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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION)
OF ENVIRONMENTAL DISPOSAL CORP.,)
FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES)

WATER

ORDER SUSPENDING INCREASES, CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS IN RATES FOR SERVICE

BPU DOCKET NO. WR07090715

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On September 28, 2007, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, et seq., Environmental Disposal Corp. (EDC 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 for approval of an increase in rates for wastewater service amounting to approximately \$524,355 or 9.79% for total revenues of \$5,879,503. The increase in rates is proposed to become effective on October 28, 2007. Petitioner does not seek interim rate relief pending final determination on the petition. Petitioner seeks the requested increase, inter alia, to recover increased expenses, planned capital expenditures and to obtain an opportunity to earn a reasonable return on investment in utility plant.

The Petitioner serves approximately 5,890 wastewater customers located in portions of the Townships of Bedminster and Bernards, and provides bulk treatment and disposal services on the basis of agreements with Bedminster, Far Hills and Peapack and Gladstone, all in the County of Somerset.

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 February 28, 2008, unless the Board prior to that date makes a determination disposing of the petition;

- (2) Joint Petitioners 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, at the same time they file 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/a5/07

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

JEANNE M. FOX

FREDERICK F. BUTLER

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CHRISTINE V. BATOR COMMISSIONER

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

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

I/M/O THE PETITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DISPOSAL CORP., FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES

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