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CASE MANAGEMENT

Via Overnight Delivery

Honorable Kristi Izzo, Secretary
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th floor
P.O. Box 350
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Re: I/M/O the Petition of Aqua New Jersey, Inc. for Approval of Municipal Consents to Provide Water and Wastewater Service to Areas of the Township of North Hanover and the Borough of Wrightstown, and Other Required Approvals
BPU Docket No. WE13121186

Dear Secretary Izzo:

On behalf of Petitioner, Aqua New Jersey, Inc. ("Aqua" or the "Company"), please accept this letter as an amendment to Paragraph 10 of the Petition initiating this proceeding.

Background

As the Board of Public Utilities (the "Board") is aware, the Company intends to purchase the water and wastewater systems currently providing service to the mobile home community known as Spartan Village. The residents of Spartan Village presently receive water and wastewater services in conjunction with their rental of lots located in Spartan Village. The individual residences are not metered, and the cost of the lot rental includes the cost of the water and wastewater services provided by Spartan Village.

In its Petition, the Company has requested the Board's approval of municipal consents granted by the Township of North Hanover and the Borough of Wrightstown, the municipalities in which Spartan Village is located. In addition, the Company has requested the authority to implement a fixed rate for water service on an interim basis in conjunction with the current owner of Spartan Village reducing the rental charges for the lots. After consultation with the Staff of the Board, the Company hereby amends and clarifies Paragraph 10 of its Petition.

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Amended Request

Paragraph 10 of the Petition addresses the Company's request to implement an initial flat rate for water service to the residents of Spartan Village. As noted in the Petition, Aqua intends to replace many of the mains serving the existing water and wastewater systems located at Spartan Village. Aqua estimates that this project will require an investment of approximately \$300,000. At the time Aqua performs the mains replacement project, it will also install meters at the individual homes in Spartan Village. Given the nature of this work, it must be performed during the construction season.

While Aqua had hoped that it would receive Board approval in this docket in time to complete the mains replacement project during the 2014 construction season, that timing now seems doubtful. Therefore, Aqua hereby amends its Petition and requests that the Board approve the implementation of an initial flat rate for water service of \$25.00 per month to be applicable only to customers located in Spartan Village. Attached to this letter is a proposed tariff sheet for this proposed initial rate. Aqua proposes that the \$25.00 monthly flat rate be charged for water service only until such time as the mains replacement project is complete, and meters are installed and operational. Aqua hereby withdraws its request to impose a Distribution System Improvement Charge ("DSIC") until such time as the meters are installed and operational at Spartan Village.

Finally, in Paragraph 10 Aqua also proposed that wastewater charges for Spartan Village be set at the Company's approved tariff rate at the time the Board grants the Company's requests in this docket and the Spartan Village asset purchase transaction closes. At the time the Petition was filed, that rate was \$41.58 per month (for a 5/8" meter), but the Board has since authorized an increase in the rate to \$51.98 per month effective March 1, 2014, and a further increase to \$61.40 per month effective March 1, 2015. Consistent with its Board-approved tariffs, Aqua intends to charge whichever of these wastewater rates is applicable at the time the Board grants the requests in this docket.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,


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Enclosure
cc: Service List (w/encl.)

SERVICE LIST

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RATE SCHEDULE NO. 1F
UNMETERED FIXED RATE SERVICE – SPARTAN VILLAGE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to the use of unmetered water supplied to customers served by the Company within the Spartan Village service area.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE

Continuous.

RATE:

<u>Type of Structure</u>	<u>Fixed Monthly Charge</u>
Residence	\$25.00
Non-residential building	\$25.00

The unmetered fixed rate for water service will be charged to water service customers located in Spartan Village until such time as individual customer meters are installed and operational. Upon the installation of individual customer meters, customers will be charged the fixed service charge and the general metered consumption charge set out in Rate Schedule No. 1 – General Metered Service – Main.

TERMS OF PAYMENT:

BILLS ARE DUE FIFTEEN (15) DAYS AFTER THE BILL IS SENT. Bills for unmetered fixed rate service will be rendered monthly in arrears.

Issued: _____ Effective Date: _____
By: Nicholas V. Asselta, President
10 Black Forest Road
Hamilton, NJ 08691

Filed pursuant to decision and order of the Board of Public Utilities dated _____, 2014 in Docket No. WE13121186.