



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
UNITED WATER NEW JERSEY INC.)
FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN)
RATES FOR WATER SERVICE AND)
OTHER TARIFF CHANGES)
)
) BPU DOCKET NO. WR09120987

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BY THE BOARD:

On December 9, 2009, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, United Water New Jersey Inc. ("UWNJ," "Company" or the "Petitioner"), a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities ("Board"), filed a petition seeking to increase its rates for water service amounting to approximately \$37,819,306 or 21.3% above the current annual level of revenues. The increase in rates is proposed to become effective on January 21, 2010.

According to the petition, the rate increase is required to enable the Petitioner to maintain a satisfactory credit position, preserve its financial integrity, permit proper maintenance and improvement of the utility facilities required to furnish safe, adequate and proper service, encourage continued effective management and provide incentives for efficiency, prevent confiscation or diminution of its property, and to earn a reasonable return upon the fair value of its property used and useful in the public service. Petition is also requesting the implementation of a Distribution System Improvement Charge ("DSIC").¹

The Company is engaged in the business of collecting, treating, and distributing water for retail service to customers located in the northern and western portions of the State. Specifically, UWNJ serves approximately 195,000 customers located in portions of Bergen, Hudson, Passaic, Morris, Hunterdon and Sussex counties.

¹ The Board has pending before it a request I/M/O the Petition of New Jersey American Water Company for Authorization to Implement a Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC), BPU Docket No. WO08050358. Petitioner has intervened in that proceeding. Any determination regarding the appropriateness of a DSIC shall be made in the context of that proceeding. The Board has not issued a final Order in WO08050358.

It appearing that the proposed revisions will increase existing rates and change or alter existing classifications in Petitioner's tariff, it is HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be, and are suspended until May 21, 2010, unless the Board prior to that date makes a determination disposing of the petition;
2. Petitioner shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for hearing on the petition by the Office of Administrative Law, file with this Board and with the Office of Administrative Law (33 Washington Street, Newark, N.J. 07102) proof of compliance with the Notice provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 and N.J.A.C. 14: 1-5.12 (b) and (c), which Notice shall include a statement that any relief found by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board to any class or classes of customers on any rate or schedule as the Board may determine; and
3. Petitioner shall serve copies of this Order upon the Office of Administrative Law, the Division of Rate Counsel (31 Clinton Street, P.O. Box 46005, Newark, NJ 07102), the clerk of each affected municipality, the clerk to the Board of Chosen Freeholders of each affected county, and where appropriate, the executive officer of each affected county within its service area. Service of the petition, notice of hearings and this Order may be made simultaneously. Proof of service of this Order shall be filed with the Board within fifteen (15) days of the date of this Order.

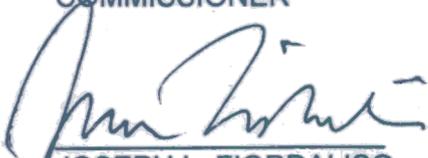
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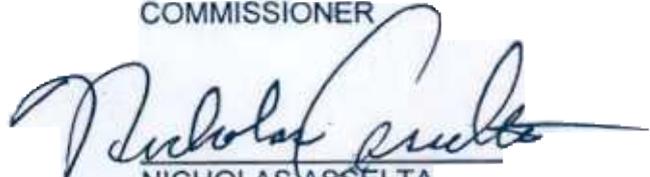
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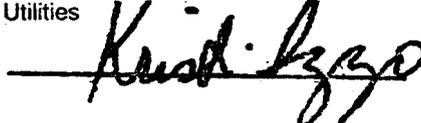

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For Approval of an Increase in Rates for Water Service
And other Tariff Changes

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