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Via Hand Delivery

Ms. Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor
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Re: **I/M/O the Petition of New Jersey American Water Company, Inc. for Approval of Increased Tariff Rates & Charges for Water & Wastewater Service, Change in Depreciation Rates & Other Tariff Provisions
BPU Docket No. WR17090985
OAL Docket No. PUC 14251-2017 S**

Dear Secretary Camacho-Welch:

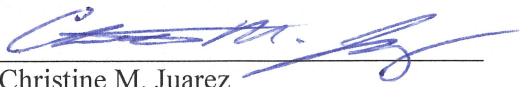
Enclosed please find an original and ten copies of the Motion to Reject the Company's Proposed Provisional Rates, Letter Brief in Support of Motion, Certificate of Service and Proposed Form of Order submitted on behalf of the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel") in the referenced matter. **Given that the Company has indicated an intention to implement provisional rates effective June 15, 2018, Rate Counsel respectfully requests expedited consideration of this motion.**

We are enclosing one additional copy of the materials transmitted. Kindly stamp and date the copy as "filed" and return it to our courier. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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**In the Matter of the Petition of New
Jersey American Water Co. Inc. for
Approval of Increased Tariff Rates and
Charges for Water and Wastewater
Service, Change in Deprecation Rates and
Other Tariff Modifications
BPU Docket No. WR17090985
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Service, Change in Depreciation Rates & Other	:	MOTION TO ISSUE AN ORDER
Tariff Provisions	:	REJECTING THE COMPANY'S
	:	PROPOSED PROVISIONAL RATES
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TO: Secretary Camacho-Welch and to OTHER PARTIES as set forth on the attached Certification of Service:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned, Christine M. Juarez, on behalf of the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel, ("Rate Counsel") files this Motion requesting that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU" or the "Board") issue an Order rejecting the Company's Proposed Provisional Rates.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Rate Counsel requests expedited review of this motion.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the undersigned will rely on the letter brief submitted in support of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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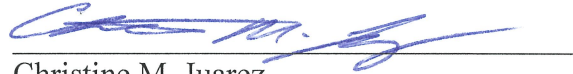
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CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I, Christine M. Juarez, hereby certify that I have served the Division of Rate Counsel's Motion to Reject the Company's Proposed Provisional Rates and the Letter Brief in support of this Motion by Hand Delivery to Ms. Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary and the Commissioners of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, by UPS Overnight Mail to Honorable Jacob Gertsman ALJ and Ira G. Megdal, Esq. and by Electronic and USPS Regular Mail to all parties on the attached service list.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.



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Assistant Deputy Rate Counsel

Dated: May 18, 2018

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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Service, Change in Depreciation Rates & Other	:	ORDER REJECTING
Tariff Provisions	:	NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER
	:	COMPANY'S PROPOSED
	:	PROVISIONAL RATES
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	:	ORDER
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The Board of Public Utilities, having considered the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel's ("Rate Counsel") Motion to Reject New Jersey American Water's Proposed Provisional Rates, the opposition to the motion filed by the Company and all other papers filed, it is HEREBY ORDERED that New Jersey American Water Company's proposed provisional rates are rejected and may not be implemented on June 15, 2018.

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