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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SHORE)	ORDER SUSPENDING
WATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN)	INCREASES, CHANGES OR
INCREASE IN RATES FOR SERVICE)	ALTERATIONS IN RATES
)	FOR SERVICE
)	
)	DOCKET NO. WR13080715

Parties of Record:

Lewis Goldshore, Esq., on behalf of Shore Water Company, Petitioner
Stefanie A. Brand, Esq., Director, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel

BY THE BOARD:

On August 9, 2013, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-18, N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, and N.J.A.C. 14:9-7.1 et seq., Shore Water Company ("Shore Water", "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 \$162,383 or 31.15% above the annual revenues. The increase in rates is proposed "... to become effective thirty (30) days after the filing of this Petition with the office of the Secretary of the Board of Public Utilities."¹ The Petitioner does not seek interim rate relief pending final determination on the petition.

The Company is engaged in the provision of water service in the area of the Township of Berkeley, Ocean County, New Jersey known as South Seaside Park. The Petitioner also provides water service to Island Beach State Park.

According to the petition, the rate increase is required to enable the Petitioner to maintain a satisfactory credit position, preserve its financial integrity, permit proper maintenance and improvement of the utility facilities required to furnish safe, adequate and proper service, encourage continued effective management and provide incentives for efficiency, prevent confiscation or diminution of its property, and to earn a reasonable return upon the fair value of its property used and useful in the public service.

¹ The Company filed a letter with the Board dated August 31, 2013, stating that it will not implement rates on an interim basis prior to the effective date of the Board's Suspension Order resulting from the September 18, 2013, agenda meeting.

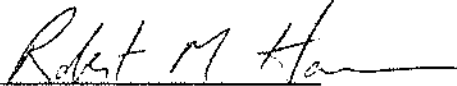
It appearing that the proposed revisions will increase existing rates and change or alter existing classifications in Petitioner's tariff, it is **HEREBY ORDERED** that:

- (1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be, and are suspended until January 9, 2014, 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 (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 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, N.J. 086225-0003), 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 September 27, 2013.

DATED: 9/18/13

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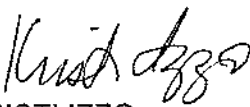

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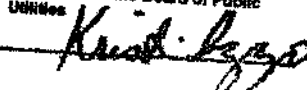

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public Utilities


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FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR SERVICE
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