



State of New Jersey

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

INITIAL DECISION SETTLEMENT

OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 09783-20

BPU DOCKET NO. GR20060379

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE
ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY'S
2020/2021 ANNUAL BGSS COMMODITY
STIPULATION FOR CHARGE FILING FOR
ITS RESIDENTIAL FINAL BGSS RATES
GAS CUSTOMERS UNDER ITS PERIODIC
PRICING MECHANISM AND FOR CHANGES
IN ITS BALANCING CHARGE.**

Matthew M. Weissman, Esq., and **Katherine E. Smith**, Esq., for petitioner Public Service Electric & Gas Company (PSE&G Services Corp., attorneys)

Matko Ilic, Deputy Attorney General, for the Staff of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Gurbir S. Grewal, Attorney General of New Jersey, attorney)

Felicia Thomas-Friel, Deputy Rate Counsel, and **Sarah H. Steindel**, Assistant Deputy Rate Counsel, for the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (Stefanie A. Brand, Director, attorney)

Record Closed: January 22, 2021

Decided: January 28, 2021

BEFORE **GAIL M. COOKSON**, ALJ:

This matter was filed by Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) on June 1, 2020, with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) seeking approval to modify its Basic Gas Supply Service (BGSS) Residential Gas Service (RGS) rate as well as its Balancing Charge (2020 BGSS Petition), consistent with procedures set forth in prior Order of the Board of Public Utilities (Board) dated January 6, 2003, in Docket No. GX01050304.

The file was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), on or about October 5, 2020, 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. The case was assigned to the undersigned on October 26, 2020. I convened a telephonic case management conference on November 20, 2020, at which time discovery and pre-filed testimony schedules were discussed.

On January 22, 2021, prior to further schedules proceedings, I received electronically a Stipulation for Final BGSS Rates fully executed by all parties to this matter with a request that I enter an Initial Decision Settlement and transmit same to the Board. That agreement more completely sets forth the terms and conditions of the settlement of all issues raised by the filing of the Company.

I have reviewed the record and terms of the Stipulations 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 Stipulation meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1 and therefore, it is **ORDERED** that the matter be deemed dismissed with prejudice and that these proceedings be and are hereby 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 (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.



January 28, 2021

DATE

GAIL M. COOKSON, ALJ

Date Received at Agency:

1/28/21

Date Mailed to Parties:

1/28/21

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