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**Re: I/M/O The Board of Public Utilities Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic
Order Authorizing Establishment of a Regulatory Asset for Incremental
COVID-19 Related Expenses,
BPU Docket. No. AO20060471**

Dear Secretary Diaz,

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Atlantic City Sewerage Company (“ACSC” or the “Company”), which provides an update regarding reporting in connection with the above-referenced docket.

On September 15, 2022, N.J.S.A. 48:2-29.57 *et seq.*, relating to COVID-19 reporting, became effective. Pursuant N.J.S.A. 48:2-29.58(a) and N.J.S.A. 48:2-29.59(a), public utilities are required to provide specified information to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“BPU” or “Board”) in a format specified by the BPU. This information is to be provided to the BPU beginning October 6, 2022 and on a quarterly basis thereafter, for a period of 24 months. *See* N.J.S.A. 48:2-29.58(b) and N.J.S.A. 48:2-29.59(b).

Board Staff, New Jersey utilities, including ACSC, and other stakeholders have been working together, through the Collections and Assistant Programs Working Group, to determine the format of the reports to be provided. To date there has been no more specific format determined, other than that the information be provided to the BPU in excel file format. The parties have scheduled additional discussions next week to further refine the format of the report

ACSC has been reviewing the categories of information set forth in N.J.S.A. 48:2-29.58(a) and N.J.S.A. 48:2-29.59(a) in order to determine whether it has the requested data and whether it will be able to provide the requested comparisons – for 2019 and 2021. It is likely

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that ACSC will not be in a position to provide the requested information for 2019, as it did not track much of the data required until after it was mandated in connection with the above-referenced docket and by other COVID-19 Board Orders. It is also worth noting that ACSC is a small utility with limited resources and these new statutory tracking and reporting obligations will present a substantial hardship for ACSC no matter the format ultimately required by the BPU.

That said, the Company will make every effort to comply, to the fullest extent possible, and reserves the right to address said matters once the BPU formatting requirements are released. Thus, ACSC is unable to provide the file of information required on or before October 6, 2022.

The Company has undertaken a good faith effort to determine the data it has available and to comply with the reporting requirement N.J.S.A. 48:2-29.57 *et seq.*, including the October 6, 2022 reporting deadline. Accordingly, ACSC will provide the report with all available required information to the Board as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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