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Aida Camacho-Welch
Secretary of the Board
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor
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**RE: In The Matter of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic
Order Establishing of a Regulatory Asset for Incremental
COVID-19 Related Expenses
Docket No. AO20060471**

Dear Secretary Camacho-Welch,

I am responding on behalf of SUEZ Water New Jersey related to the above referenced Order.

Specifically with regard to this Order, the Company has been tracking incremental costs that it has incurred related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although this Order states that the following report should start March 9, the Company did incur some incremental COVID costs beginning March 7, 2020 and those costs are also included below.

For the period ending June 30, 2020, the Company incurred the following:

Disinfectant	\$67,926
PPE	41,575
Computers	80,368
Cleaning supplies	2,135
Signage	2,278
Other	<u>8,582</u>
Total	<u>\$202,864</u>

Consistent with the other Commission Orders, the Company suspended all collection activities including no shut offs. As a result, the Company anticipates that its ultimate bad-debt write-offs will increase due to COVID. As such, the Company is increasing its uncollectible reserve. While the Company is continually monitoring the uncollectibles, at this time, it has increased its reserve for uncollectible by approximately \$611,000 in June.



In addition, the Company is currently evaluating any costs savings related to COVID and although not quantified, there appear to be savings mostly related to office expenses since office employees are working from home. In addition, summer interns have not been hired this year due to COVID. The Company also has not received any Federal Funds but continues to investigate if it will be eligible in the future.

The Company will continually monitor its costs and provide additional information either as requested or in its quarterly updates.

Please advise if you need additional information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary S. Prettyman", written over a horizontal line.

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