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# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Post Office Box 350 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350 www.nj.gov/bpu/

## WATER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF GORDON'S CORNER WATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN	)	ORDER SUSPENDING INCREASES CHANGES OR
INCREASE IN IT'S RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE	) )	ALTERATIONS IN RATES FOR SERVICE
	)	DOCKET NO. WR12090807

### Parties of Record:

**Douglas R. Kleinfeld, Esq.,** on behalf of Gordon's Corner Water Company, Petitioner **Stefanie Brand, Esq., Director,** Division of Rate Counsel

#### BY THE BOARD:

On September 7, 2012, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, Gordon's Corner Water Company, (Gordon's Corner 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 \$885,821 or 8.58% above its proposed proforma revenues. The increase in rates is proposed to become effective on October 15, 2012.

Gordon's Corner Water Company services approximately 15,000 water customers in the Townships of Marlboro and Manalapan located in Monmouth County, New Jersey.

As part of its filing, Gordon's Corner seeks to update the base consumption and base rate costs which were established in the last rate proceeding within the meaning of the applicable Purchased Water Adjustment Clause regulation N.J.A.C. 14:9-7.1.

According to the petition, Gordon's Corner seeks the increase to maintain a satisfactory credit position, preserve its financial integrity, permit proper maintenance, develop and improve the utility plant required to furnish safe, adequate, and proper service, encourage continued good management, prevent confiscation or diminution of Petitioner's property, and earn a reasonable return upon the fair value of the property used and useful in the public service.

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 February 15, 2013, 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 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 (9 Quakerbridge Plaza, P. O. Box 049, Trenton, NJ 08625) 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 (31 Clinton Street, P.O Box 46005, Newark, NJ 07102), 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 fifteen (15) days of the date of this Order.

This Order shall be effective on October 14, 2012.

DATED: 10/4/12

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

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NICHOLAS ASSELTA COMMISSIONER . .

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