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Via Hand Delivery & First Class Mail

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Re: I/M/O The Petition of the Township of South Orange Village Review and Approval of a Hearing Report – Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 58:26-19 et. seq. BPU Docket No.: WO16040310

Dear Ms. Asbury:

Please accept for filing an original and ten (10) copies of comments filed on behalf of the Division of Rate Counsel (“Rate Counsel”) regarding the above-referenced matter. Enclosed is one additional copy. Please date stamp the copy as “filed” and return it to the courier. Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

On August 19, 2016, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 58:26-19, the Township of South Orange Village (“South Orange”) filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities seeking approval of a contract with American Water Operations and Maintenance, Inc. (“AWOM”), to operate and maintain its waster system. Rate Counsel has reviewed the petition filed by South Orange, as well as the discovery responses provided by South Orange in response to questions from Board Staff in the above-referenced matter. Based upon that review, Rate Counsel has no objection to the Board approving South Orange’s contract with AWOM to operate and maintain its water system.

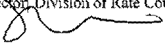
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Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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IM/O a Contract for the Operation and Maintenance of the South Orange Water System with American Water Operations and Maintenance, Inc. Pursuant to the New Jersey Water Supply Public-Private Contracting Act, N.J.S.A. 58:26-19 et seq. BPU Docket No. WO16049310

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