

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT  
PETITION OF MONTAGUE WATER AND  
SEWER COMPANIES FOR AN  
INCREASE IN RATES FOR WATER AND  
SEWER SERVICE

**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE  
WITH N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12(b) and (c)**

BPU Docket No. WR 22010018  
OAL Docket No. PUC 535-22

LAURA M. MILLER hereby certifies as follows:

I am Senior Counsel with the firm Norris McLaughlin P.A., counsel to Montague Water and Sewer Companies in the captioned matter and am familiar with the facts stated herein:

1. On March 25, 2022, the Public Notice of the filing of the Petition and of the Public Hearing was served by electronic mail on Teresa Lyons, Clerk of the Board of Sussex County Commissioners and Eileen DeFabiis, Clerk of the Township of Montague.

2. On March 29, 2022, the Public Notice of the filing of the Petition and of the Public Hearing was served by electronic mail on Latoya Bryant of the Office of Administrative Law, Susan McClure of the Division of Rate Counsel, and Pamela Owen and Meliha Arnautovic of the New Jersey Attorney General's Office.

3. I have been advised by my client that the Public Notice of the filing of the Petition and of the Public Hearing was included in customers' March 2022 bills.

4. Public Notice of the filing of the Petition and of the Public Hearing was published in The New Jersey Herald on March 27, 2022 and the Star-Ledger on March

26, 2022. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is an Affidavit of Publication of Nicole Jacobs verifying that the Public Notice of the filing of the Petition and of the Public Hearing was published in The New Jersey Herald on March 27, 2022, and attached hereto as Exhibit B is an Affidavit of Publication of Darian Alexander which verifies that said notice was published in the Star-Ledger on March 26, 2022.

5. The statements made herein by me are true. I am aware that if any of the statements made by me is willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura M. Miller".

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**NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING  
MONTAGUE WATER COMPANY and MONTAGUE SEWER COMPANY**

**NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR  
AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE**

**BPU Docket No. WR22010018**

**OAL Docket No. PUC 00535-22**

**(FOR CUSTOMERS IN PARTS OF MONTAGUE TOWNSHIP)**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on January 14, 2022 Montague Water Company and Montague Sewer Company ("Companies"), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, and N.J.A.C. 14:9-7.1, filed a joint petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") seeking approval of increases in rates to customers of the Companies for water and sewer service.

The proposed increases are necessary in order for the Companies to continue to provide safe, adequate, and proper service to customers. The proposed increase in water rates is designed to produce additional annual revenue to the Water Company of approximately \$401,754, or approximately 97.4% in excess of pro forma revenues for the twelve months ended April 30, 2022. This will be the first rate increase for the Water Company since 2014. The proposed increase in sewer rates is designed to produce additional annual revenue to the Sewer Company of \$212,123, or approximately 88.9% in excess of pro forma revenues for the twelve months ended April 30, 2022. This will be the first rate increase for the Sewer Company since 2013.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that virtual public hearings on the Companies' Petition have been scheduled on April 19, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the following website: <https://oal-nj-gov.zoomgov.com>, Meeting ID: 160 004 8794, Passcode: 591854

The proposed rates provide for increases to certain classes of customers, as generally filed with the Board and served upon the Attorney General of New Jersey and the Clerk of Montague Township. The present and proposed rates for monthly billing for General Metered Water Service and for Sewer Service are as follows:

<u>Water</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
5/8" Residential Base Charge	\$13.94	\$25.00	79.3%
5/8" Commercial Base Charge	\$41.82	\$75.00	79.3%
Usage per 1,000 gal.	\$10.66	\$22.10	107.3%
<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
Residential Base Charge	\$72.20	\$111.95	55.1%
Commercial Base Charge	\$360.99	\$672.00	86.2%
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Any relief determined by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board to any class or classes of customers of the Company in such manner and in such amounts or percentages, as the Board may deem appropriate. The Board may choose to impose a greater portion of the increase on any present or future class or classes, group or groups of customers, may exclude from any increase any of the foregoing, or may vary the amount of percentage increase applicable to any of the foregoing.

An Administrative Law Judge from the Office of Administrative Law will preside over the virtual public hearing. Virtual hearings will continue, if necessary, on such additional dates and at such times as determined by the presiding Administrative Law Judge. Members of the public are invited to participate and express their views on the proposed rate increase. Such comments will be made a part of the final record in the proceeding. Whether or not you participate in the virtual public hearing, written comments may be submitted to Hon. Kimberly A. Moss, Administrative Law Judge, Office of Administrative Law, 33 Washington Street Newark, New Jersey 07102 or to Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary, Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625-0350, making sure such letter contains BPU Docket No. WR22010018 and OAL Docket No. PUC 00535-22.

In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations for these virtual hearings, including interpreters, at least 48 hours prior to this hearing by contacting Laura M. Miller of Norris McLaughlin at (908) 252-4211.

Further information, including the proposed rate schedules and Petition may be obtained at the Business Office of Montague Water and Sewer, 452 Route 206, Montague, New Jersey 07827 during regular business hours by calling (973) 293-8059. Additional copies are on file at the Board, whose address is listed above, and at the offices of Montague Township and Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders. The Petition can also be viewed at the Companies' website: <https://www.uiwater.com/new-jersey>

Dated: March 22, 2022  
Montague, New Jersey

Montague Water Company  
Montague Sewer Company

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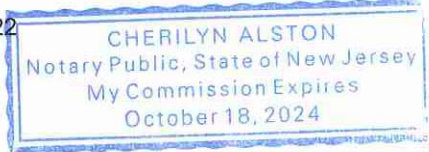
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