

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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IN THE MATTER OF PINELANDS WASTEWATER)	ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN)	AND STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT
ITS RATES FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE AND)	
OTHER TARIFF CHANGES)	BPU DOCKET NO. WR22090556
)	OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 08516-2022S

Parties of Record:

Brian O. Lipman, Esq., Director, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel Jay L, Kooper, Esq., General Counsel, Pinelands Wastewater Company, Petitioner

BY THE BOARD:

On September 7, 2022, the Pinelands Wastewater Company ("Company" or "Petitioner"), a public utility of the State of New Jersey with its principal business office located at 485C Route One South, Suite 400, Iselin, New Jersey 08830, filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board or "BPU") pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.11 and 14:1-5.12 ("Petition"). Petitioner requested authorization to increase its base tariff rates and charges for wastewater service by approximately \$417,160 or 26.76% above the adjusted annual revenue for the test year ending December 31, 2022 and for it, to take effect on October 7, 2022.1 The Company serves customers in portions of Southampton Township ("Township"), Burlington County, including contract service for part of the Township itself.

BACKGROUND

In the petition, the Company claimed the proposed rate increase is necessary due to expense increases that either have occurred since the rates were last set in 2019 or will occur soon. The expense increases include the costs of power, chemicals, testing requirements, maintenance, security, taxes, insurance, labor and employee benefits, together with decreased wastewater treatment volumes. The Company is also engaged in a capital improvement program to maintain and improve safe and adequate and improve safe, adequate and proper service to its customers.

for this matter. However, it remained the Petitioner's intention to implement the proposed rates at the conclusion of the suspension period should the Board not issue a final Decision and Order by the end of the period.

¹ By letter dated September 8, 2022, the Petitioner notified the Board that it would not implement the proposed rate increase on an interim basis prior to the effective date of the Board's initial suspension order

The Company claimed that the capital improvements and needed expense increases have improved the quality of service, but have impacted earnings. Further, the Company stated that the current rates are inadequate to meet the Company's increased expenses and provide a reasonable rate of return argued that the current rates are inadequate to meet the Company's increased expenses and provide a reasonable rate of return on its investment in the utility plant.²

The Board transferred the matter to the Office of Administrative Law on September 23, 2022 as a and was assigned to Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") Jacob S. Gertsman. On September 28, 2022, the Board issued an Order suspending the company's proposed rate increase to February 7, 2023.³ A prehearing conference was convened by ALJ Thereafter, the Board further suspended the proposed rate increase to June 7, 2023.⁴ On October 21, 2022, ALJ Gertsman issued an Order of Consolidation, which consolidated this matter with Inn Pinelands Water Company for an Approval of an Increase in its rates for Water Services and other Tariff changes. BPU Docket Number WR22090556: OAL Docket Number PUC 08516-2022S which was also pending before him.

After proper notice, two (2) public hearings were held virtually at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on January 12, 2023, with ALJ Gertsman presiding over the hearings. Approximately 18 members of the public spoke at the hearing. Their comments were mainly focused on the magnitude of the proposed rate increase. The Board also received a significant number of petitions in opposition to the proposed increase from members of the Leisure Township.

Stipulation

Following a review of the Petition, conducting discovery, and numerous settlement meetings, the Company, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel and Board Staff (collectively, "Parties") executed a Stipulation of Settlement ("Stipulation"), the key elements to which are as follows:⁵

- 1. The Company's total rate base for purposes of this proceeding is agreed to be \$5,363,339. The Parties agree to an overall rate of return of 7.79%, which is based on a capital structure of 53.00% equity with a cost rate of 9.60% and 47.00% long-term debt and a cost rate of 5.75%.
- 2. The Parties stipulate to a revenue increase for the Company of \$406,726, or 26.52% over present revenues of \$1,533,880 for total proposed annual revenues of \$1,940,606(See (Exhibit A Proof of Revenue of the Stipulation). The increase will be implemented in four (4) phases. The initial Phase I is intended to be effective April 1, 2023 upon a Board Order approving the Stipulation. Exhibit A –

² See: <u>In re Pinelands Wastewater Company for Approval of an Increase in its Rates for Watewater Service and Other Tariff Changes</u>, Docket No. WR19030418, Order dated October 25, 2019.

³See: In re Pinelands Wastewater Company for Approval Of An Increase in its Rates for Wastewater Service and Other Tariff Changes, Docket No. WR22090556, September 28, 2022.

⁴See: In re Pinelands Wastewater Company for Approval Of An Increase in its Rates for Wastewater Service and Other Tariff Changes, Docket No. WR22090556, January 25, 2023.

⁵ Although described at some length in this Order, should there be any conflict between this summary and the Stipulation, the terms of the Stipulation control, subject to the findings and conclusion in this Order. Paragraphs are numbered to coincide with the Stipulation.

Phase I of the Stipulation. The Phase II increase is intended to be effective October 1, 2023. See Exhibit A – Phase II of the Stipulation. The Phase III increase is intended to be effective April 1, 2024. See Exhibit A – Phase III of the Stipulation. The Phase IV increase is intended to be effective October 1, 2024. See Exhibit A – Phase IV increase is intended to be effective on October 1, 2024 subject to the conditions set forth in Paragraph 3 of the Stipulation, infra. See Exhibit A, Phase IV of the Stipulation. The 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 wastewater service to its customers.

On March 14, 2023 ALJ Gertsman issued an Initial Decision in this matter recommending adoption of the Stipulation executed by the parties, finding that the Parties finding that the Parties have voluntary agreed to the Stipulation fully disposes of all the issues and is consistent with the Law. By Letter dated March 24, 2023, the Petitioner requested that rates become effective on the date of the Boards Order for this matter.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

The Board is mindful of the impact any rate increase has on its customers. However, having reviewed the record in this matter, including ALJ Gertsman Initial Decision and the Stipulation, the Board <u>FINDS</u> that the Signatory 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. See N.J.S.A 48:2-21 and N.J.S.A 48:3-1. Therefore, the Board <u>FINDS</u> the Initial Decision, which adopts the Stipulation to be reasonable, is in the public interest and in accordance with the Law. Therefore, 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.

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 Signatory Parties have stipulated herein are **HEREBY ACCEPTED** for services rendered on and after April 15, 2023.

The Company is <u>HEREBY DIRECTED</u> to file complete revised tariff sheets conforming to the terms and conditions of the Stipulation and this Order prior to April 15, 2023.

The Company's rates remain subject to audit by the Board. This Decision and Order shall not preclude the Board from taking any actions deemed to be appropriate as a result of any Board audit.

This Order shall be effective on April 15, 2023.

DATED: April 12, 2023

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

BY:

JOSEPH L. FIORDALISO PRESIDENT

MARY ANNA HOLDEN COMMISSIONER DIANNE SOLOMON COMMISSIONER

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ATTEST:

SHERRI L. GOLDEN SECRETARY

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

DOCKET NO.WR22090556

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INITIAL DECISION SETTLEMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PINELANDS WASTEWATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN ITS RATES FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE AND OTHER TARIFF CHANGES. OAL DKT. NO. PUC 08516-22 AGENCY DKT. NO. WR22090556

Jay L. Kooper, Esq., for Pinelands Wastewater Company

Meliha Arnautovic and **Brandon Simmons**, Deputy Attorneys General, for Staff of the Board of Public Utilities (Matthew J. Platkin, Attorney General of New Jersey, attorney)

Susan E. McClure, Managing Attorney, for Division of Rate Counsel (Brian O. Lipman, Director)

Record Closed: March 9, 2023

Decided: March 13, 2023

BEFORE JACOB S. GERTSMAN, ALJ t/a:

This proceeding involves a petition filed by the Pinelands Wastewater Company (Company) on September 7, 2022, requesting: (1) approval of an increase in rates for wastewater service to produce additional annual revenues of 26.76% above the adjusted annual level of revenues for the test year ending December 31, 2022; and (2) to revise

their tariffs to reflect the above request, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.11 and 14:1-5.12. The matter was transmitted on September 26, 2022, to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-15 and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 to N.J.S.A. 52:14F-13 and assigned to the undersigned. On September 23, 2022, the Board transmitted to the OAL a companion matter filed by Pinelands Water Company, in which the petitioner was seeking an increase in its rates for water service, and to make other tariff changes.

A joint telephone prehearing conference was held on October 17, 2022, during which the parties requested the consolidation of the petition of Pinelands Water Company, bearing OAL Docket Number PUC 08466-22, with the petition of Pinelands Wastewater Company, bearing OAL Docket Number PUC 08516-22. I issued an order of consolidation on October 21, 2022, and a prehearing order on November 3, 2022.

Duly noticed public hearings¹ were held via Zoom Video Communications (Zoom) on January 12, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.² Members of the public attended the hearings virtually and twenty-nine members of the public also participated in the hearing at the Southampton Municipal Building. Eighteen persons, including three elected officials spoke at the hearing in opposition to the proposed rate increases. The commenters opposed the rate increases proposed by the companies, which they described as excessive, raised service concerns and criticized the financial and management practices of the companies.

The comments made by the public, petitioners, staff of the Board and the representative of the Division of Rate Counsel were transcribed and made a part of the record. In addition, my chambers received a substantial number of written comments in opposition to the proposed rate increase, including a petition signed by several hundred residents. The written comments have also been made a part of the record.

¹ Proof of service and publication of the public notice of the hearing was made part of the record.

² Public hearings were held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prior to the commencement of the evidentiary hearings, the parties by and through General Counsel Jay Kooper, notified the undersigned by letter dated March 9, 2023, that all parties in the consolidated matter had reached a settlement and had executed two Stipulations of Settlement, one for each of the underlying rate cases. Accordingly, on March 13, 2023, I issued an Order to Sever OAL Docket Number PUC 08466-22 from OAL Docket Number PUC 08516-22.

The Stipulation of Settlement, resolving all issues in the proceeding docketed as PUC 08516-22, was filed on March 9, 2023. (J-1.) Said Stipulation has been signed by petitioner, Staff of the Board of Public Utilities and Division of Rate Counsel. It indicates the terms of settlement, and is attached and fully incorporated herein.

I have reviewed the terms of settlement and I FIND:

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

I **CONCLUDE** that this agreement meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1 and that the settlement should be approved. 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 N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10.

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Date Received at Agency:

Date Mailed to Parties:

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JACOB S. GERTSMAN, ALJ t/a

3/14/2023

APPENDIX

EXHIBITS

Jointly submitted

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WATER COMPANY For
Approval of An Increase in its Rates
for Water Service and Other
Tariff Changes

OAL Docket No. PUC 08466-2022S BPU Docket No. WR22090555

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

In the Matter of PINELANDS
WASTEWATER COMPANY For
Approval of An Increase in its Rates
for Wastewater Service and Other
Tariff Changes

OAL Docket No. PUC 08516-2019S BPU Docket No. WR22090556

Jay L. Kooper, an Attorney at Law of New Jersey, hereby certifies the following:

On March 9, 2023 I caused to be served by electronic mail a copy of the enclosed

Stipulations of Settlement to each party on the attached service lists for the abovereferenced dockets including but not limited to the Department of Law and Public Safety
and to the Director, Division of Rate Counsel.

Jaly L. Kooper

Dated: March 9, 2023



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STATE OF NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

In the Matter of Pinelands

Wastewater Company for Approval

of an Increase in its Rates for

Wastewater Service and Other

Tariff Changes

OAL Docket No. PUC 08516-2022S

BPU Docket No. WR22090556

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

APPEARANCES:

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Steven Chaplar, Deputy Attorney General, for the Staff of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Matthew J. Platkin, Attorney General of the State of New Jersey)

Susan E. McClure, Esq., Managing Attorney, Water and Wastewater and Christine M. Juarez, Esq., Assistant Deputy Rate Counsel and Emily Smithman, Esq., Assistant Deputy Rate Counsel, on behalf of the Division of Rate Counsel (Brian O. Lipman, Director)

TO THE HONORABLE JACOB S. GERTSMAN, ALJ AND THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

This Stipulation of Settlement ("Stipulation") resolves all issues in OAL Docket No. 08516-2022S and BPU Docket No. WR22090556 in which the Pinelands Wastewater Company (the "Company" or "Petitioner") seeks to increase its rates for wastewater service and other tariff changes. The 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 two public hearings held virtually on January 12, 2023, 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 September 7, 2022, 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, the Company requested a rate increase of \$417,160 or approximately 26.76% above the adjusted annual level of revenues for the test year ending December 31, 2022. The Board of Public Utilities ("Board") transferred this matter to the Office of Administrative Law on September 26, 2022 as a contested case where it was assigned to Administrative Law Judge Jacob S. Gertsman ("ALJ Gertsman"). On September 28, 2022, the Board issued an Order suspending the Company's proposed rate increase until February 7, 2023. Thereafter, the Board further suspended the proposed rate increase to June 7, 2023. A Pre-Hearing Conference was convened by ALJ Gertsman on October 17, 2022. On October 21, 2022, ALJ Gertsman issued an Order of Consolidation in which he consolidated this matter with the matter examining Pinelands Water Company's petition to increase rates for water service (BPU Docket No. WR22090555 and OAL Docket No. PUC 08466-2022S).

After proper notice, two public hearings were held virtually at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on January 12, 2023, with ALJ Gertsman presiding. Members of the public appeared and their comments were heard by the Signatory Parties and ALJ Gertsman. Approximately 17 individuals spoke at the public hearing. Their comments primarily concerned the magnitude of the increase requested. The Board also received numerous petitions in opposition to the proposed increase from members of LeisureTowne, Inc., which constitutes a portion of the Petitioner's

customer base. Subsequently, settlement discussions were held, and agreements reached during those discussions have resulted in the following Stipulation by the Signatory Parties:

- 1. The Company's total rate base for purposes of this proceeding is agreed to be \$5,363,339. The Signatory Parties agree to an overall rate of return of 7.79%, which is based on a capital structure of 53.00% equity with a cost rate of 9.60% and 47.00% long-term debt with a cost rate of 5.75%.
- 2. The Signatory Parties stipulate to a revenue increase for the Company of \$406,726, or 26.52% over present revenues of \$1,533,880 for total proposed annual revenues of \$1,940,606 (See Exhibit A Proof of Revenue). The increase will be implemented in four phases. The initial Phase I is intended to be effective April 1, 2023 upon a Board Order approving this Stipulation of Settlement. See Exhibit A Phase I. The Phase II increase is intended to be effective October 1, 2023. See Exhibit A Phase III. The Phase III increase is intended to be effective April 1, 2024. See Exhibit A Phase III. The Phase IV increase is intended to be effective October 1, 2024. See Exhibit A Phase IV. 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 wastewater service to its customers.
- 3. The Signatory Parties agree that the proposed revised tariff rate pages, together with other revisions, attached hereto as Exhibit B, implementing the terms of this Stipulation, should be adopted by the Board in their entirety.
- 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

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.

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3/8/2023 Date	PIN By:	ELANDS WASTEWATER COMPANY Jayl. Koóper, Esq.
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Date	By:	Steven Chaplar, Deputy Attorney General
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Date	Ву:	Susan E. McClure, Esq. Managing Attorney, Water & Wastewater

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	PINELANDS WASTEWATER COMPANY
Date	By: Jay L. Kooper, Esq. General Counsel
	MATTHEW J. PLATKIN ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NEW JERSEY Attorney for the Staff of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
March 8, 2023 Date	By: Steven Chaplar, Deputy Attorney General
	BRIAN O. LIPMAN, ESQ. DIRECTOR – RATE COUNSEL
Date	By: Susan E. McClure, Esq. Managing Attorney, Water & Wastewater

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		PRESEN	T RATES		SETTLEN	MENT	
GENERAL METERED SERVICE	QTRLY BILLS	QTRLY RATE	REVENUE	QTRLY RATE	REVENUE	PERCENTAGE INCREASE	REVENUE INCREASE
FIXED CHARGE	9,780	\$ 92.92	\$ 908,758	\$ 99.08	\$ 969,002	6.63%	\$ 60,244
USAGE (TG)	CONSUMPTION 70,892.78	RATE (TG) \$ 7.0613	500,595 \$ 1,409,353	RATE (TG) \$ 7.5296	533,794 \$ 1,502,796	6.63% 6.63%	33,199 \$ 93,443
SERVICE UNDER CONTRACT USAGE (TG)	CONSUMPTION 10,696	RATE (TG) \$ 11.6143	REVENUE \$ 124,226	RATE (TG) \$ 12.3846	REVENUE \$ 132,466	6.63%	\$ 8,240
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GENERAL METERED SERVICE FIXED CHARGE	QTRLY BILLS 9,780	QTRLY RATE \$ 92.92	REVENUE \$ 908,758	QTRLY RATE \$ 105.24	REVENUE \$ 1,029,247	PERCENTAGE INCREASE 6.63%	REVENUE INCREASE \$ 60,245	PERCENTAGE INCREASE 13.26%	REVENUE INCREASE \$ 120,489
USAGE (TG)	CONSUMPTION 70,892.78	RATE (TG) \$ 7.0613	500,595 \$ 1,409,353	RATE (TG) \$ 7.9979	566,993 \$ 1,596,240	6.63% 6.63%	33,199 \$ 93,444	13.26% 13.26%	66,398 \$ 186,887
SERVICE UNDER CONTRACT USAGE (TG)	CONSUMPTION 10,696	RATE (TG) \$ 11.6143	REVENUE \$ 124,226	RATE (TG) \$ 13.1548	REVENUE \$ 140,704	6.63%	\$ 8,238	13.26%	\$ 16,478
MISCELLANEOUS ROUNDING	**********	=======>	300 1 \$ 1,533,880		300 (1) \$ 1,737,243	6.63%	0 (0) \$ 101,682	13.26%	0 (2) \$ 203,363

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GENERAL METERED SERVICE FIXED CHARGE	QTRLY BILLS 9,780	QTRLY RATE \$ 92.92	REVENUE \$ 908,758	QTRLY RATE \$ 111.40	REVENUE \$ 1,089,492	PERCENTAGE INCREASE 6.63%	REVENUE INCREASE \$ 60,245	PERCENTAGE INCREASE 19.89%	REVENUE INCREASE \$ 180,734
USAGE (TG)	CONSUMPTION 70,892,78	RATE (TG) \$ 7.0613	500,595 \$ 1,409,353	RATE (TG) \$ 8.4660	600,178 \$ 1,689,670	6.63% 6.63%	33,185 \$ 93,430	19.89% 19.89%	99,583 \$ 280,317
SERVICE UNDER CONTRACT USAGE (TG)	CONSUMPTION 10,696	RATE (TG) \$ 11.6143	REVENUE \$ 124,226	RATE (TG) \$ 13.9247	REVENUE \$ 148,939	6.63%	\$ 8,235	19.89%	\$ 24,713
MISCELLANEOUS ROUNDING	***********		300 1 \$ 1,533,880		300 16 \$ 1,838,925	6.63%	0 17 \$ 101,682	19.89%	0 15 \$ 305,045

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		PRESEN	T RATES		SETTLE	EMENT		SETTLEN	MENT
GENERAL METERED SERVICE FIXED CHARGE	QTRLY BILLS 9,780	QTRLY RATE \$ 92.92	REVENUE \$ 908,758	QTRLY RATE \$ 117.56	REVENUE \$ 1,149,737	PERCENTAGE INCREASE 6.63%	REVENUE INCREASE \$ 60,245	PERCENTAGE INCREASE 26.52%	REVENUE INCREASE \$ 240,979
USAGE (TG)	CONSUMPTION 70,892.78	RATE (TG) \$ 7.0613	500,595 \$ 1,409,353	RATE (TG) \$ 8.9342	633,370 \$ 1,783,107	6.63% 6.63%	33,192 \$ 93,437	26.52% 26.52%	132,775 \$ 373,754
SERVICE UNDER CONTRACT USAGE (TG)	CONSUMPTION 10,696	RATE (TG) \$ 11.6143	REVENUE \$ 124,226	RATE (TG) \$ 14.6947	REVENUE \$ 157,174	6.63%	\$ 8,235	26.52%	\$ 32,948
MISCELLANEOUS ROUNDING		~======>	300 1 \$ 1,533,880		300 25 \$ 1,940,606	6.63%	0 10 \$ 101,682	26.52%	0 24 \$ 406,726

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PINELANDS WASTEWATER COMPANY

TARIFF

FOR

WASTEWATER SERVICE

APPLICABLE IN

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP

BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Date of Issue: September 7, 2022

Effective for service Rendered on and after:

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Eighth Revised Sheet No. 8 Canceling Seventh 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 \$99.08 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 - \$7.5296

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.
- (c) 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. 1 (Continued)

GENERAL SERVICE

TERMS (continued):

- (d) Service shall be terminated on the request of any customer on notice of at least ten (10) days to the Company.
- (e) No industrial or commercial customers shall be permitted to connect to the Company's system under this Rate Schedule (See Rate Schedule No. 3)
- (f) If the Company considers it possible that any high strength effluent is to be discharged to the Company's system, the discharge shall be evaluated and considered for authorized discharge under a Company issued Industrial Discharge Permit with specific requirements defined for discharge, if allowed. The Company shall be permitted to sample and test the strength of the effluent on a frequency and method determined acceptable by the Company. If a composite 24 hour sample shows either suspended solids (SS) or Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) exceeding 300, or any other compound identified by the Company as a concern, then the Company shall, at the customer's expense, install a separate flow meter (or use water consumption as a flow measure) and the customer shall pay to the Company surcharges as determined appropriate. For SS or BOD exceedances the surcharge is calcualated as follows:

Surcharge = Rate/1,000 gallons x actual BOD x actual SS

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If the actual BOD is less than 300, 300 shall be used as the actual BOD for the purposes of this surcharge formula. If the actual SS is less than 300, 300 shall be used as the actual SS for the purposes of this surcharge formula.

- (g) Water used through and measured by Irrigation meters <u>will not</u> be used to compute the Volumetric Charge for wastewater service
- (h) Disposable wipes of any kind (disinfection wipes or flushable wipes), or other products not intended for wastewater system use, are not permitted to be disposed of in the wastewater system.

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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:

\$12.3846 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:

\$12.3846 per 1,000 gallons, but not less than \$176.56 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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RATE SCHEDULE NO. 3 (Continued)

GENERAL SERVICE - OTHER

TERMS (continued):

- (d) No commercial or industrial customers shall be permitted to connect to the Company's system under this Rate Schedule except pursuant to the following paragraph (e).
- (e) If the Company considers it possible that any commercial, industrial, or other high strength effluent, including high-strength restaurant effluent, is to be discharged to the Company's system, the discharge shall be evaluated and considered for authorized discharge under a Company issued Industrial Discharge Permit with specific requirements defined for discharge, if allowed. The Company shall be permitted to sample and test the strength of the effluent on a frequency and method determined acceptable by the Company. If a composite 24 hour sample shows either suspended solids (SS) or BOD exceeding 300, , or any other compound identified by the Company as a concern, then the Company shall, at the customer's expense, install a separate flow meter (or use water consumption as a flow measure) and the customer shall pay to the Company a surchargea as determined appropriate. For SS or BOD exceedances the surcharge is calcualated as follows:

Surcharge = Rate/1,000 gallons x <u>actual BOD</u> x <u>actual SS</u> 300 300

If the actual BOD is less than 300, 300 shall be used as the actual BOD for the purposes of this surcharge formula. If the actual SS is less than 300, 300 shall be used as the actual SS for the purposes of this surcharge formula.

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EXHIBIT A (Continued)

LIMITATIONS ON WASTEWATER DISCHARGES

Constitute a rate of discharge sufficient to be classified as a "slug discharge", or containing such concentrations or quantities of pollutants that would cause an interference to the wastewater treatment system.

Any water or wastes containing toxins or pollutants in sufficient quantity and/or concentration to cause injury, damage or hazard to personnel, structures or equipment, or interfere with the wastewater treatment system or any portion of the liquid or solids treatment or handling processes, or that will pass through the wastewater treatment system in such condition that it will not achieve State, Federal or other existing requirements for the effluent or for the receiving waters.

Any material which exerts or causes:

- A. Unusual concentration of inert suspended solids (such as, but not limited to, Fuller's earth, lime slurries and lime residues) or of dissolved solids (such as, but not limited to, sodium chloride and sodium sulfate).
- B. Any water or wastes containing dyes, pigments or other colored substances that will not be removed in the wastewater treatment system and will interfere with effluent color or turbidity measurements.
- C. Unusual BOD, COD, or chlorine requirements in such quantities as to constitute an unacceptable load on the wastewater treatment works.

SECTION 1.1

No person shall dispose of wastes from septic tanks, cesspools, or other sources of waste to the system without the prior written approval of the Company and in accordance with all conditions imposed by the Company on such disposal.

SECTION 1.2

No person shall uncover or make any unauthorized connection or alteration or otherwise disturb any element of the system without the prior written approval of the Company.

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PINELANDS WASTEWATER COMPANY

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FOR

WASTEWATER SERVICE

APPLICABLE IN

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP

BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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Seventh Eighth Revised Sheet No. 8 Canceling Sixth Seventh 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 \$99.0892.92 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 - \$77.52960613

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.
- (c) 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. 1 (Continued)

GENERAL SERVICE

TERMS (continued):

- (d) Service shall be terminated on the request of any customer on notice of at least ten (10) days to the Company.
- (e) No industrial <u>or commercial</u> customers shall be permitted to connect to the Company's system under this Rate Schedule (See Rate Schedule No. 3) except pursuant to the following paragraph (f).
- If the Company considers it possible that any commercial or other high strength effluent, including high-strength restaurant effluent, is to be discharged to the Company's system, the discharge shall be evaluated and considered for authorized discharge under a Company issued Industrial Discharge Permit with specific requirements defined for discharge, if allowed. The Company shall be permitted to sample and test the strength of the effluent on a frequency and method determined acceptable by the Company. If a composite 24 hour sample shows either suspended solids (SS) or Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) exceeding 300, or any other compound identified by the Company as a concern, then the Company shall, at the customer's expense, install a separate flow meter (or use water consumption as a flow measure) and the customer shall pay to the Company a-surcharges as determined appropriate. For SS or BOD exceedances the surcharge is calcualated as follows:

Surcharge = Rate/1,000 gallons x <u>actual BOD</u> x <u>actual SS</u> 300 300

If the actual BOD is less than 300, 300 shall be used as the actual BOD for the purposes of this surcharge formula. If the actual SS is less than 300, 300 shall be used as the actual SS for the purposes of this surcharge formula.

- (g) Water used through and measured by Irrigation meters <u>will not</u> be used to compute the Volumetric Charge for wastewater service
- (h) Disposable wipes of any kind (disinfection wipes or flushable wipes), or other products not intended for wastewater system use, are not permitted to be disposed of in the wastewater system.

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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:

\$121.38466143 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:

\$121.38466143 per 1,000 gallons, but not less than \$176.56165.58 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.
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RATE SCHEDULE NO. 3 (Continued)

GENERAL SERVICE - OTHER

TERMS (continued):

- (d) No <u>commercial or</u> industrial customers shall be permitted to connect to the Company's system under this Rate Schedule except pursuant to the following paragraph (e).
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EXHIBIT A (Continued)

LIMITATIONS ON WASTEWATER DISCHARGES

Constitute a rate of discharge sufficient to be classified as a "slug discharge", or containing such concentrations or quantities of pollutants that would cause an interference to the wastewater treatment system.

Any water or wastes containing toxins or pollutants in sufficient quantity and/or concentration to cause injury, damage or hazard to personnel, structures or equipment, or interfere with the wastewater treatment system or any portion of the liquid or solids treatment or handling processes, or that will pass through the wastewater treatment system in such condition that it will not achieve State, Federal or other existing requirements for the effluent or for the receiving waters.

Any material which exerts or causes:

- A. Unusual concentration of inert suspended solids (such as, but not limited to, Fuller's earth, lime slurries and lime residues) or of dissolved solids (such as, but not limited to, sodium chloride and sodium sulfate).
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SECTION 1.2

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