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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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# WATER

IN THE MATTER OF PINELANDS WASTEWATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN ITS	)	ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION/STIPULATION
RATES FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE AND OTHER	)	
TARIFF CHANGES	)	BPU DOCKET WR15101202
	)	OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 17726-2015

#### Parties of Record:

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

#### BY THE BOARD:

On October 21, 2015, Pinelands Wastewater Company ("Pinelands" or "Petitioner"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Middlesex Water Company ("Middlesex"), a New Jersey corporation and public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board"), filed a petition pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.11, 14:1-5.12 et seq., seeking to increase its base wastewater rates in the amount of \$180,930 or 16.73% above its present revenues.

By this Order, the Board considers the Initial Decision recommending adoption of the Stipulation of Settlement ("Stipulation") executed by the Petitioner, Board Staff and the Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel") (collectively the "Parties"), agreeing to an overall increase in revenues totaling \$141,456 representing a 13.10% increase over present revenues totaling \$1,079,737.

#### BACKGROUND/PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Pinelands serves approximately 2,500 wastewater customers in the Township of Southampton, Burlington County, New Jersey.

As filed, Petitioner requested the increase in rates to become effective on November 23, 2015. By letter dated October 28, 2015, the Petitioner indicated that it would not implement the rates prior to the Board's December 16, 2015 regular agenda meeting. At its December 16, 2015

meeting, the Board suspended the proposed rates until March 23, 2016. On March 18, 2016, the Board further suspended the proposed rates until July 23, 2016.

The matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") on October 29, 2015, and Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") Leland McGee was assigned to hear the case. A Pre-Hearing Conference (via telephone) was convened by ALJ McGee on December 29, 2015.

After proper notice, a public hearing in the service territory was held on the evening of February 10, 2016, at the Laurel Hall Leisuretown Association in Southampton, NJ. Approximately fifteen members of the public provided comments which mainly focused on the adverse economic impact and financial hardships for the average Pinelands Wastewater Company ratepayer.

Subsequent to the public hearing, the Parties to the proceeding engaged in numerous settlement negotiations and as a result of these discussions and extensive discovery, the Parties reached a settlement on all issues and executed the Stipulation.

On April 12, 2016, ALJ McGee issued his Initial Decision in this matter recommending adoption of the Stipulation, finding that the Parties had voluntarily agreed to the Stipulation and that the Stipulation fully disposes of all issues and is consistent with the law.

#### **DISCUSSIONS AND FINDINGS**

Among the provisions of the Stipulation,<sup>1</sup> the Parties recommend that the Petitioner's base rates be increased by \$141,456 representing 13.10% increase over present revenues totaling \$1,079,737. The Parties further recommend a rate base of \$2,056,189 with a test year ending March 31, 2016, adjusted for known and measurable changes. The Stipulation further agrees to an overall rate of return of 8.43%, which is based on a capital structure consisting of 51.85% equity with a cost rate of 9.75% and 48.15% long-term debt with a cost rate of 7.00%.

The Parties further agree on the following:

- The tariff pages (attached as Exhibit A to the Stipulation), implementing the terms of the Stipulation, should be adopted by the Board in their entirety.
- The Proof of Revenues (attached as Exhibit B to the Stipulation), are accurate.

An average general wastewater service customer (utilizing approximately 20,000 gallons of wastewater per quarter, based on metered water usage) will see their wastewater bill increase from \$159.41 per quarter to \$180.82 per quarter, which is an increase of \$21.41 or 11.84%.

The Board is mindful of the impact any rate increase has on its customers. However, having reviewed the record in this matter, including ALJ McGee's Initial Decision and the Stipulation, the Board <u>FINDS</u> that the Parties have voluntarily agreed to the Stipulation, and that the Stipulation fully disposes of all issues in this proceeding and is consistent with the law. In reaching this decision, the Board must balance the needs of the ratepayer to receive safe, adequate and proper service at reasonable rates, while allowing the utility the opportunity to earn a fair rate of return. <u>See FPC v. Hope Natural Gas</u>, 320 U.S. 591 (1944); <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:2-21 and <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:3-1. Therefore, the Board <u>FINDS</u> that the Initial Decision, which adopts the Stipulation, to be reasonable, in the public interest, and in accordance with the law. Therefore,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Although described in this Order at some length, should there be any conflict between this summary and the Stipulation, the terms of the Stipulation control, subject to the findings and conclusions in this Order.

the Board <u>HEREBY ADOPTS</u> the Initial Decision and the Stipulation, attached hereto, including all attachments and schedules, as its own, incorporating by reference the terms and conditions of the Stipulation, as if they were fully set forth at length herein, subject to the following:

- a. The tariff sheets attached to the Stipulation containing rates and charges conforming to the Stipulation and designed to produce the additional revenues to which the Parties have stipulated herein are <u>HEREBY ACCEPTED</u>; and
- b. The stipulated increase and the tariff design allocations for each customer classification are **HEREBY ACCEPTED**.

Based upon the forgoing, the Board <u>HEREBY APPROVES</u> an overall increase in revenues in the amount of \$141,456 representing a 13.10% increase over present revenues totaling 1,079,737.

The Board <u>HEREBY ORDERS</u> the Petitioner to submit complete revised tariffs conforming to the terms and conditions of the Stipulation and this Order within five (5) days from the date of this Order.

This Order shall be effective on May 7, 2016.

DATED:

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

BY:

RICHARD S. MROZ PRESIDENT

JOSEPH L. FIORDALISO

COMMISSIONER

MARY-ANNA HOLDEN COMMISSIONER

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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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# IN THE MATTER OF PINELANDS WASTEWATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN ITS RATES FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE AND OTHER TARIFF CHANGES

## BPU DOCKET NO. WR15101202

## **SERVICE LIST**

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**INITIAL DECISION** 

SETTLEMENT
OAL DKT. NO. PUC 17726-15
AGENCY DKT. NO. WR15101202

IN THE MATTER OF PINELANDS WASTEWATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN ITS RATES FOR WATER SERVICE AND OTHER TARIFF CHANGES

Jay L. Kooper, Esq., and Stephen B. Genzer, Esq., for petitioner Pinelands
Wastewater Company

Patricia Krogman and Veronica Beke, Deputy Attorneys General, for the Staff of the Board of Public Utilities (Robert Lougy, Acting Attorney General of New Jersey, attorney)

Susan McClure, Assistant Deputy Rate Counsel, for Division of Rate Counsel (Stefanie A. Brand, Director, attorney)

Record Closed: April 12, 2016

Decided: April 12, 2016

BEFORE **LELAND S. McGEE**, ALJ:

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on November 5, 2015 for resolution as a contested case pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 16:41C-8.7(b) 3.

A telephone pre-hearing was conducted on December 29, 2015. A public hearing was held on February 10, 2016 and evidentiary hearings were scheduled for June 6, 7 & 8, 2016. Prior to the hearing dates the parties advised the undersigned that they reached settlement. On April 12, 2016 a copy of the fully executed Settlement Agreement was received by the OAL indicating the terms of the agreement, which are incorporated herein by reference.

Having reviewed the contents of the attached Settlement Agreement, I FIND:

- The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures and/or the signatures of their representatives.
- 2. The settlement fully disposes of all issues in controversy and is consistent with the law.

I approve the settlement and, therefore **ORDER** that the parties comply with the settlement terms and that these proceedings be concluded.

I hereby FILE my initial decision with the BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES for consideration.

This recommended decision may be adopted, modified or rejected by the **BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**, which by law is authorized to make a final decision in this matter. If the Board of Public Utilities does not adopt, modify or reject this decision within forty-five days and unless such time limit is otherwise extended, this recommended decision shall become a final decision in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:14B-10.

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April 12, 2016 DATE	LELAND S. McGEE, ALJ
Date Received at Agency:	April 12, 2016  Mailed to Parties:
DATE Ir	OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

In the Matter of Pinelands :

Wastewater Company for Approval : of an Increase in its Rates for : Wastewater Service and Other :

BPU Docket No. WR15101202 OAL Docket No. PUC 17726-15

Tariff Changes

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

#### APPEARANCES:

Jay L. Kooper, Esq., General Counsel, and Stephen B. Genzer, Esq., Saul Ewing, LLP, on behalf of Pinelands Water Company, Petitioner

Patricia A. Krogman, Deputy Attorney General, and Veronica Beke, Deputy Attorney General, for the Staff of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Robert T. Lougy, Acting Attorney General of the State of New Jersey)

Debra F. Robinson, Esq., Deputy Rate Counsel and Susan McClure, Esq. Assistant Deputy Rate Counsel, on behalf of the Division of Rate Counsel (Stefanie A. Brand, Director)

TO THE HONORABLE LELAND S. MCGEE, ALJ AND THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

This Stipulation of Settlement resolves all issues in BPU Docket No. WR15101202 in which the Pinelands Wastewater Company (the "Company" or "Petitioner") seeks to increase its rates for wastewater service and other tariff changes. The Signatory Parties to this Stipulation of Settlement are the Company, the Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel"), and the Staff of the Board of Public Utilities ("Staff") (collectively the "Signatory Parties"). As a result of an analysis of Petitioner's pre-filed testimony and exhibits, extensive discovery conducted, conferences, negotiations, and a public hearing held on February 10, 2016 in Southampton, New

Jersey, the Signatory Parties have come to an agreement on the issues in dispute in this matter.

The Signatory Parties hereto agree and stipulate as follows:

The procedural history of this matter is as follows:

On October 21, 2015, Petitioner, a public utility corporation of the State of New Jersey, 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, filed a petition to increase rates for wastewater service and to make other tariff changes. Specifically, Pinelands Wastewater Company requested a rate increase of \$180,930 or approximately 16.73% above the adjusted annual level of revenues for the test year ending March 31, 2016. The Board transferred this matter to the Office of Administrative Law as a contested case where it was assigned to Administrative Law Judge Leland S. McGee ("ALJ McGee").

After proper notice, a public hearing was held on the evening of February 10, 2016, at Laurel Hall located in the Leisuretowne Association at 236 Huntington Drive in Southampton, New Jersey, with ALJ McGee presiding. Members of the public appeared and their comments were heard by the Signatory Parties and ALJ McGee. Approximately 16 individuals spoke at the public hearing. Their comments generally concerned the magnitude of the increase requested. Subsequently, several settlement discussions were held, and agreements reached during those discussions have resulted in the following stipulation by the Signatory Parties:

1. Pinelands Wastewater Company's total rate base for purposes of this proceeding is agreed to be \$2,056,189. The Signatory Parties agree to an overall rate of return of 8.43%, which is based on a capital structure of 51.85% equity with a cost rate of 9.75% and 48.15% long-term debt with a cost rate of 7.00%.

- 2. The Signatory Parties stipulate to a revenue increase for Pinelands Wastewater Company of \$141,456, or 13.10% over present revenues of \$1,079,737 for the total projected revenues of \$1,221,193. (See Exhibit B Proof of Revenues). The Signatory Parties agree that this revenue requirement represents the level of revenues necessary to ensure that the Company will continue to provide safe, adequate, and proper water service to its customers. The Signatory Parties anticipate the effective date of this increase to be the effective date set forth in the Board Order adopting this Stipulation of Settlement. No increase will take effect until the Board has had a full opportunity to review and make a determination regarding this stipulation and issues a written order approving any such increase.
- 3. The Signatory Parties agree that the proposed revised tariff pages, together with other revisions, attached hereto as Exhibit A, implementing the terms of this Stipulation, should be adopted by the Board in their entirety. Also attached, as Exhibit B, is a Proof of Revenues for the Company.
- 4. This Stipulation is the product of extensive negotiations by the Signatory Parties, and it is an express condition of the settlement embodied by this Stipulation that it be presented to the Board in its entirety without modification or condition. It is also the intent of the Signatory Parties to this Stipulation that this settlement, once accepted and approved by the Board, shall govern all issues specified and agreed to herein. The Signatory Parties to this Stipulation specifically agree that if adopted in its entirety by the Board, no appeal shall be taken by them from the order adopting same as to those issues upon which the Signatory Parties have stipulated herein. The Signatory Parties agree that the within Stipulation reflects mutual balancing of various issues and positions and is intended to be accepted and approved in its entirety. Each term is vital to this Stipulation as a whole, since the Signatory Parties hereto

expressly and jointly state that they would not have signed this Stipulation had any terms been modified in any way. In the event any particular aspect of this Stipulation is not accepted and approved by the Board, then any Signatory Party hereto materially affected thereby shall not be bound to proceed under this Stipulation. The Signatory Parties further agree that the purpose of this Stipulation is to reach fair and reasonable rates, and that it will avoid protracted and costly litigation of certain issues and that with respect to any policy or other issues which were compromised in the spirit of reaching an agreement, none of the Signatory Parties shall be prohibited from or prejudiced in arguing a different policy or position before the Board in any other proceeding, as such agreements pertain only to this matter and to no other matter.

5. This Stipulation may be executed in as many counterparts as there are Signatory Parties of this Stipulation, each of which counterparts shall be an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

PINELANDS WASTEWATER COMPANY

April 12, 2016	By: Day Loger
Date '	Jay L. Kooper, Esq.
	General Counsel

ROBERT T. LOUGY
ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL
OF NEW JERSEY
Attorney for the Staff of the New Jersey
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4/12/16 Date	By: Paricia A. Krogman Deputy Attorney General

STEFANIE A. BRAND, ESQ. DIRECTOR - RATE COUNSEL

By:

Susan McClure, Esq.
Assistant Deputy Rate Counsel

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## PINELANDS WASTEWATER COMPANY

**TARIFF** 

FOR

WASTEWATER SERVICE

APPLICABLE IN

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP

BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Date of Issue: October 21, 2015

Effective for service Rendered on and after: May 07, 2016

Issued by:

Richard M. Risoldi, President Pinelands Wastewater Company

1500 Ronson Road

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#### AN INTRODUCTION TO CUSTOMERS

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As a customer, you have the right to review this tariff at the Company's offices or at the Board's office in Trenton. Your inquiries will be handled by the Board's Staff in an expeditious manner in order to protect your rights as well as those of the water and/or sewer company. Please feel free to exercise this right by telephoning or by visiting the Board's offices at any time between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Priday, or by writing a letter. The letter should contain the writer's name, address and phone number. If the writer is a customer of record, the account number should be included.

The Company has available here in its office, and will provide for your review, a handout entitled "Customer Rights, Responsibilities and Frequently Asked Questions." This is a summary of the most frequent customer complaints and rights; it does not include all customer rights or utility obligations.

The Board of Public Utilities is responsible for the final interpretation and enforcement of a utility's tariff provisions and rates. The utility is bound by New Jersey's statutes and the Board's regulations. If a conflict should exist, the Board's regulations supersede the tariff provision absent approval to the contrary by the Board.

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# STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## 1. Territory to which tariff applies:

This tariff shall apply to the service area of the Company which includes retail service to the communities known as Hampton Lakes and LeisureTowne in Southampton Township in Burlington County and service pursuant to contract to the Village of Vincentown in Southampton Township in Burlington County.

#### 2. Definitions:

- 2.1 As used or referred to in these regulations, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context.
- 2.2 "Company" and "Corporation" means Pinelands Wastewater Company.
- 2.3 "Persons" means any person, firm, association or corporation.
- 2.4 "Service Connection" means the wastewater line extended from the curb line to the main or laterel in the street. The Service Connection is furnished, installed, owned and maintained by the Company at its expense, except as otherwise provided in this Tariff.
- 2.5 "House Connection" means the wastewater line running from a building to the curb line and connecting with the Service Connection. The House Connection is furnished, installed, owned, and maintained by the Customer at their expense, except as otherwise provided in this Tarrif.
- 2.6 "Service Charge" means the applicable rate set forth in Rate Schedule No. 1 or Rate Schedule No. 2 of this tariff for direct or indirect connection with and use of the wastewater system of the Company.

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## STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## 2. <u>Definitions</u> (Continued)

- 2.7 "Premises" include the following:
  - (a) A building under one roof owned or leased by one customer, and occupied as one residence or one place of business.
  - (b) A combination of buildings owned or leased by one customer, in one common enclosure, occupied by one customer.
  - (c) One part of a multiple dwelling house, having one or more solid vertical partition walls,
  - (d) A building owned or leased by one customer having a number of apartments, offices, or lofts which are rented to tenants, using one or more halls and entrances in common.
  - (e) A combination of buildings owned or leased by one customer, in one common enclosure, none of the individual buildings of which is adapted to separate ownership.
  - (f) A cooperative apartment.
  - (g) A condominium unit.
  - (h) A public building.
  - A single plot, such as a park, playground or cemetery.
  - (i) A water utility.
- 2.8 The "Service Lateral" is a general term describing the connecting service piping between the customer's premises and the Wastewater Collection piping and consists of the Service Connection and the House Connection.
- 2.9 A "Cleanout" is a vertical riser installed on the Service Lateral generally for the purpose of inspecting and maintaining the Service Lateral. There may be several Cleanouts installed on the Service Lateral. The Cleanout is owned and maintained by the Customer.
- 2.10 "Curb Cleanout" means a cleanout installed on the service lateral located between the curb line and property line and at the point where the Service Connection and the House Connection connect. The Curb Cleanout is owned and maintained by the Customer. Where a Curb Cleanout does not exist at this location, the point of transition between the Service Connection and House Connection shall be halfway between the curb line and property line.

#### Applications:

3.1 All property upon which any building shall have been erected or constructed or upon which any building shall hereafter be erected or constructed and which is used for dwelling purposes or which uses wastewater service lying along the line of the wastewater system of the Company and lies within the territory described in paragraph No. 1, may be connected.

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Sixth Revised Sheet No. 8 Canceling

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 8

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#### RATE SCHEDULE NO. 1

#### GENERAL SERVICE

#### APPLICABILITY:

Applicable to the use of service for private dwellings occupied by a single-family unit.

#### RATE:

- Quarterly Service Charge \$71.55 for each quarter of the year.
- Volumetric Charge For all water discharged to the sewer (based on metered water consumption):
   Rate per 1,000 gallons \$5.4374

## TERMS:

- (a) Billing shall be based on the Quarterly Service Charge plus Volumetric Charge for such period.
- (b) Whenever service to a customer is established or discontinued during a billing period, the service charge will be pro-rated on a daily basis to the date when service is established or discontinued to such customer.
- In the event the Services Charges then due are not paid at least fifteen (15) days after the postmark date indicated on the said notice N.J.A.C. 14:3-3A.3(b), the Company may cause the Sewer Connection of such premises to be disconnected and such premises may not again use the facilities of the system until full payment or, if a residential customer is presently unable to do so, the Company shall make a good faith effort to enter into a deferred payment agreement, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 14:3-7.7.

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## RATE SCHEDULE NO. 2

## SERVICE UNDER CONTRACT

#### APPLICABILITY:

Applicable to wastewater service provided to customers under special agreements at the option of the Company.

## RATE:

\$8.9433 per 1,000 gallons.

An additional fee of \$15.81 per month for each unit connected to the Township's collection system, that has a garbage disposal installed within it.

#### TERMS OF PAYMENT:

Fifteen (15) days after sending the bill.

Bills will be rendered monthly.

## **SPECIAL PROVISIONS:**

As provided under special agreements.

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## **RATE SCHEDULE NO. 3**

## **GENERAL SERVICE - OTHER**

## APPLICABILITY:

Applicable to the use of service for buildings other than private dwellings occupied by a single-family unit.

## RATE:

\$8.9433 per 1,000 gallons, but not less than \$127.51 per equivalent unit per quarter.

Usage shall be based on water meter readings of non-irrigation water usage, wastewater meter readings, if available, or estimate based on usage of similar buildings.

## TERMS:

- (a) Whenever service to a customer is established or discontinued during a billing period, the service charge will be pro-rated on a daily basis to the date when service is established or discontinued to such customer.
- (b) In the event of non-payment of the Service Charge within thirty (30) days after same is due, in addition to other remedies provided in this Tariff, the Company may cause a notice to be served upon the occupant of the premises of the Company's intention to disconnect the Sewer Connection to such premises. In the event the Service Charges then due are not paid within ten (10) days from the service of said notice, the Company may cause the Sewer Connection of such premises to be disconnected and such premises may not again use the facilities of the system until full payment has been made of all arrears on account of the Service Charges and all charges incurred in disconnecting and reconnecting the occupant's connection.
- (c) Service shall be terminated on the request of any customer on notice of at least ten (10) days to the Company.

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Filed pursuant to an Order of the Board of Public Utilities, State of New Jersey, dated April March 2720xx, 2013 2016, in Docket No. WR12080735 WR1510120209 xxxxxx.

Exhibit A Second-Third Revised Sheet

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The tariff located here in the Company's office is available and open for your review. The Company is responsible to maintain its tariff on an absolutely current basis and must, by State law and regulations, maintain it in exactly the same format as its Company's tariff which is on file at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor, Trenton, NJ.

If, after your review of this tariff and discussion with appropriate utility employees, you still have questions regarding clarification or interpretations, please contact the Board of Public Utilities, Division of Water and Sewer, Bureau of Rates and Tariff Design at 1-609-292-2422or the Board's Division of Customer Assistance at 1-609-341-9188, 1-800-624-0241 or on their website at www.nj.gov/bpu/.

As a customer, you have the right to review this tariff at the Company's offices or at the Board's office in Trenton Newark. Your inquiries will be handled by the Board's Staff in an expeditious manner in order to protect your rights as well as those of the water and/or sewer company. Please feel free to exercise this right by telephoning or by visiting the Board's offices at any time between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by writing a letter. The letter should contain the writer's name, address and phone number. If the writer is a customer of record, the account number should be included.

The Company has available here in its office, and will provide for your review, a handout entitled " Customer Rights, Responsibilities and Frequently Asked Questions. " This is a summary of the most frequent customer complaints and rights; it does not include all customer rights or utility obligations.

The Board of Public Utilities is responsible for the final interpretation and enforcement of a utility's tariff provisions and rates. The utility is bound by New Jersey's statutes and the Board's regulations. If a conflict should exist, the Board's regulations supersede the tariff provision absent approval to the contrary by the Board.

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#### STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Territory to which tariff applies:

This tariff shall apply to the service area of the Company which includes retail service to the communities known as Hampton Lakes and LeisureTowne in Southampton Township in Burlington County and service pursuant to contract to the Village of Vincentown in Southampton Township in Burlington County.

#### Definitions:

- 2.1 As used or referred to in these regulations, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context.
- 2.2 "Company" and "Corporation" means Pinelands Wastewater Company.
- 2.3 "Persons" means any person, firm, association or corporation.
- 2.4 "Service Connection" means the wastewater line extended from the curb line to the main or lateral in the street. The Service Connection is furnished, installed, owned and maintained by the Company at its expense, except as otherwise provided in this Tariff.
- 2.5 "House Connection" means the wastewater line running from a building to the curb line and connecting with the Service Connection. The House Connection is furnished, installed, owned, and maintained by the Customer at their expense, except as otherwise provided in this Tarrif.
- 2.6 "Service Charge" means the applicable rate set forth in Rate Schedule No. 1 or Rate Schedule No. 2 of this teriff for direct or indirect connection with and use of the wastewater system of the Company.

#### 3<del>. Applications:</del>

3.1 All property upon which any building shall have been creeted or constructed or upon which any building shall hereafter be creeted or constructed and which is used for dwelling purposes or which uses wastewater service lying along the line of the wastewater system of the Company and lies within the territory described in paragraph No. 1, may be connected:

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#### STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## 32. Applications Definitions (Continued)(Continued)

- 2.7 "Premises" include the following:
  - (a) A building under one roof owned or leased by one customer, and occupied as one residence or one place of business.
  - (b) A combination of buildings owned or leased by one customer, in one common enclosure, occupied by one customer.
  - (c) One part of a multiple dwelling house, having one or more solid vertical partition walls.
  - (d) A building owned or leased by one customer having a number of apartments, offices, or lofts which are rented to tenants, using one or more halls and entrances in common.
  - (e) A combination of buildings owned or leased by one customer, in one common enclosure, none of the individual buildings of which is adapted to separate ownership.
  - (f) A cooperative apartment,
  - (g) A condominium unit.
  - (h) A public building.
  - (i) A single plot, such as a park, playeround or cemetery.
  - (i) A water utility.
- 2.8 The "Service Lateral" is a general term describing the connecting service piping between the customer's premises and the Wastewater Collection piping and consists of the Service Connection and the House Connection.
- 2.9 A "Cleanout" is a vertical riser installed on the Service Lateral generally for the purpose of inspecting and maintaining the Service Lateral. There may be several Cleanouts installed on the Service Lateral. The Cleanout is owned and maintained by the Customer.
- 2.10 "Curb Cleanout" means a cleanout installed on the service lateral located between the curb line and property line and at the point where the Service Connection and the House Connection connect. The Curb Cleanout is owned and maintained by the Customer. Where a Curb Cleanout does not exist at this location, the point of transition between the Service Connection and House Connection shall be halfway between the curb line and property line.

## Applications:

3.1 All property upon which any building shall have been erected or constructed or upon which any building shall hereafter be erected or constructed and which is used for dwelling purposes or which uses wastewater service lying along the line of the wastewater system of the Company and lies within the territory described in paragraph No. 1, may be connected.

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## Applications (Continued)

- Hereafter, before any new connection shall be made to said wastewater system by any owner of property along the line thereof, said owner shall make application in writing to the corporation upon proper forms supplied for that purpose by the corporation. Such owner shall not make any connection until the consent of the corporation is granted and any necessary municipal permission has been secured. Copies of application forms used by the Company necompany this Tariff.
- Plans and specifications for such connection to said wastewater system must comply with such municipal rules and regulations as are in effect at such time.
- 3.4 The owner of any property connecting the same with said wastewater system shall make the House Connection at his own expense. Any damage to the pavement, sidewalk, curb or gutter resulting from the making of such House Connection shall be repaired by the said owner and shall be restored at his expense.

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Fifthourth Revised Sheet No. 8

## RATE SCHEDULE NO. 1

## GENERAL SERVICE

## APPLICABILITY:

Applicable to the use of service for private dwellings occupied by a single-family unit.

## RATE:

- Quarterly Service Charge \$71.5563.26 for each quarter of the year.
- Volumetric Charge For all water discharged to the sewer (based on metered water consumption):
   Rate per 1,000 gailons \$54.43748076

## TERMS:

- (a) Billing shall be based on the Quarterly Service Charge plus Volumetric Charge for such period.
- (b) Whenever service to a customer is established or discontinued during a billing period, the service charge will be pro-rated on a daily basis to the date when service is established or discontinued to such customer.
- In the event the Services Charges then due are not paid at least fifteen (15) days after the postmark date indicated on the said notice N.J.A.C. 14:3-3A.3(b), the Company may cause the Sewer Connection of such premises to be disconnected and such premises may not again use the facilities of the system until full payment or, if a residential customer is presently unable to do so, the Company shall make a good faith effort to enter into a deferred payment agreement, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 14:3-7.7.

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## RATE SCHEDULE NO. 2

## SERVICE UNDER CONTRACT

## APPLICABILITY:

Applicable to wastewater service provided to customers under special agreements at the option of the Company.

## RATE:

\$87.9433074 per 1,000 gallons.

An additional fee of \$15.81 per month for each unit connected to the Township's collection system, that has a garbage disposal installed within it.

#### TERMS OF PAYMENT:

Fifteen (15) days after sending the bill.

Bills will be rendered monthly.

#### **SPECIAL PROVISIONS:**

As provided under special agreements.

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#### RATE SCHEDULE NO. 3

#### **GENERAL SERVICE - OTHER**

## APPLICABILITY:

Applicable to the use of service for buildings other than private dwellings occupied by a single-family unit.

#### RATE:

\$87.94339074 per 1,000 gallons, but not less than \$12712.5174 per equivalent unit per quarter.

Usage shall be based on water meter readings of non-irrigation water usage, wastewater meter readings, if available, or estimate based on usage of similar buildings.

#### **TERMS:**

- (a) Whenever service to a customer is established or discontinued during a billing period, the service charge will be pro-rated on a daily basis to the date when service is established or discontinued to such customer.
- (b) In the event of non-payment of the Service Charge within thirty (30) days after same is due, in addition to other remedies provided in this Tariff, the Company may cause a notice to be served upon the occupant of the premises of the Company's intention to disconnect the Sewer Connection to such premises. In the event the Service Charges then due are not paid within ten (10) days from the service of said notice, the Company may cause the Sewer Connection of such premises to be disconnected and such premises may not again use the facilities of the system until full payment has been made of all arrears on account of the Service Charges and all charges incurred in disconnecting and reconnecting the occupant's connection.
- (c) Service shall be terminated on the request of any customer on notice of at least ten (10) days to the Company.

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# PINELANDS WASTEWATER COMPANY PROOF OF REVENUE BPU DOCKET NO. WR15101202

## SUMMARY OF PROJECTED REVENUES

		PRESENT		PROPOSED			%
	<del>,</del>	RATES	<del></del>	RATES		DIFFERENCE	CHANGE
RESIDENTIAL	s	978,948	S	1,107,218	\$	128,270	13.10%
VINCENTOWN SERVICE		100,440		113,598		13,158	13.10%
MISCELLANEOUS		350		350		0	0.00%
ROUNDING		<u>Q</u>		27		27	0.00%
GRAND TOTAL	\$	1,079,737	\$	1,221,193	S	141,456	13,10%

RATE INCREASE -

13.10%

GENERAL WATER SERVICE (RATE SCHEDULE NO. 1)

**CONSUMPTION CHARGES** 

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CURRENT

PROPOSED

\$4.8076

\$5,4374

**FACILITIES CHARGES** 

/---QUARTERLY----\

CURRENT

PROPOSED

\$63.26

\$71.55

VINCENTOWN SERVICE (RATE SCHEDULE NO. 2)

CURRENT

PROPOSED

\$7.9074

\$8,9433

# PINELANDS WASTEWATER COMPANY PROOF OF REVENUE BPU DOCKET NO. WR15101202

## **EXISTING RATES**

RESIDENTIAL

FACILITIES CHARG	126		RESIDENTL	AL	TEST		
TACETHES CHAKE	<u>:EO</u>			NET	YEAR		
METER	BILLS	RATE	REVENUE	<u>ADJUSTMENTS</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>		
	9,600	\$63.26	\$607.296		\$607,296		
CONSUMPTION	77,305,000	\$0.00480760	<u>\$371.652</u>		<u>\$371,652</u>		
	77,505,000	\$4,047\$41 <b>44</b>	<u> 93111024</u>		3211472		
TOTAL F	LESIDENTIAL	\$	978.948	<u>02</u>	\$ 978.948		
		VINCENTOWN SERVICE					
		Y	INCENTOWN 9	EKYKE			
CONSUMPTION							
	12,702,000	\$0.00790740	<u>\$100,440</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$100.440</u>		
MISCELLANEOUS					<u>5350</u>		
ROUNDING					<u>S0</u>		
TOTAL REVENUES	: ALL CLASSES				\$1.079.737		
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FACILITIES CHARC	<u>ies</u>						
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METER	BILLS	RATE	REVENUE /	ADJUSTMENTS	REVENUE		
	9,600	\$71.55	\$686,880		\$686,880		
CONSUMPTION							
	77,305,000	\$0.00543740	<u>\$420.338</u>		<u>\$420,338</u>		
TOTAL							
	RESIDENTIAL		<u> 51,107,218</u>	20	\$1.107.218		
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	RESIDENTIAL	V	<u>\$1.107.218</u> INCENTOWN S		\$1.107.218		
CONSUMPTION	RESIDENTIAL	V			<u>\$1.107.218</u>		
CONSUMPTION	12,702,000	V \$0.00894330			\$1.107.218 \$113.598		
CONSUMPTION			INCENTOWN S	ERVICE			
			INCENTOWN S	ERVICE	<u>\$113,598</u>		
CONSUMPTION  MISCELLANEOUS ROUNDING			INCENTOWN S	ERVICE			
MISCELLANEOUS			INCENTOWN S	ERVICE	<u>\$113,598</u> <u>\$350</u>		
MISCELLANEOUS	12,702,000	\$0.00894330	INCENTOWN S	ERVICE	<u>\$113,598</u> <u>\$350</u>		