



incentive for efficiency; to continue to furnish safe, adequate and proper service, and to maintain its facilities in such condition as to discharge its public duties.

According to the petition, the need for the rate increase relates to increased operating expenses and significantly increased investment. Additionally, the Company stated that it has been working to comply with the Water Quality Accountability Act ("WQAA"), has developed an Asset Management Plan pursuant to the WQAA, has made corporate changes to permit Shore to make additional investments to provide safe, adequate, and proper service to its customers, and is implementing a financial plan to accomplish these actions.

As part of the petition, the Company is seeking to add a new Flat Rate Charge classification for unmetered customers with one inch (1") service connections and above so that those customers' rates reflect a fairer share of system costs based on the water flows coming through their larger connections.

Except for its larger condominium units, Shore's residential customers are currently unmetered. The community that Shore serves is a beachside community that has been comprised of primarily smaller "bungalow" style homes utilizing ¾ inch service mains. Over the past several years, a combination of new construction and renovations have resulted in the replacement of numerous ¾ inch service mains with service connections of one inch (1") or larger. Shore is also requesting an increase to the volumetric charges for metered commercial customers and metered larger condominium buildings.

The Company is also seeking to revise and/or implement certain fees and charges in its tariffs which are generally associated with costs incurred through bad checks and tampering, which Shore asserted should be the responsibility of individual customers causing those issues rather than all customers.

On September 29, 2021, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") for hearing and initial disposition as a contested case. By Order dated, October 28, 2021, the Board suspended the proposed rate increase until March 1, 2022 pending further action in this matter.

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

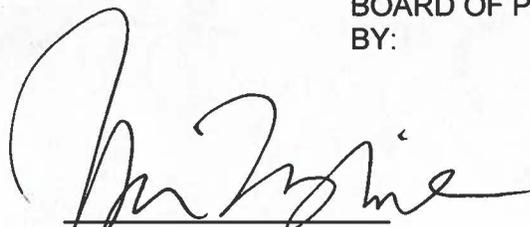
- (1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions are suspended until July 1, 2022, unless the Board prior to that date makes a determination disposing of the petition or enters an Order further suspending the proposed revisions;
- (2) The Petitioner shall, at least 10 days prior to the date set for hearing on the petition by the Office of Administrative Law, file with this Board and with the OAL (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). The 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) The Petitioner shall, serve copies of this Order upon the OAL, the Division of Rate Counsel (140 East Front Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Post Office Box 003, Trenton, NJ 08625), the clerk of the affected municipalities, the clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

of the affected county, and if 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 15 days of the date of this Order.

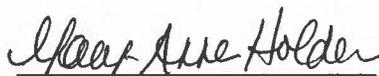
This Order shall be effective on March 1, 2022.

DATED: February 23, 2022

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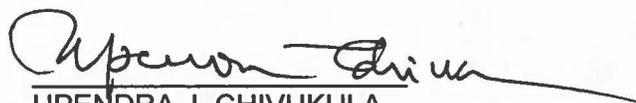
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF THE SHORE WATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL  
TO INCREASE TARIFF RATES AND OTHER TARIFF CHANGES FOR WATER SERVICE  
AND OTHER RELIEF

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