



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
Two Gateway Center
Newark, NJ 07102
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
VERNON WATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL) ORDER SUSPENDING INCREASES,
OF AN INCREASE IN RATES AND AN) CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS
ALTERATION OF TARIFF) IN RATES FOR SERVICE
) BPU DOCKET NO. WR09080722

Lindsay R. Janel, Esq. Yardley, PA for Petitioner

BY THE BOARD:

On September 1, 2009, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.11, Vernon Water Company ("Company" 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 seeking to increase its rates for water service amounting to approximately \$123,683 or 165.29%, as well as an alteration of its tariff. The increase in rates was proposed to become effective on September 30, 2009. On September 21, 2009, the Company filed a letter with the Board stating that it will not implement the proposed rates pending Board action to suspend the proposed rates at its October 7, 2009, meeting.

According to the petition, the Company seeks the requested increase to enable it to preserve its financial integrity, permit proper maintenance, development and improvement of the utility facilities required to furnish safe, adequate, and proper service, and to earn a reasonable return upon its property used and useful in the public service.

The Company provides water service to approximately 206 customers located in Vernon Township, Sussex County, New Jersey.

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 January 30, 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 the affected municipality, the clerk to the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the affected county, and where appropriate, the executive officer of the 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 15 days of the date of this Order.

DATED: 10/8/09

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
BY:



JEANNE M. FOX
PRESIDENT



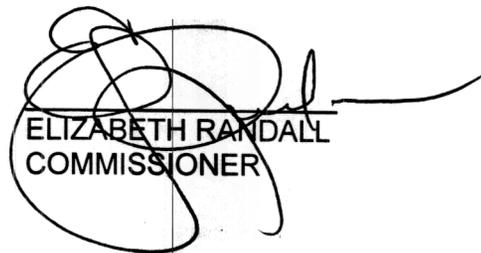
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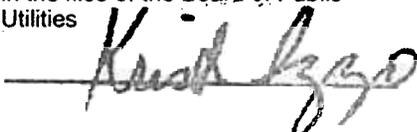
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COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



KRISTI IZZO
SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public Utilities



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September 21, 2009

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Two Gateway Center (8th Floor)
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Re: In the Matter of the Vernon Water Company
Approval for Increase in Service Rates

Dear Ms. Izzo:

I represent the Vernon Water Company in connection with the above referenced matter. On September 1, 2009, a petition for rate increase was submitted to your office on behalf of my client and I have been advised the Board of Public Utilities has received said request. Vernon Water's petition requested the rate increase become effective within thirty (30) days of filing the petition, however, I have been informed the Board's next meeting to decide on said proposal will not be held until October 7, 2009, nine (9) days after the proposed date of increase, October 1, 2009.

As such, I am writing to confirm that Vernon Water will not implement any requested rate increase as indicated in said petition. Furthermore, Vernon Water will not implement any rate increase until the Board has entered a Suspension Order on or after the October 7, 2009 Board meeting.

Thank you for your time and cooperation to this matter. Should you have anything you wish to discuss regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me. I remain,

Very Truly Yours,

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