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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities Two Gateway Center Newark, NJ 07102 www.nj.gov/bpu

WATER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ROXBURY WATER COMPANY FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE

ORDER SUSPENDING INCREASES, CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS IN RATES FOR SERVICE

BPU DOCKET NO. WR09010090

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

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BY THE BOARD:

Roxbury Water Company (Roxbury or Petitioner) is a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Board) providing service to approximately 3,845 water customers in a portion of Roxbury, Morris County, New Jersey. On January 29, 2009, Roxbury filed a petition pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, seeking to increase and revise its existing rates and charges for water service amounting to an increase in revenues of \$419,130 or approximately 28.42% resulting in total revenues of \$1,894,071, if approved. The increase in rates is proposed to become effective on March 6, 2009. The Petitioner does not seek interim rate relief pending final determination of the Petition. Petitioner's request seeks to recover (1) increased expenses; (2) investments in its operating facilities; and (3) the opportunity to meet and earn a reasonable rate of return.

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

- Pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be, and are suspended until July 6, 2009, 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 clerk of the Township of Roxbury, the clerk to the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and where appropriate, the executive officer of the affected county within its service area. Service of the petition, notice of hearings and this Suspension Order may be made simultaneously.

DATED: 2/25/09

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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

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