

The increase in rates is proposed to become effective on January 21, 2019.² The Petitioner also indicates that it intends to implement the proposed rates on September 21, 2019, on an interim basis, following the expiration of the suspension periods if the Board has not made a final determination in this matter prior pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.

According to the petition, the rate increase is required to enable the Petitioner to recover its increases in its operating expenses, the significant capital expenditures required to continue to provide safe, adequate and proper water service to its customers and to comply with state and federal regulations. 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:

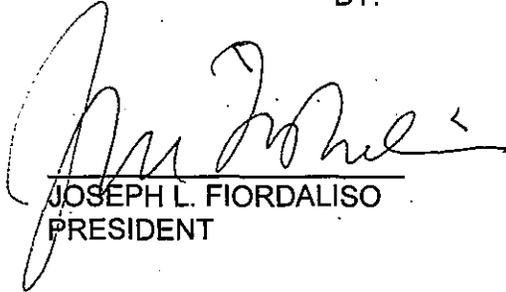
- (1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be, and are suspended until May 21, 2019, unless the Board prior to that date, makes a determination disposing of the petition or enters an order further suspending the proposed revisions;
- (2) Petitioner shall, at least ten (10) days prior 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 New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (140 East Front Street, 4th Floor, Post Office Box 003, Trenton, NJ 08625), the clerk of each affected municipality, the clerk of 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 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.

² On December 28, 2018, the Company submitted a letter to the Board Secretary advising that it will not implement rates on an interim basis prior to the effective date of the Board's Initial Suspension Order resulting from the January 17, 2019 public agenda meeting. However, the Company asserted that it "in no way waives it[s] right to implement the proposed rates at the conclusion of the eight month suspension period on September 21, 2019, should the Board not issue a final Decision and Order by that date." Ibid. The effective date of the Board's Initial Suspension Order is January 27, 2019.

This Order shall be effective on January 27, 2019.

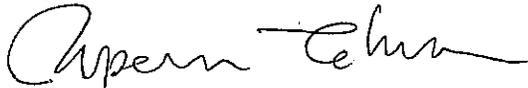
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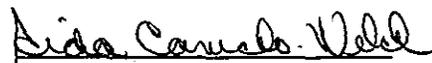

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within
document is a true copy of the original
in the files of the Board of Public Utilities.

**In the Matter of the Petition of Aqua New Jersey, Inc. for Approval of an Increase in Rates
for Water Service and Other Tariff Changes**

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