

The increase in rates is proposed to become effective on February 21, 2020. The Petitioner also indicates that it intends to implement the proposed rates on October 21, 2020, 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.

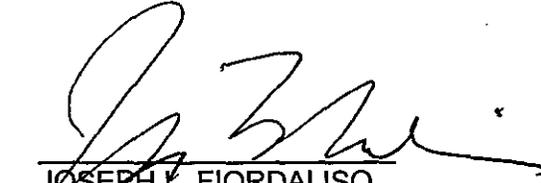
According to the petition, the rate increase is required to enable the Petitioner to recover its increases in its operating expenses; to change its depreciation rates for certain categories of Company property; to authorize acquisition adjustments and the recovery of certain costs associated with the Company's acquisition of individual wastewater systems; to implement a system-wide Purchased Wastewater Treatment Adjustment Clause; and to make certain identified tariff changes 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 June 21, 2020, 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, 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.

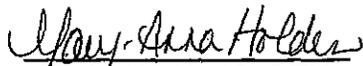
This Order shall be effective on February 29, 2020.

DATED: 2/19/20

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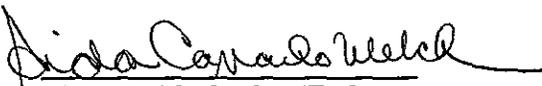
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within
document is a true copy of the original
in the files of the Board of Public Utilities.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF AN
INCREASE IN RATES FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE AND OTHER TARIFF CHANGES
BPU DOCKET NO. WR20010056

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