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# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities
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### **WATER**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF )
GORDON'S CORNER WATER COMPANY )
FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES AND )
CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE )

ORDER SUSPENDING INCREASES, CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS IN RATES FOR SERVICE BPU DKT. NO. WR07090707

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

#### BY THE BOARD:

Gordon's Corner Water Company (Gordon's Corner or Petitioner) is a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities (Board) providing service to approximately 14,800 water customers in portions of Marlboro and Manalapan Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey. On September 26, 2007, Gordon's Corner 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 \$961,463 or 10.90% for total revenues of \$9,775,673. The increase in rates is proposed to become effective on October 31, 2007. The Petitioner does not seek interim rate relief pending final determination of the petition. Petitioner's request seeks to recover: (1) increased expenses, (2) recovery of 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 it is HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. Pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be, and are suspended until February 29, 2008, 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, 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.

DATED:

10/25/07

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

JEANNE M. FOX PRESIDENT

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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

## I/M/O THE PETITION OF GORDON'S WATER CORNER FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE

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