Walsh, Senior Customer Relations Consultant, for Respondent (Public Service Electric and Gas Company)

BY THE BOARD:

Petitioner LDR Equities ("LDR" or "Petitioner") filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities on May 1, 2018, disputing charges billed by Respondent, Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G").

In the Petition, Petitioner stated that it was incorrectly billed by PSE&G.

PSE&G, in its answer dated May 31, 2018, contended that services were supplied and billed in accordance with the terms and conditions and rate schedules set forth in its Board approved Tariff. PSE&G requested that the relief sought be denied on the basis that LDR failed to set forth a claim upon which relief may be granted.

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law on June 11, 2018, for consideration as a contested case pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1-15 and N.J.S.A. 52:14F1-13.

The case was assigned to Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") Julio C. Morejon.

The parties subsequently voluntarily agreed to resolve the matter and entered into a signed Stipulation of Settlement ("Stipulation") that was submitted to the ALJ on March 1, 2019.

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Pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation, and in order to fully resolve this matter, PSE&G agreed to credit LDR's account in the amount of \$5,353.00. LDR agreed to pay all bills rendered by PSE&G by the date due on the monthly invoice from PSE&G or be subject to late payment charges pursuant to PSE&G's governing tariff.

By Initial Decision issued on March 6, 2019, and submitted to the Board on March 12, 2019, ALJ Moreion 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.

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.

The effective date of this Order is April 28, 2019.

DATED: Alialia

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

BY:

PRESIDENT

COMMISSIONER

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Although summarized in this Order, the detailed terms of the Stipulation are controlling, subject to the findings and conclusions of this Order.

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INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

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LDR EQUITIES, LLC,

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PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY,

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Record Closed: March 1, 2019

Decided: March 6, 2019

BEFORE JULIO C. MOREJON, ALJ:

STATEMENT OF THE CASE AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On June 12, 2018, the above referenced 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. 52:14F1 to -13.

The matter was scheduled for a prehearing telephone conference on July 17, 2018, and several conference calls thereafter. An in-Person Settlement Conference was held on October 12, 2018. The parties were engaged in settlement discussions and agreed to settle the matter. The signed Settlement Agreement indicating the terms of settlement was signed by the parties and is attached and fully incorporated herein.

I have reviewed the record and terms of the 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 safeguard requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1 and, accordingly, I approve the settlement and 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.

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.

March 6, 2019	
DATE	JULIO C. MOREJON, ALJ
Date Received at Agency:	
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In the Interest of resolving this matter amicably and to avoid further delay and costs to Petitioner and Respondent (the "Parties"), the Parties hereto agreed to settle this matter in accordance with the following terms:

- This Settlement Agreement represents the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter of the Dispute. All prior settlement discussions merge into this Settlement Agreement.
- The Parties acknowledge and agree that the settlement of the Dispute, the consideration referenced herein, and the execution of this Settlement Agreement, are the result of compromise and are entered into in good faith and shall never for any purpose be considered an admission of liability or of responsibility concerning any of the claims referred to in the Dispute, and no past or present wrongdoing on the part of any of them shall be implied by such consideration or execution.

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 - 7. 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 void, and the parties shall be placed in the same position that they were in immediately prior to its execution.

DATED: 3-1-19

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PSE&G Senior Customer Relations Consultant

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