



**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**Board of Public Utilities**  
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WATER

I/M/O THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY )  
AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR )  
APPROVAL OF INCREASED TARIFF RATES FOR) ORDER SUSPENDING  
WATER AND SEWER SERVICE; INCREASED ) INCREASES, CHANGES OR  
DEPRECIATION RATES AND TARIFF REVISIONS) ALTERATIONS IN RATES FOR  
) SERVICE  
) BPU DOCKET NO. WR08010020

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On January 14, 2008, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-18, N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.S.A. 48: 2-21.1,<sup>1</sup> N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.7 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, Petitioner, New Jersey American Water Company, Inc. (Petitioner or NJAW), a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities (Board) and serving approximately 606,500 water customers and 28,400 wastewater customers within certain portions of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Essex, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, Union and Warren Counties, New Jersey, filed a petition for a revision of its rates for water and wastewater service, amounting to an overall increase of approximately \$124,745,975 or 23.35% in annual revenues. The increase in rates is proposed to become effective on February 14, 2008. The Petitioner does not seek interim rate relief pending final determination on the petition. The Petitioner seeks to recover: (1) increased expenses, (2) capital improvements and (3) the opportunity to earn a reasonable return on investment in utility plant.

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 June 14, 2008, 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

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<sup>1</sup> The Board notes that although the petition cites N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1, the petition does not include a request for an adjustment of rates during the pendency of the hearing.

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.

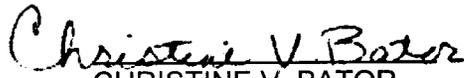
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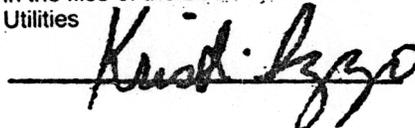
  
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FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE; INCREASED  
DEPRECIATION RATES AND  
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