



**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**Board of Public Utilities**  
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**Newark, NJ 07102**  
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WATER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF  
VERNON WATER COMPANY FOR )  
APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN RATES )  
AND AN ALTERATION OF TARIFF )

ORDER FURTHER SUSPENDING  
INCREASES, CHANGES OR  
ALTERATIONS IN  
RATES FOR SERVICE

) BPU DOCKET NO. WR09080722  
) OAL DOCKET NO. PUCRS 11395-2009N

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**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"), and providing water service to approximately 206 customers located in Vernon Township, Sussex County, New Jersey, filed a petition seeking to increase its rates for water service amounting to approximately \$123,683 or 165.29% above current revenues, 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. On November 16, 2009, Petitioner filed an amendment to its original petitioned filing showing a requested increase in its rates for water service amounting to approximately \$43,679 or 45.97%.

On September 17, 2009, this matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") for hearings. On October 8, 2009, the Board issued its first Order suspending the Company's initial proposed rate increase until January 30, 2010.

In light of the fact that this filing was recently amended and is still pending before the OAL, it is **HEREBY ORDERED** that:

- 1 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be, and are further suspended until May 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, NJ 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 of 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 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.

DATED: 1/21/10

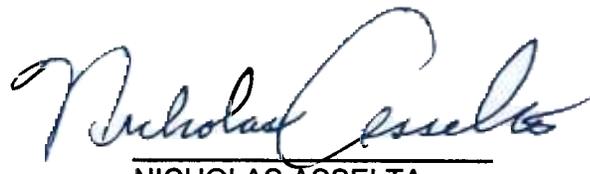
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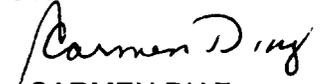
  
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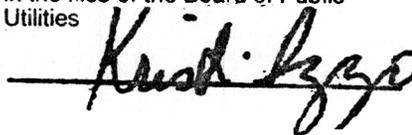
  
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