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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities
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| IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF |) | ORDER FURTHER SUSPENDING |
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| UNITED WATER TOMS RIVER, 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. WR08030139 |
| | • | OAL DOCKET NO. PUC03509-2008N |

(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), and serving 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, 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 does not seek interim rate relief pending final determination on the petition.

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for hearings and on April 9, 2008, the Board issued an Order suspending UWTR's proposed rate increase until August 14, 2008. This matter is currently before the OAL and hearings are scheduled to begin in August, 2008.

In light of the fact that this proceeding is still pending before the OAL, the Board <u>HEREBY ORDERS</u>, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:2-21, that the proposed revisions be and are <u>HEREBY FURTHER SUSPENDED</u> until December 14, 2008, unless the Board prior to that date makes a determination disposing of the petition.

DATED: 7/31/08

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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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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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