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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities Two Gateway Center Newark, NJ 07102 www.bpu.state.nj.us

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF LAWRENCEVILLE WATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN ITS RATES FOR WATER SERVICE

WATER

ORDER SUSPENDING INCREASES, CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS IN RATES FOR SERVICE

BPU DOCKET NO. WR07010062

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On February 1, 2006, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, Lawrenceville Water Company, (Lawrenceville or Company) a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities (Board), filed a petition seeking to increase and revise its rates and charges for water service amounting to approximately \$438,928 or approximately 47.91%. The increase in rates is proposed to become effective on March 5, 2007. The Petitioner does not seek interim rate relief pending final determination on the petition. Petitioner seeks the requested increase to recover increased expenses, planned capital expenditures and an opportunity to earn a reasonable return on its investment in utility plant. Lawrenceville also requests the Board to make the necessary baseline determinations to permit it to establish a Purchased Water Adjustment Clause mechanism pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:9-7.1 et seq.

Lawrenceville services approximately 2,600 water customers located in Lawrence Township, Mercer County, New Jersey.

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

- (1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be, and are suspended until July 5, 2007, unless the Board prior to that date makes a determination disposing of the petition;
- (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, N.J. 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, at the same time it files with this Board, also file proof of service of copies of this Order upon the Office of Administrative Law, the Division of Rate Counsel (31 Clinton Street, P.O. Box 46005, Newark, NJ 07102), the clerks of each affected municipality, the clerks to 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 Suspension Order may be made simultaneously.

DATED: 3/5/07

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

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ATTEST:

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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