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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF LAKE)	ORDER FURTHER SUSPENDING
LENAPE WATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF)	INCREASES, CHANGES OR
AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR WATER SERVICE)	ALTERATIONS IN RATES FOR
)	SERVICE
)	
)	DOCKET NO. WR19050600
)	OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 06852-2019N

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 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, Lake Lenape Water Company ("Lake Lenape" "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 its rates for water service amounting to approximately \$34,819 or 24.7% in additional annual revenues. The increase in rates was proposed to become effective on July 1, 2019.

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

The Petitioner states in its petition that its rates are not sufficient to provide for the operating expenses necessary to provide safe, adequate and proper public service.

On May 21, 2019, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") for hearings and on June 21, 2019, the Board issued an Order suspending the Company's proposed rate increase until November 1, 2019.

A pre-hearing conference was scheduled on August 15, 2019; however, it was not attended by all of the parties. Another pre-hearing conference is scheduled on October 4, 2019 at the OAL in Newark, NJ.

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

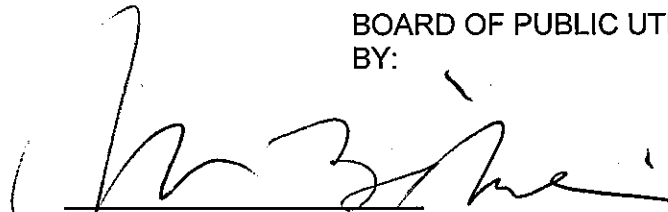
- (1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be, and are, further suspended until March 1, 2020, unless prior to that date, the Board makes a determination disposing of the petition.
- (2) Petitioner shall, at least 10 days prior to the date set for hearing on the petition by the Office 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, 4th Floor, Post Office Box 003, Trenton, NJ 08625), 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.

The Order shall be effective on October 17, 2019.

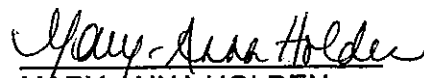
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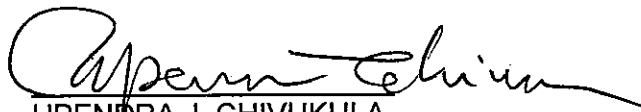
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