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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. WR14030269

Parties of Record:

Jeffrey Fuller, President, Lake Lenape Water Company, Pro Se for Petitioner Stefanie A. Brand, Esq., Director, on behalf of the Division of Rate Counsel

BY THE BOARD:

On March 21, 2014, pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C</u>. 14:1-6.16, Lake Lenape Water Company, ("Company" or "Petitioner"), a public utility of the State of New Jersey, subject to the jurisdiction of the New Jersey 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 \$18,902 or 14.37%. The increased rates are proposed to become effective July 1, 2014.

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 349 customers in the Township of Andover, Sussex County, New Jersey.

It appearing 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 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be, and are suspended until November 1, 2014, unless the Board prior to that date, makes a determination disposing of the petition.

- (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 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:2-32.2 and <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 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 08625-0003), 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 this petition, notice of hearings and this Order may be made simultaneously. Proof of service of the Order shall be filed with the Board within fifteen (15) days of the date of this Order.

This Order shall be effective on May 31, 2014.

DATED: 5/21/14

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

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ATTEST: KRISTI IZZO

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

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