



The increase in rates is proposed to become effective on January 21, 2019.<sup>2</sup> The Petitioner also indicates that it intends to implement the proposed rates on September 21, 2019, on an interim basis, following the expiration of the suspension periods if the Board has not made a final determination in this matter prior pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.

According to the petition, the rate increase is required to enable the Petitioner to recover its increases in its operating expenses, the significant capital expenditures required to continue to provide safe, adequate and proper water service to its customers and to comply with state and federal regulations.

On January 4, 2019, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") and on January 17, 2019 (with an effective date of January 27, 2019); the Board issued an Order initially suspending the Company's proposed rate increase until May 21, 2019.

Because this matter is still pending before the OAL, and the proposed revisions will increase existing rates and change or alter existing classifications in each joint 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 September 21, 2019, 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, NJ 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, Division of Rate Counsel (140 East Front Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Post Office Box 003, Trenton, NJ 08625-0003), 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.

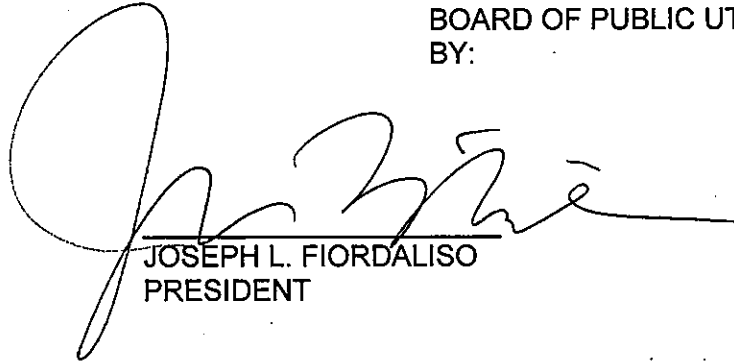
---

<sup>2</sup> On December 28, 2018, the Company submitted a letter to the Board Secretary advising that it will not implement rates on an interim basis prior to the effective date of the Board's Initial Suspension Order resulting from the January 17, 2019 public agenda meeting. However, the Company asserted that it "in no way waives it[s] right to implement the proposed rates at the conclusion of the eight month suspension period on September 21, 2019, should the Board not issue a final Decision and Order by that date." Ibid. The effective date of the Board's Initial Suspension Order is January 27, 2019.


This Order shall be effective on May 18, 2019.

DATED: 5/8/19

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
BY:



JOSEPH L. FIORDALISO  
PRESIDENT



MARY-ANNA HOLDEN  
COMMISSIONER



DIANNE SOLOMON  
COMMISSIONER



UPENDRA J. CHIVUKULA  
COMMISSIONER



ROBERT M. GORDON  
COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:   
AIDA CAMACHO-WELCH  
SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within  
document is a true copy of the original  
in the files of the Board of Public Utilities.

**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. WR18121351**

**SERVICE LIST**

Courtney L. Schultz, Esq.  
Colleen A. Foley  
Saul Ewing, LLP  
One Riverfront Plaza, Suite 1520  
Newark, NJ 07102-5426  
[Courtney.Schultz@saul.com](mailto:Courtney.Schultz@saul.com)  
[Colleen.Foley@saul.com](mailto:Colleen.Foley@saul.com)

Stefanie Brand, Director  
Division of Rate Counsel  
Post Office Box 003  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0003  
[sbrand@rpa.state.nj.us](mailto:sbrand@rpa.state.nj.us)

Patricia Krogman, DAG  
Department of Law and Public Safety  
Division of Law  
Post Office Box 45029  
Newark, NJ 07101  
[Patricia.Krogman@law.njoag.gov](mailto:Patricia.Krogman@law.njoag.gov)

Board of Public Utilities  
Post Office Box 350  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

**Division of Water**

Michael Kammer, Director  
[mike.kammer@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:mike.kammer@bpu.nj.gov)

Megan Lupo, Chief  
[Megan.lupo@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:Megan.lupo@bpu.nj.gov)

Justin Cederberg  
[justin.cederberg@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:justin.cederberg@bpu.nj.gov)

Rupal Patel  
[rupal.patel@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:rupal.patel@bpu.nj.gov)