

the Borough of Califon and a portion of Bloomsbury in Hunterdon County; a portion of Hamilton Square, a portion of Hamilton Township, a portion of Robbinsville Township, Lawrence Township and Lawrenceville Township in Mercer County; Berkeley Township in Ocean County; a portion of Chesterfield Township and North Hanover Township in Burlington County; Upper Freehold Township and Howell Township in Monmouth County; a portion of Gloucester Township, a portion of Blackwood in Gloucester Township and a portion of Laurel Springs in Camden County and Woolwich Township in Gloucester County.

According to the petition, the rate increase is driven by several factors including, but not limited to, continuing increases in operating expenses and the significant capital expenditures required for the Company to continue to provide safe, adequate and proper service and to comply with state and federal regulations. The additional revenues being requested are to enable the Petitioner to maintain a satisfactory credit position, preserve its financial integrity, permit proper maintenance and improvement of the utility plant required to furnish safe, adequate and proper service, encourage continued good management and provide an incentive for efficiency, prevent confiscation or diminution of its property, and to earn a reasonable return upon the fair value of its property used and useful in the public service.

On January 27, 2014, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") for hearings and on February 19, 2014, the Board issued an Order suspending the Company's proposed rate increase until June 21, 2014.

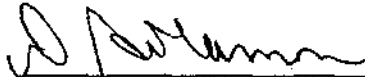
In light of the fact that this matter will not be completed by June 21, 2014, and that the proposed revisions will increase existing rates and change or alter existing classifications in Petitioner's tariff, it is **HEREBY ORDERED** that:

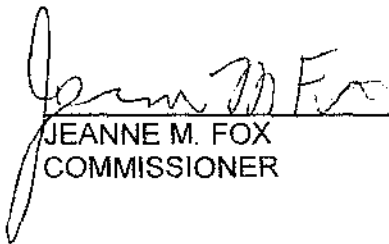
- (1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be, and are further suspended until October 21, 2014, unless the Board prior to that date, makes a determination disposing of the petition or enters an Order further suspending the proposed revisions;
- (2) Petitioner shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for hearing on the petition by the Office of Administrative Law, file with this Board and with the Office of Administrative Law (33 Washington Street, Newark N.J. 07102) proof of compliance with the Notice provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12 (b) and (c), which Notice shall include a statement that any relief found by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board to any class or classes of customers on any rate or schedule as the Board may determine; and
- (3) Petitioner shall serve copies of this Order upon the Office of Administrative Law, the Division of Rate Counsel (140 East Front Street, 4th Floor, Post Office Box 003, Trenton, N.J. 08625), the clerk of each affected municipality, the clerk of the Boards of Chosen Freeholders of each affected county, and where appropriate, the executive officer of each affected county within its service area. Service of the petition, notice of hearings and this Order may be made simultaneously. Proof of service of this Order shall be filed with the Board within fifteen (15) days of the date of this Order.


This Order shall be effective on May 31, 2014.

DATED: 5/21/14

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
BY:


DIANNE SOLOMON
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JEANNE M. FOX
COMMISSIONER

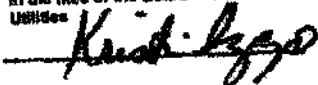

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ATTEST:


KRISTI IZZO
SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within
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**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR APPROVAL
OF AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR WATER SERVICE AND OTHER TARIFF CHANGES
BPU DOCKET NO. WR14010019
OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 01147-14**

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