



**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**Board of Public Utilities**  
**Two Gateway Center**  
**Newark, NJ 07102**  
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I/M/O THE PETITION OF AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC. )	ORDER SUSPENDING
FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN RATES )	INCREASES, CHANGES OR
FOR WATER SERVICE AND OTHER )	ALTERATIONS IN RATES FOR
TARIFF CHANGES )	SERVICE

BPU DOCKET NO. WR07120955

(Service List Attached)

BY THE BOARD:

On December 21, 2007, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, Petitioner, Aqua New Jersey, Inc., a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities (Board) and serving approximately 45,000 customers within certain portions of Warren, Hunterdon, Mercer, Burlington, Monmouth, Camden, Ocean, Sussex, and Gloucester Counties, New Jersey, filed a petition for a revision of its rates for water service, amounting to an overall increase of approximately \$7,022,552 or 28.06% in annual revenues.<sup>1</sup> The increase in rates is proposed to become effective on January 19, 2008. The Petitioner does not seek interim rate relief pending final determination on the petition. The Petitioner however, notifies the Board that it intends to implement the proposed rates on September 19, 2008, on an interim basis pursuant to law, if the Board has suspended the effective date of the new rates pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 but has not finally determined a just and reasonable tariff schedule prior to that date. The Petitioner seeks to recover: (1) increased expenses, (2) recovery of capital improvements and (3) the opportunity to earn a reasonable investment in utility plant. Petitioner also proposes to implement a Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC) on a pilot basis as a result of this proceeding.

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<sup>1</sup> The Petitioner also provides wastewater service to approximately 4,000 customers in New Jersey. Petitioner's rates for wastewater service are not the subject of this petition.

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:

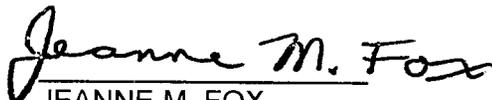
(1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be and are suspended until May 19, 2008, unless the Board prior to that date, makes a determination disposing of the petition or enters an Order further suspending the proposed revisions. The Board is not making a determination at this time with respect to the notification that the Petitioner intends to implement the proposed rates on September 19, 2008.

(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, at the same time it files with this Board, also file proof of service of copies of this Order upon the Office of Administrative Law, the Division of the Rate Counsel (31 Clinton Street, P.O. Box 46005, Newark, NJ 07102), the clerks of each affected municipality, the clerks to the Boards 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 Suspension Order may be made simultaneously.

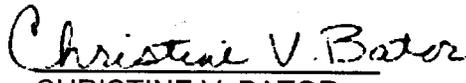
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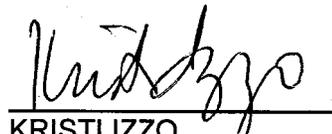
  
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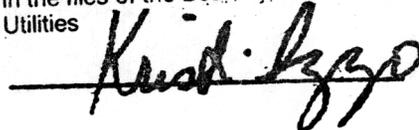
  
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