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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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## WATER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF UNITED
WATER NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF AN
INCREASE IN RATES FOR WATER SERVICE AND
OTHER TARIFF CHANGES

ORDER SUSPENDING
INCREASES, CHANGES OR
ALTERATIONS IN RATES FOR WATER SERVICE
BPU DOCKET NO WR1107042

Stephen B. Genzer, Esq. for Petitioner

BY THE BOARD:

On July 18, 2011, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and 2-21.1 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, Petitioner, United Water New Jersey, Inc. ("Company" or "Petitioner") a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board"), and providing water service to approximately 194,000 customers within its defined territories consisting of portions of Bergen, Hudson, Passaic, Morris, Hunterdon and Sussex Counties, filed a petition to increase base water rates in the amount of \$38,690,060 or 20.85%. The increase in rates is proposed to become effective on September 1, 2011.

According to the petition, the Company seeks the increase to establish the basis for a Distribution System Improvement Charge ("DSIC"), if such a charge is approved by the Board in the future, to make the base findings necessary to establish a Purchased Water Adjustment Clause ("PWAC"), to implement several tariff changes including those related to the installation of meter pits and to implement tariff changes related to the payment of charges for intentionally damaged curb stops.

In view of the fact that this proceeding will not be completed by September 1, 2011, and that this matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for hearing and determination on July 20, 2011, a suspension of the proposed rates is warranted.

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, 2012, unless the Board prior to that date makes a determination

disposing of the petition or enters an Order further suspending the proposed revisions:

- (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, serve 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 all affected municipalities, the clerks of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of all affected counties, and where appropriate, the executive officer of the affected counties within its service area. Service of the petition, notice of hearings and this Order may be made simultaneously. Proof of service of this Order shall be filed with the Board within fifteen (15) days of the date of this Order.

This Order shall be effective on August 28, 2011.

DATED: 8/18/11

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

BY:

LEE A. SOLOMON **PRESIDENT** 

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ACTING SECRETARY

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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