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The Honorable Kristi Izzo, Secretary New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor P.O. Box 350 Trenton, NJ 08625

RE:

I/M/O 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

Dear Secretary Izzo:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and ten (10) copies, plus one additional copy, of the Conforming Tariff of Aqua New Jersey, Inc. (the "Company") in the above-referenced matter. Please arrange to have the additional copy marked "Filed" and return in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

William C. Packer

Controller

Enclosure

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cc: Service List

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**TARIFF** 

FOR

WATER SERVICE

APPLICABLE IN

ALL OR PART OF

WARREN, HUNTERDON, MERCER, BURLINGTON, CAMDEN, OCEAN,
SUSSEX, MONMOUTH, AND GLOUCESTER COUNTIES
NEW JERSEY

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#### **TERRITORY SERVED**

#### **BURLINGTON COUNTY**

Chesterfield Township \*
North Hanover Township

#### **CAMDEN COUNTY**

Blackwood \*

Gloucester Township \*

Laurel Springs \*

#### **GLOUCESTER COUNTY**

Woolwich Township

#### **HUNTERDON COUNTY**

Bloomsbury Borough \*
Califon Borough
Holland Township\*
Lebanon Township

#### MERCER COUNTY

Hamilton Square \*
Hamilton Township \*
Lawrence Township
Lawrenceville Township
Robbinsville Township \*

#### **MONMOUTH COUNTY**

Upper Freehold

**OCEAN COUNTY** 

Berkeley Township

SUSSEX COUNTY

Fredon Township
Green Township\*
Hardyston Township \*
Vernon Township \*

**WARREN COUNTY** 

Greenwich Township Harmony Township Lopateong Township Town of Phillipsburg Town of Pohateong

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#### STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Service will be governed by the pertinent rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Public Utilities, and said rules are herein adopted and incorporated by reference.

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#### AN INTRODUCTION TO CUSTOMERS

The approved tariff can be found on the Company's website, www.aquaamerica.com for your review. The Company is responsible to maintain its tariff with any changes approved by the Board of Public Utilities and must, by State Law and regulations, maintain it in exactly the same format as the Company's tariff on file at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 S. Clinton Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. The Division of Water and Wastewater is on the 7th floor.

If, after you review this tariff and discuss it with appropriate Company employees, you still have questions regarding clarification or interpretations, please contact the Board of Public Utilities, Division of Water and Wastewater, Bureau of Rates and Tariff Design at (609) 341-9188 as well as, 1-800-624-0241.

You have the right to review this tariff at the Company's offices or at the Board's office in Trenton. Your inquiries will be handled by the Board's staff in an expeditious manner in order to protect your rights as well as those of the water and/or sewer company. Please feel free to exercise this right by telephone or by visiting the Board's offices at any time between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by writing a letter. The letter should contain the writer's name, address and phone number-including the area code. If the writer is a customer of record, the account number should be included.

The Company also has available in its office a leaflet entitled "An Overview of Common Customer Complaints and Customer Rights." This is a summary of the most frequent customer complaints and rights; it does not include all customer rights or utility obligations.

The Board of Public Utilities is responsible for the final interpretation and enforcement of a utility's tariff provisions and rates. The utility is bound by New Jersey statutes and the Board's regulations. If a conflict should exist in the tariff that is detrimental to the customer, the Board's regulations supersede the tariff provision absent specific approval to the contrary by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. A utility company may provide for more liberal treatment than that provided for in the Board's regulations.

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#### AN OVERVIEW OF COMMON CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS AND CUSTOMER RIGHTS

- (1) No public utility shall refuse to furnish or supply service to a qualified applicant (Board Order CX86602155).
- (2) The utility shall not place the name of a second individual on the account of a residential customer unless specifically requested by said second individual (N.J.A.C. 14: 3-3.2).

#### **DEPOSITS**

- (3) If after notice of the methods of establishing credit and being afforded an opportunity, a customer has not established satisfactory credit, the utility may require a deposit. The deposit amount shall be determined by taking the cost of service for one year, dividing by twelve and multiplying that figure by 2. EX: 12 months total bills = \$763.54 divided by 12 = \$63.63 multiplied by 2 = \$127.26 deposit, or \$127.
- (4) The utility must furnish a receipt to any customer posting a deposit. The deposit will be returned with simple interest at a rate established annually by the Board of Public Utilities. Once the customer has established satisfactory credit with the utility, the deposit shall be returned to the customer with interest due. The customer has the option of receiving the deposit refund either by a check or a credit on the account. If a residential customer's deposit is not returned, the utility shall credit the customer's account with the accrued interest once every twelve months (N.J.A.C. 14:3-3.5).
- (5) Where a water or sewer utility furnishes unmetered service, for which payment is received in advance, it may not require a deposit (N.J.A.C. 14:3-3.4).

#### **DEFERRED PAYMENT AGREEMENTS**

(6) A customer is entitled to at least one deferred payment plan in one year. In the case of a residential customer who receives more than one utility service from the same utility (EX: water and sewer; gas and electric) and the amount which is in arrears is a combination of those services, the utility shall offer a separate deferred payment agreement for each service based on the outstanding balance for that service. The Company MUST re-negotiate the deferred payment agreement should the customer's financial situation change significantly. The Company must also issue a new discontinuance notice each time it

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#### DEFERRED PAYMENT AGREEMENTS (CONTINUED)

intends to shut off service, including defaults on the terms of the agreement. In the case of a residential customer who receives more than one utility service from the same utility and has subsequently entered into an agreement for each separate service, default on one such payment agreement shall constitute grounds for discontinuance of only that service (N.J.A.C. 14:3-7.7).

- (7) A water and sewer utility shall not discontinue service because of nonpayment of bills in cases where a charge is in dispute provided the undisputed charges are paid and a request is made to the Board within five (5) days for investigation of the disputed charge. The Company must advise the customer of their right to appeal to the Board of Public Utilities (N.J.A.C. 14:3-7.13(a)).
- (8) A customer has at least fifteen (15) days to pay a bill. A water and/or sewer utility may not discontinue water and sewer service unless written notice giving the customer at least ten (10) days notice prior to the proposed discontinuance. The notice shall not be given until after the expiration of the said fifteen (15) day period (N.J.A.C. 14:3-3A.3). The notice shall contain sufficient information for the customer to notify the Board of Public Utilities of the nature of the dispute. The utility shall make a good faith effort to determine which of its residential customers are over 65 years of age, and shall make good faith efforts to notify such customers of discontinuance of service by telephone in addition to notice by regular mail. This effort may consist of an appropriate inquiry set forth on the notice informing customers that they may designate a third party to receive notice of discontinuance. Utilities shall annually notify all residential customers that, upon request, notice of discontinuance of service will be sent to a designated third party as well as to the customer of record (N.J.A.C. 14:3-3A.4).
- (9) Public utilities shall not discontinue residential service except between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, unless there is a safety related emergency. There shall be no involuntary termination of service on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays or on the day before a holiday or on a holiday absent such emergency.
- (10) The occupant of a multiple family dwelling has the right to be notified of a pending service discontinuance at least fifteen (15) days prior to the service being discontinued.
- (11) A customer has the right to have any complaint against the utility handled promptly by that utility. Board Order (Docket No. CO8602155).
- (12) Each utility shall, upon request, furnish its customers with such information as is reasonable in order that the customers may obtain safe, adequate and proper service (N.J.A.C. 14:3-3.3(a)). Each utility shall inform its customers, where peculiar or unusual circumstances prevail, as to the conditions under which sufficient and satisfactory service may be secured from its system (N.J.A.C. 14:3-3.3(c)). Each utility shall supply its customers with information on the furnishing and performance of service in a manner that tends to conserve energy resources and preserve the quality of the environment (N.J.A.C. 14:3-3.3(d)).

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#### **METERS**

- (13) The utility must provide for one free meter test within a year if the customer so requests it. The customer can request that the Company or the Board may test the meter. A meter of a customer who has a complaint filed with the Board reflecting on the accuracy of the meter shall not be removed from service by the utility during the pendency of said complaint or during the following thirty (30) days unless otherwise authorized or directed by the Board (N.J.A.C. 14:3-4.8(c)). When a billing dispute is known to exist, the electric, gas or water utility shall, prior to removing the meter, advise the customer that the customer may have the meter tested by the utility or may have the Board either conduct a test of the meter or witness a testing of the meter by the utility, and that in any event the customer may have the test witnessed by a third party (N.J.A.C. 14:3-4.5(c)). A meter test arising from a billing dispute may be appropriate in instances which include, but are not limited to, unexplained increased consumption, crossed meters, consumption while an account is vacant or any other instance where the meter's accuracy might be an issue in a bill dispute (N.J.A.C. 14:3-4.5(d)).
- (14) Whenever a water meter is found to be registering fast by more than one and one-half percent, an adjustment of charges shall be made in accordance with the following: (1) If the date when the meter had first become inaccurate can be ascertained then the adjustment shall be such percentage as the meter is found to be in error at the time of test adjusted to 100 per cent on the amount of the bills covering the entire period that the meter has registered inaccurately; (2) In all other cases the adjustment shall be such percentage as the meter is found to be in error at the time of the test on one-half of the total amount of the billing affected by the fast meter adjusted to 100 percent since the previous test. No adjustment shall be made for a period greater than the time during which the customer has received service through that meter. No adjustment shall be made for a meter that is found to be registering less than 100 percent except in the case of meter tampering, non-registering meters or in circumstances in which the customer should reasonably have known that his bill did not reflect his usage (N.J.A.C. 14:3-4.6).
- (15) A utility must maintain records of customers' accounts for each billing period occurring within a six (6) year period. Such records shall contain all information necessary to permit computation of the bill (N.J.A.C. 14:3-6.1(b)).

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#### METERS (CONTINUED)

(16) Bills rendered must contain the following information: (a) The meter readings at the beginning and end of the billing period; (b) The dates on which the meter is read; (c) The number and kind of units measured; (d) Identification of applicable rate schedule or a statement that the applicable rate schedule will be furnished on request; (e) The amount of the bill; (f) A distinctive marking to indicate an estimated or averaged bill; (g) An explanation or statement of any conversion from meter reading to billing units or any other calculations or factors used in determining the bill; and (h) The gross receipts and franchise tax statement (N.J.A.C. 14:3-7.9).

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### EMERGENCY RESPONSE DUE TO EXTRAORDINARY DEMAND AND/OR DIMINISHED SUPPLY

1.1 Discontinuance of service for failure to comply with use restrictions.

For compliance by the utility in good faith with any governmental order or directive, notwithstanding that such order or directive subsequently may be held to be invalid, the Company may, upon reasonable notice, as set forth in sections 2.1 and 2.3 herein, suspend, curtail, or discontinue service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-23, N.J.S.A. 48:2-24, and N.J.A.C 14:3-3A.1 and N.J.A.C. 14:3-3A.2 for any of the following acts or omissions on the part of the customer:

- (1) Connecting or operating any piping or other facility, including but not limited to, lawn sprinkling on the customer's premises in such a manner as to adversely affect the safety or adequacy of service provided to other customers present or prospective; or
- (2) Continuing waste of water by customers after notice from the utility through improper or imperfect pipes, fixtures, or failure to comply with restrictions; or
- (3) Failure to comply with the standard terms and conditions contained in this tariff or failure to comply with any state law, or the rules, regulations, orders or restrictions of any governmental authority having jurisdiction.
- 1.2 Water service shall be restored when the conditions under which such service was discontinued, as specified above, are corrected and upon the payment of the <u>SPECIAL RESTORATION OF SERVICE CHARGE</u> OF \$100.00 FOR EACH RESTORATION.

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# EMERGENCY RESPONSE DUE TO EXTRAORDINARY DEMAND AND/OR DIMINISHED SUPPLY (CONTINUED)

- 2.1 The Company will endeavor to provide a regular and uninterrupted supply of water through its facilities. However, if because of emergencies beyond the control of the Company, including governmental mandate, service is interrupted, irregular, defective or fails, the Company will not be liable for damage or inconvenience resulting therefrom. In the event of an extraordinary demand and/or diminished supply, the Company may restrict the use of water whenever the public welfare may require it and, if necessary, may shut off the water in its mains and pipes. In such cases the Company shall advise its customers by placing a prominent advertisement detailing the conditions and restrictions in a newspaper of general circulation in the utility service area. The notice will state the purpose and probable duration of the restriction or discontinuance. Failure to provide regular and uninterrupted service due to breakdowns is covered under other sections of this tariff.
- 2.2 The Company may restrict water service during certain periods, where the Company advises the Board of Public Utilities, in order to protect the public water supply, or otherwise to comply with any regulations, orders or decrees issued by the Governor of New Jersey or the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the Water Supply Management Act. Such interruptions or restrictions shall be reported to the Department of Environmental Protection and the Board by each utility by the speediest means of communications available, followed by a detailed written report, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 14:3-3.9(b), within one week. Thereafter the utility shall provide weekly reports for the duration of the emergency.
- 2.3 When the supply of water to individual customers is to be shut off or curtailed for failure to comply with emergency water restrictions imposed because of extraordinary demand or diminished supply, the Company shall advise its customers by placing a doortag on the front door of the home of the individual(s) in violation of the restrictions, at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to discontinuance or curtailment, or by giving another form of notice acceptable to the Board. The Company will advise business and commercial customers, in writing, by mailing a notice to the customer's billing address. In the case of doortags, they shall be sequentially numbered and include the date, time and nature of the violation and the procedure for restoration of service. All such notices shall be accounted for by the utility.

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### RATE SCHEDULE NO. 1 GENERAL METERED SERVICE - MAIN

#### **APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to the use of water supplied through meters to all customers served by the Company, with the exception of Tranquility Springs.

#### CHARACTER OF SERVICE

Continuous

RATE:	Fixed Service Charge
Size of Meter	Amount Per Month
5/8" or 5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 13.88
3/4"	20.82
1"	34.70
1 1/2"	69.40
2"	111.04
3"	208.20
4"	347.00
6"	694.00
8η	1,110.40
10"	1,596.20
12"	2,984.20

	<u>Usage Charge</u> Rate/1000 Gallons
General Metered Consumption	\$ 5.387
General Metered Consumption – Walkill	2.424

#### TERMS OF PAYMENT:

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

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The State of New Jersey enacted Chapter 443 of the Laws of New Jersey 1983 concerning the periodic testing of public water supplies which establishes a water tax of \$0.01 per 1,000 gallons of water. This water tax is reflected and included in the above rates.

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### RATE SCHEDULE NO. 1D GENERAL METERED SERVICE - All Territory Served

#### **APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to general metered service connections noted below.

#### CHARACTER OF SERVICE

Continuous

Class	Meter Size	Monthly DSIC Assessment \$
Metered Service	5/8x3/4"	\$0.00
	3/4"	\$0.00
	1"	\$0.00
	1-1/2"	\$0.00
	2"	\$0.00
	3"	\$0.00
	4"	\$0.00
	6"	\$0.00
	811	\$0.00
	10"	\$0.00
	12"	\$0.00

#### **TERMS OF PAYMENT:**

Applicable to customer's bill.

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### RATE SCHEDULE NO. 1E GENERAL METERED SERVICE – TRANQUILITY SPRINGS

#### **APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to the use of water supplied through meters to customers served by the Company, within the Tranquility Springs service area.

#### CHARACTER OF SERVICE

Continuous

RATE:	Fixed Service Charge	
Size of Meter	Amount Per Month	
5/8" or 5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 25.00	
3/4"	37.50	
1"	62.50	
1 1/2"	125.00	
2"	200.00	
3"	375.00	
4"	625.00	

Usage Charge Rate/1000 Gallons \$ 4.500

General Metered Consumption

#### TERMS OF PAYMENT:

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### RATE SCHEDULE NO. 2 PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE – ALL EXCEPT BERKELEY

#### APPLICABILITY:

Applicable to all customers served by the Company for private fire protection service with the exception of the Berkley service area.

#### **CHARACTER OF SERVICE:**

The Company will use due diligence at all times to provide customers service of the character or quality proposed to be supplied, but in case the service shall be interrupted or irregular or defective or fail, the Company shall be liable and obligated only to use reasonably diligent efforts in the light of the circumstances then existing to restore service or to correct its characteristics.

#### RATE:

Sprinkler connections including hoses or hydrants connected to them.

Size of Service	Amount Per Month
2" or less	\$ 0.00
3"	96.40
4"	160.66
6"	321.32
8"	514.10
10"	739.02
12"	1,381.66
Private Hydrants	\$ 41.28

#### MINIMUM CHARGE:

None.

#### **TERMS OF PAYMENT:**

BILLS ARE DUE FIFTEEN (15) DAYS AFTER THE BILL IS SENT. Bills are rendered monthly in arrears.

#### SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

Private fire service lines shall be equipped with special meters or detection devices and are to be used exclusively for fire protection purposes. No water shall be used through these fire protection connections except for testing purposes or in case of fire. However, the water company shall be notified at least 72 hours (3 days) prior to the testing of any fire protection connection; and shall be given the opportunity to witness said test.

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# RATE SCHEDULE NO. 2 PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE - ALL EXCEPT BERKELEY (CONTINUED)

Customers desiring a separate service connection for private fire service are required to make separate written application for such service on forms prescribed by the Company. Private fire service installations are made in accordance with the provisions of this tariff regarding the installation of service and connecting pipes and other facilities.

Service lines designated for private fire protection are installed for customers requiring a private fire service to supply sprinkler heads or hose connections. Any connection in which sprinkler heads and / or hose connections are supplied through a domestic service connection are not considered as part of a private fire protection service and shall not be deemed as part of this section (i.e., limited fire protection).

The connection shall be in accordance with the applicable laws including but not limited to those of the BPU, DEP and all federal, state and local agencies

The Company shall not be liable for any loss, injury, casualty or damage resulting from fire or water, or other agency, resulting from the supply or use of water service or the failure thereof, which may occur on account of the installation or presence of a private fire service connection, or from the presence or operation of the Company's structures, equipment, pipes, appliances or devices on the customer's premises, or connected therewith.

The Company may not discontinue water service unless it has provided written notice giving the customer at least thirty (30) days notice prior to the proposed discontinuance. However, in case of fraud, illegal use, or when it is clearly indicated that the customer is preparing to leave, immediate payment of accounts may be required, and service may be discontinued without further notice.

When hydrants are attached between the main and the meter, a charge per hydrant will be made. The installation and maintenance of fire hydrants and the supplying of water through such hydrants is for the sole use of authorized fire-fighting personnel for the control and extinguishment of any fire.

No additional charge shall be made for water used in testing or for fire. However, should it be determined by the water company that water is being, or has been, used through a fire protection connection for other than fire protection or testing purposes, the water company shall have the right to charge for the water used based on its "General Metered Service" tariff and to order said unauthorized use to cease immediately subject to the termination of the service.

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# RATE SCHEDULE NO. 2A PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE - BERKLEY

#### APPLICABILITY:

Applicable to all customers served by the Company for private fire protection service in the Township of Berkeley, Ocean County.

#### CHARACTER OF SERVICE:

The Company will use due diligence at all times to provide customers service of the character or quality proposed to be supplied, but in case the service shall be interrupted or irregular or defective or fail, the Company shall be liable and obligated only to use reasonably diligent efforts in the light of the circumstances then existing to restore service or to correct its characteristics.

#### RATE:

Sprinkler connections including hoses or hydrants connected to them.

Size of Service	Amount Per Month
2" or less	\$ 0.00
3"	89.02
4"	148.36
6"	296.73
8"	474.76
10"	682.60
12"	1,275.94
Private Hydrants	\$ 41.28

#### MINIMUM CHARGE:

None.

#### **TERMS OF PAYMENT:**

BILLS ARE DUE FIFTEEN (15) DAYS AFTER THE BILL IS SENT. Bills are rendered monthly in arrears.

#### **SPECIAL PROVISIONS:**

Private fire service lines shall be equipped with special meters or detection devices and are to be used exclusively for fire protection purposes. No water shall be used through these fire protection connections except for testing purposes or in case of fire. However, the water company shall be notified at least 72 hours (3 days) prior to the testing of any fire protection connection; and shall be given the opportunity to witness said test.

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### RATE SCHEDULE NO. 2A (CONTINUED) PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE – BERKLEY (CONTINUED)

Customers desiring a separate service connection for private fire service are required to make separate written application for such service on forms prescribed by the Company. Private fire service installations are made in accordance with the provisions of this tariff regarding the installation of service and connecting pipes and other facilities.

Service lines designated for private fire protection are installed for customers requiring a private fire service to supply sprinkler heads or hose connections. Any connection in which sprinkler heads and / or hose connections are supplied through a domestic service connection are not considered as part of a private fire protection service and shall not be deemed as part of this section (i.e., limited fire protection).

The connection shall be in accordance with the applicable laws including but not limited to those of the BPU, DEP and all federal, state and local agencies

The Company shall not be liable for any loss, injury, casualty or damage resulting from fire or water, or other agency, resulting from the supply or use of water service or the failure thereof, which may occur on account of the installation or presence of a private fire service connection, or from the presence or operation of the Company's structures, equipment, pipes, appliances or devices on the customer's premises, or connected therewith.

The Company may not discontinue water service unless it has provided written notice giving the customer at least thirty (30) days notice prior to the proposed discontinuance. However, in case of fraud, illegal use, or when it is clearly indicated that the customer is preparing to leave, immediate payment of accounts may be required, and service may be discontinued without further notice.

When hydrants are attached between the main and the meter, a charge per hydrant will be made. The installation and maintenance of fire hydrants and the supplying of water through such hydrants is for the sole use of authorized fire-fighting personnel for the control and extinguishment of any fire.

No additional charge shall be made for water used in testing or for fire. However, should it be determined by the water company that water is being, or has been, used through a fire protection connection for other than fire protection or testing purposes, the water company shall have the right to charge for the water used based on its "General Metered Service" tariff and to order said unauthorized use to cease immediately subject to the termination of the service.

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### RATE SCHEDULE NO. 4 PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

#### **APPLICABILITY:**

This schedule is applicable to all customers served by the Company for public fire within the company franchise, except as noted below:

#### **CHARACTER OF SERVICE:**

The installation and maintenance of fire hydrants, and the supplying of water through such hydrants, is for the sole use of authorized fire-fighting personnel for the control and extinguishment of any fire. The Company will use due diligence at all times to provide continuous service of the character or quality proposed to be supplied, but in case the service shall be interrupted or irregular or defective or fail, the Company shall be liable and obligated only to use reasonably diligent efforts in the light of the circumstances then existing to restore service or to correct its characteristics.

#### RATE:

#### Hydrant Charge

For each fire hydrant installed there shall be made a Monthly Fire Protection Charge of:

All Service Areas (Except as noted below)	\$ 54.16
Alpha Boro	22.29
Bayville (Billed Monthly)	17.84
Califon Boro	49.04
Fredon Twp	22.29
Hardyston Township	11.59
Holland Twp Church St	49.04
Holland Twp Fox Hill Dr.	30.31
Lawrenceville (Billed Monthly)	24.39
Phillipsburg Twn	51.36
Tranquility Springs	44.58
Upper Freehold Twp	29.43

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# RATE SCHEDULE NO. 4 PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE (CONTINUED)

#### 2. Terms of Payment

Unless otherwise noted above, all bills for municipal fire protection shall be rendered net Quarterly, in arrears, and shall become due and payable FIFTEEN (15) DAYS AFTER THE BILL IS SENT.

#### 3. Special Provisions

All hydrants, lead valves, branches and other appurtenances shall be and remain the property of the Company.

Upon application or request by a duly authorized representative of a municipality in the Company's service area, the Company will install fire hydrants for purposes of public fire protection. The locations of such hydrants are selected by agreement between officials of the municipalities and representatives of the Company after careful consideration. Municipalities shall pay the Company a charge for service to public fire hydrants as provided in the applicable rate schedule set forth in this tariff.

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### RATE SCHEDULE NO. 5 THIS SCHEDULE IS NO LONGER BEING USED

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# EIGHTH REVISED SHEET NO. 10 SUPERSEDING SEVENTH REVISED SHEET NO. 10

### RATE SCHEDULE NO. 7 SERVICE CHARGE

#### TERMINATION AND RESUMPTION OF SERVICE:

#### **BAD CHECK CHARGE:**

For the receipt of a negotiable instrument from a customer in payment of a bill, charge, or deposit due and such instrument is subsequently dishonored or uncollectible for any reason, the Company shall charge a handling charge equal to the costs incurred by the Company from the financial institution.

#### NON-STANDARD METER CONNECTION:

For metered connections which are set up for the temporary, short term sale of water such as to contractors, lawn care specialists, etc.; the Company shall charge a \$27.00 fixed service charge plus a charge for the water taken based on its "General Metered Service" tariff. The Company shall have the right to designate where, how, when and if such water may be obtained. Anyone being given permission to obtain water in such a manner must have in place a mechanism acceptable to the Company that will assure against the backflow of water into the Company's system.

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# RATE SCHEDULE NO. 8 WATER SOLD FOR RESALE ONLY

#### APPLICABILITY:

Applicable to water sold for resale only, within all territories served by the Company and which is exempt from the water tax as established by enactment of Chapter 443 of the Laws of New Jersey 1983.

#### CHARACTER OF SERVICE:

Continuous.

RATE:	Fixed Service Charge	
Size of Meter	Amount Per Month	
5/8" or 5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 13.88	
3/4"	20.82	
1"	34.70	
1 1/2"	69.40	
2"	111.04	
3"	208.20	
4"	347.00	
6"	694.00	
8"	1,110.40	
10"	1,596.20	
12"	2,984.20	

Usage Charge Rate/1000 Gallons \$ 5.377

General Metered Consumption

#### TERMS OF PAYMENT:

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

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### RIDER ED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

#### APPLICABILITY

Customers receiving service under Rate Schedules No. 1 and No. 2

#### **CHARACTER OF SERVICE**

Commitments for service under third provision will be made available to qualifying customers.

#### CREDIT

A credit equal to 65% of the eligible portion of a customer's consumption charge(s) as described below for the newly constructed, leased or purchased space, as determined by AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC., will be applied to the customer's monthly water bills for the first year, decreasing to 45% in the second year, 25% in the third year, 10% in the fourth year and no reduction in subsequent years. The credit must commence within nine months after receiving written commitment from AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC. for Economic Development Program. In no case shall application of this Service result in a negative charge for consumption.

For new customers, the credit shall apply to all consumption subject to certain caps as measured by AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC. A new customer, for purposes of this Service, shall be defined as a customer who has not previously received water from AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC. within the previous two years, or whose newly leased or purchased space is separately metered.

For existing customers, the credit shall apply only to that consumption, as measured by AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC., which is in excess of the highest comparable consumption during the most recent 10 year period without such expansion. Existing customers shall also be subject to the caps on eligible consumption. An existing customer for purposes of this Service, shall be defined as a customer whose newly leased or purchased space is not separately metered from the existing service.

The Company reserves the right, after proper notification to the Board of Public Utilities, to cancel this tariff at any time for new applicants. The Company also reserved the right to determine the bona fide nature of any applicant wishing to utilize this tariff. This tariff shall be open for a minimum of two years subject to the caps on eligible consumption.

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#### ADDITIONAL CREDIT

An additional credit of 5% per year for the first four years will be added to the above credit for all its customers who qualify for the Economic Development Program and are also in a "priority location" (Urban Enterprise Zones) as defined by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority. The credit would be based on the same parameters as above and equate to a 70% credit for the first year, 50% for the second year, 30% for the third year, and 15% for the fourth and final year.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Each customer will be required to sign an Application for Economic Development Service including an estimate of additional consumption. The customer will also be required to participate in a conservation audit performed by the Company. The customer must remain on the same rate schedule as in the base year period throughout the four-year term of the program. AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC., upon verification of eligibility, will provide the customer with a written commitment for Economic Development Program Service.

To be eligible, a customer must lease or purchase new or vacant space for manufacturing, retail, research and development, office or warehousing. The effective date of the lease or purchase must be after the date of this rate schedule. The total additional leased or purchased building space must equal or exceed 2,000 square feet.

Qualifying vacant building space must be vacant for a minimum of six months, as determined by AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC., prior to receiving a commitment for the Economic Development Program.

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Customer must be adding at least two permanent full-time employees (owner included) to their payroll at the site receiving Economic Development Program Service. Relocation or consolidation of employees based in AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC.'s service territory without employment growth, will not qualify. Employment growth will be confirmed by AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC. in conjunction with the New Jersey Department of Labor and/or affidavit from the customer. AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC. reserves the right, at its discretion, to periodically verify employment increases and sustained level of employment. If after verification the required employment level has not been sustained, Rider ED will no longer be applicable.

The Company reserves the right, after proper notification to the Board of Public Utilities, to cancel this tariff at any time for new applicants. The Company also reserves the right to determine the bona fide nature of any applicant wishing to utilize this tariff. This tariff shall be open for a minimum of two years subject to the caps on eligible consumption.

#### LIMITATIONS OF SERVICE

This service is not available to federal, state, county or local government or governmental entities. In addition, the Company shall limit eligibility into the pilot economic development program so that the following total maximum consumption factors should not be exceeded:

- a) The Company shall limit its economic development discounts so that, over a period of 12 consecutive months, to be measured at the end of each month, the Company sells no more than 52 million gallons under the Economic Development Rider. If the 52 million gallon cap is exceeded in any 12 month period, then the Company shall immediately cease accepting new applicants under the Economic Development Rider.
- b) There shall be a cap on the discount for all water sold per month to any individual customer as follows:
  - i) no more than 15,000 gallons per month shall be subject to discount under the Economic Development Rider for customers having a meter size of less than one inch.
  - ii) no more than 30,000 gallons per month shall be subject to discount under the Economic Development Rider for customers having a meter size of one inch, 1.5 inches, or two inches.

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iii) no more than 60,000 gallons per month shall be subject to discount under the Economic Development Rider for customers having a meter size of three inches or larger.

However, no eligible customer who is served under this tariff shall be denied the full benefit of the four year duration of the discounts under this pilot program.

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# RATE SCHEDULE NO. 9 NON-TREATED AND NON-POTABLE METERED SERVICE LIBERTY ROAD WELL - LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP GOLF COURSE

#### **APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to the use of non-treated and non-potable water supplied through a meter to the Lopatcong Township Golf Course for irrigation purposes only.

#### **CHARACTER OF SERVICE**

Continuous

RATE:

Rates are the same as those for Rate Schedule No. 1 - Main.

Usage Charge Rate/1000 Gallons \$ 1.077

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All Consumption

<u>Peak Electrical Demands Surcharge</u> – the surcharge for all peak electrical use will be passed on directly to the specific user.

#### TERMS OF PAYMENT:

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