



State of New Jersey
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 04695-24

BPU DKT. NO. WR24030179

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
FAYSON LAKE WATER COMPANY FOR
APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN RATES
AND OTHER APPROPRIATE RELIEF,**

Martin C. Rothfelder, Esq. for petitioner Fayson Lake Water Company

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Meliha Arnautovic, Deputy Attorney General for the Staff of the Board of Public
Utilities (Matthew J. Platkin, Attorney General of New Jersey)

Record Closed: July 30, 2024

Decided: August 5, 2024

BEFORE **KIMBERLY A. MOSS**, ALJ:

On May 12, 2024, Fayson Lake Water Company (petitioner) filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) seeking approval of an increase in its base rates. On April 9, 2024, the BPU transmitted the case to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL)

for hearing as a contested case under N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 to-15 and N.J.S.A. 52:14F 1 to-13.

A telephone prehearing was conducted on May 23, 2024. A follow up telephone conference was scheduled and conducted on July 23, 2024. Public hearings were also held on July 23, 2024. A follow up status conference was scheduled for August 30, 2024. Prior to that date, petitioner submitted Stipulation of Settlement resolving all issues in dispute, which is attached hereto for reference. Having reviewed the record and the settlement terms, I **FIND** as follows:

1. The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures or the signatures of their representatives.
2. The settlement fully disposes of all issues in controversy and is consistent with the law.

Therefore, I **CONCLUDE** that the agreement meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1 and that the settlement should be approved. Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the parties comply with the terms of the settlement, and it is **FURTHER ORDERED** that the proceedings in this matter be concluded.

I hereby **FILE** my initial decision with the **BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES** for consideration.

This recommended decision may be adopted, modified or rejected by the **BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**, which by law is authorized to make a final decision in this matter. If the Board of Public Utilities does not adopt, modify or reject this decision within forty-five days and unless such time limit is otherwise extended, this recommended decision shall become a final decision in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10.

August 5, 2024



DATE

KIMBERLY A. MOSS, ALJ

Date Received at Agency:

August 5, 2024

Date Mailed to Parties:

August 5, 2024

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