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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF APPLIE	D) ORDER SUSPENDING INCREASES
WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT, INC., FOR)-CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS IN
APPROVAL OF INCREASED TARIFF RATES) RATES FOR SERVICE
AND CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER *)
SERVICE AND OTHER TARIFF REVISIONS AND	o)
FOR APPROVAL OF A MANAGEMENT)
SERVICES AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO	<i>a</i>)
<u>N.J.S.A</u> . 48:3-7.1) BPU DOCKET NO. WR08080550

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD

On August 1, 2008, Applied Wastewater Management, Inc. (Applied or Petitioner), a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities (Board) and providing utility service to approximately 4,266 wastewater customers in portions of certain municipalities in Warren, Cape May, Bergen, Sussex, Somerset, Hunterdon, Burlington, Monmouth and Morris Counties, New Jersey and to approximately 370 water customers in portions of certain municipalities in Hunterdon, Sussex and Morris Counties, New Jersey, 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 and wastewater service amounting to \$2,950,133 or approximately 66.52% over pro forma revenues of \$4,435,266. The increase in rates is proposed to become effective on September 1, 2008. 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. Applied is also requesting approval of a management services agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-7.1.

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 January 1, 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) proofs 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 proofs 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: 8/20/08

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ATTEST;

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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 OFAPPLIED WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE

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