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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF LAKE LENAPE WATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR WATER SERVICE ORDER SUSPENDING INCREASES, CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS IN RATES FOR WATER SERVICE

DOCKET NO. WR19050600

Parties of Record:

Jeffrey Fuller, President, Lake Lenape Water Company, Petitioner Stefanie A. Brand, Esq., Director, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel

BY THE BOARD:

On May 16, 2019, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, Lake Lenape Water Company ("Company", or "Petitioner"), 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 a proposed increase in revenues of approximately \$34,819 or 24.7%. The rates are proposed to become effective July 1, 2019.

According to the petition, the Company seeks the increase to enable it to: (a) eliminate operating losses; (b) enable the Company to meet increased operating expenses and establish its financial integrity; and (c) enable the Company to continue to furnish safe, adequate and proper service to its customers.

The Company provides water service to approximately 353 customers in the Township of Andover, Sussex County, New Jersey.

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

(1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be, and are suspended until November 1, 2019, 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 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 Division of Rate Counsel (140 East Front Street, Post Office Box 003, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Trenton, NJ 08525), the clerk of the affected municipality, the clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the affected county, and where 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 July 1, 2019.

DATED: 6 21/19

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

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