



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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WATER

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)

ORDER SUSPENDING INCREASES,
CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS
IN RATES FOR SERVICE

BPU DOCKET NO. WR08090710

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On September 5, 2008, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, United Water New Jersey, Inc. (UWNJ or Petitioner), a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities (Board), filed a petition for approval of an increase in rates for water service and other tariff changes amounting to approximately \$47,213,481 or 31.5%. According to the petition, the increase in rates is proposed to become effective on October 10, 2008. Petitioner states that it will implement the proposed rates on June 10, 2009, 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 new just and reasonable tariff schedule prior to that date.

Petitioner seeks the requested increase to recover costs associated with planned and completed capital expenditures as well as to enable it 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, provide incentives for efficiency, and to earn a fair value on its property used and useful in the public service. Petitioner does not seek interim rate relief pending a final determination on this petition.

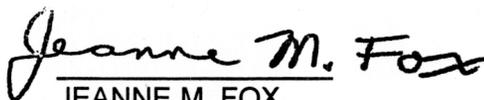
The Petitioner serves approximately 194,000 water customers located in the northern and western portions of the State. Specifically, UWNJ serves customers in portions of Bergen, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties. The Petitioner also supplies water service to other municipalities including the Township of Saddle Brook and the Boroughs of Fairlawn, Saddle River, Allendale, Mahwah and Ramsey.

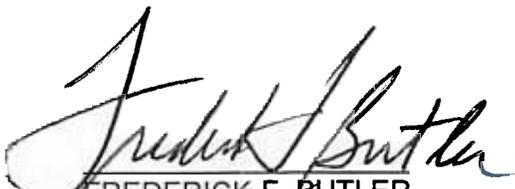
It appearing that the proposed revisions will increase existing rates, and change or alter existing classifications in Petitioner's tariff, it is HEREBY ORDERED that:

- (1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21(d), the proposed revisions be, and are suspended until February 10, 2009, unless the Board prior to that date makes a determination disposing of the petition or enters an Order further suspending the proposed revisions;
- (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 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.

DATED: 10/6/08

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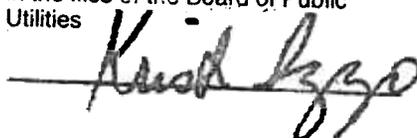

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