

# THE ATLANTIC CITY SEWERAGE COMPANY

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**Via Email**

Aida Camacho-Welch  
Secretary of the Board  
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities  
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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 The Atlantic City Sewerage Company related to the above referenced Order.

When the Board Order Establishing a Regulatory Asset for Incremental COVID-19 Related Expenses, Docket No. AO20060471 (the "COVID Expense Order"), was first issued, The Atlantic City Sewerage Company did not anticipate significant costs related to COVID-19 in comparison to other utilities. As a result, the Company did not initially set up a regulatory asset or defer costs at that time; however, the Company did track those costs. Since then, especially in light of the Board Order Adopting Revised Utility Customer Bill of Rights, Docket No. AX2109111, and all of its subsequent revisions, the costs incurred by the Company have increased more than originally anticipated. In addition, in connection with the Company's last base rate case and the settlement thereof, Docket No. WR21071003, the Company did not recover any COVID-19 related costs as the Company was instructed to defer them pursuant to the COVID Expense Order.

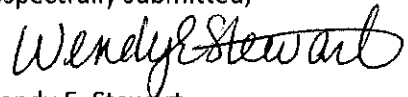
Therefore, specifically with regard to the COVID Expense Order, the Company has been tracking incremental costs that it has incurred related to the COVID-19 pandemic since March 10, 2020. For the period March 10, 2020 to December 31, 2021, which includes the most recently quarter for reporting purposes, the Company has incurred the following COVID-19 related costs:

Cleaning & Sanitizing Supplies	\$5,038.09
COVID-19 Related Mailings	\$5,391.51
PPE Supplies	\$3,128.97
Other	<u>\$ 659.66</u>
Total	<u>\$14,218.23</u>

Additionally, the Company has suspended all collection activities and disconnections since the first quarter of 2020. As a result, the Company anticipates that its ultimate bad-debt write-offs will increase due to COVID-19, although at this time the actual amount is indeterminable.

The Company will continually monitor its costs and provide additional information in future quarterly updates. Please advise if you require any additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy E. Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wendy E. Stewart  
President & General Manager

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