



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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Newark, NJ 07102
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF	)	ORDER SUSPENDING INCREASES,
UNITED WATER TOMS RIVER, INC.	)	CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS IN
FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN	)	RATES FOR SERVICE
RATES FOR WATER SERVICE AND	)	
OTHER TARIFF CHANGES	)	BPU DOCKET NO. WR08030139

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On March 6, 2008, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-18, 48:3-7 and 48:3-10 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, 14:1-5.8 and 14:9-7.1 et seq., United Water Toms River, Inc. (UWTR 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 water service and other tariff charges amounting to approximately \$14,919,238 or 92.52% above current revenues. Petitioner proposes to implement the proposed rates on April 14, 2008, which is at least thirty (30) days after the filing of the petition in this matter. Petitioner also notifies the Board that it will implement the proposed rates on December 15, 2008, if the Board has suspended the effective date of the new rates pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 without having finally determined a just and reasonable tariff schedule prior to that date. Further, Petitioner requested that half the increase or \$7.45 million be reflected at the immediate conclusion of this proceeding and the remaining half of the proposed increase plus carrying costs, be included in rates at the conclusion of a proposed Phase Two Proceeding. It is anticipated that the Phase Two rates would become effective no earlier than June, 2009, and no later than September, 2009.

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.

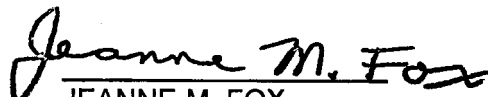
Petitioner serves approximately 50,000 customers located in the central portion of Ocean County generally in Toms River Township (formally known as Dover Township), the Borough of South Toms River and a portion of Berkeley Township.

It appearing that the proposed revisions will increase existing rates and change or alter existing classification 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 August 14, 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, 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.

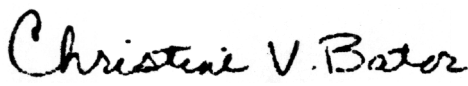
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BY:


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PRESIDENT

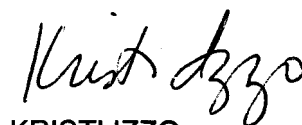

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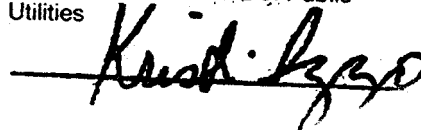

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SECRETARY

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 United Water Toms River, Inc.
For Approval of an Increase in Rates for
Water Service and Other Tariff Changes

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