



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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WATER

IN THE MATTER OF PINELANDS WASTEWATER)	ORDER SUSPENDING
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN ITS)	INCREASES, CHANGES OR
RATES FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE AND OTHER)	ALTERATIONS IN RATES
TARIFF CHANGES)	FOR WASTEWATER
)	SERVICE
)	
)	DOCKET NO. WR15101202

Parties of Record:

Jay L. Kooper, Esq., General Counsel, Pinelands Wastewater Company
Stefanie A. Brand, Esq., Director, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel

BY THE BOARD:¹

On October 21, 2015, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.11, and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, and other relevant statues and regulations, Pinelands Water Company (“Petitioner”, “Pinelands Wastewater” or “Company”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”), seeking to increase its base wastewater rates in the amount of \$180,930.00 or 16.73% the annual revenues

The increase in rates was proposed to become effective on November 23, 2015. By letter dated October 28, 2015, the Petitioner notified the Board that it will not implement the proposed rates on an interim basis prior to the effective date of the Board’s Suspension Order resulting from the Board’s December 16, 2015 meeting. While the Petitioner does not seek interim rate relief pending final determination of the petition, the Petitioner has notified the Board of its intention to implement the proposed rate increase, on an interim basis, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, on July 25, 2016 if the Board has not finally determined a just and reasonable tariff prior to that date.

Pineland serves approximately 2,500 retail wastewater customers in Southampton Township, Burlington County, NJ. Petitioner also provides contract services to Southampton Township. Pinelands Wastewater is a wholly owned subsidiary of Middlesex Water Company, which is also a public utility that is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board. This petition, however, is being filed on a stand-alone basis, that is, for the Pinelands Wastewater service area.

According to the petition, Pinelands Wastewater seeks the increase to support capital improvement programs. The additional revenues are requested to enable Petitioner to preserve

¹ Commissioner Joseph L. Fiordaliso was not present at the December 16, 2015 agenda meeting.

its financial integrity, to permit proper maintenance, development and improvement of the utility plant required to furnish safe, adequate and proper service and to earn a reasonable return upon the fair value of its property used and useful in the public service.

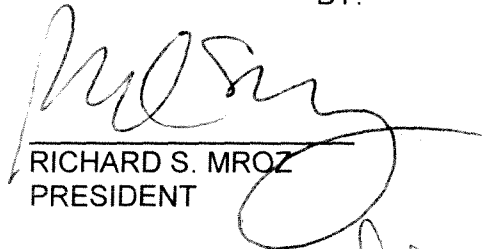
It appearing that the proposed revisions will increase existing rates and change or alter existing classifications in Petitioner's tariff, it is **HEREBY ORDERED** that:


- (1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be and are suspended until March 23, 2016, 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 (140 East Front Street, Post Office Box 003, 4th Floor, Trenton, NJ 08525), the clerk of the affected municipality, the clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the affected county, and where appropriate, the executive officer of the affected county 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 December 26, 2015.


DATED: 12/16/15

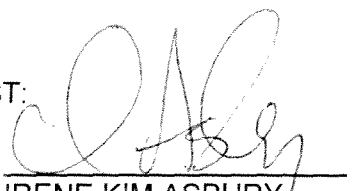
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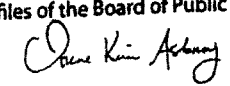

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ATTEST:

IRENE KIM ASBURY
SECRETARY

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


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INCREASE IN ITS RATES FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE AND OTHER TARIFF CHANGES**

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