



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	ORDER FURTHER SUSPENDING
UNITED WATER NEW JERSEY INC.)	INCREASES, CHANGES OR
FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN)	ALTERATIONS IN RATES FOR SERVICE
RATES FOR WATER SERVICE AND)	
OTHER TARIFF CHANGES)	BPU DOCKET NO. WR09120987
)	OAL DOCKET NO. PUC01200-2010N

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Petitioner

BY THE BOARD:

On December 9, 2009, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.11, United Water New Jersey Inc. ("UWNJ," "Company" or the "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 195,000 customers located in portions of Bergen, Hudson, Passaic, Morris, Hunterdon and Sussex counties, filed a petition seeking to increase its rates for water service amounting to approximately \$37,819,306 or 21.3% above the current annual level of revenues, as well as other tariff changes. The increase in rates was proposed to become effective on January 21, 2010.

On January 6, 2010, this matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL"). On January 20, 2010, the Board issued its Initial Suspension Order suspending the Company's proposed rate increase until May 21, 2010.

According to the petition, the rate increase is required to enable the Petitioner 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 and provide incentives for efficiency, prevent confiscation or diminution of its property, and to earn a reasonable return upon the fair value of its property used and useful in the public service. Petitioner is also requesting the implementation of a Distribution System Improvement Charge ("DSIC").¹

¹ The Board has pending before it a request I/M/O the Petition of NJ American Water Company for Authorization to Implement a Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC), BPU Docket No. WOO8050358. Petitioner has intervened in that proceeding. Any determination regarding the appropriateness of a DSIC shall be made in the context of that proceeding. The Board has not issued a final Order in WOO8050358.

In light of the fact that this filing is still pending before the OAL, it is HEREBY ORDERED that:

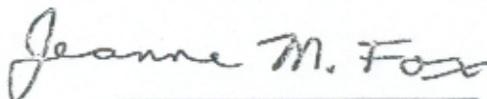
1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be, and are further suspended until September 21, 2010, unless the Board prior to that date makes a determination disposing of the petition;
2. Petitioner shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for hearing on the petition by the Office 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, 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, and the clerk to the Board of Chosen Freeholders in Ocean County. Service of the petition, notice of hearings and this Suspension Order may be made simultaneously.

DATED: 4/28/10

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
BY:



LEE A. SOLOMON
PRESIDENT



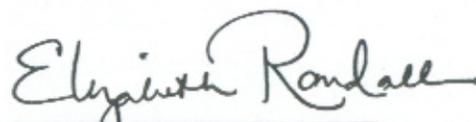
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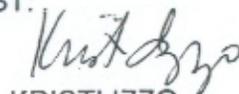


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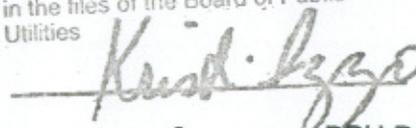
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ATTEST:



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



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

BPU Docket No. WR09120987
OAL Docket No. PUC01200-2010N

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