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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF THE ATLANTIC CITY SEWERAGE COMPANY FOR)	ORDER
APPROVAL OF A MUNICIPAL CONSENT IN THE CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY, ATLANTIC COUNTY)))	DOCKET NO. WE16010046

Parties of Record:

Stacy A. Mitchell, Esq., on behalf of the Atlantic City Sewerage Company, Petitioner **Stefanie A. Brand, Esq., Director**, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel

BY THE BOARD:

The Atlantic City Sewerage Company ("Company" or "ACSC") is a regulated public utility engaged in sewerage collection service in its defined service territory within the State of New Jersey. ACSC currently provides sewerage collection service in the City of Atlantic City ("Atlantic City") and service to approximately 6,630 residential customers and 720 commercial customers.

On January 20, 2016, the Company filed a verified petition with the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-14 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.5 for approval of a municipal consent granted on December 20, 2015, by Atlantic City, in Ordinance No. 84 ("Ordinance"), which granted ACSC renewed permission to use of the streets in Atlantic City for the purpose of providing sewerage collection services for fifty (50) years.

On December 30, 1905, through Ordinance 83 ("Original Consent"), Atlantic City consented to the Company furnishing sewerage collection service in Atlantic City and the use of the streets. However, the Company's consent to use the streets within Atlantic City expired on December 30, 1955 pursuant to the fifty (50) year statutory limitation set forth in N.J.S.A. 48:3-15. On December 10, 2015, Atlantic City adopted the Ordinance which acknowledges the Original Consent and by which it renewed its consent granting ACSC continued permission to lay and construct its pipes and mains and related appurtenances and facilities within the streets, alleys, squares and public places within Atlantic City for a period of fifty (50) years. A letter submitted to the Atlantic City clerk dated January 8, 2016, indicated that ACSC accepted and agreed to the terms and conditions of such consent. Copies of the Ordinance and the letter of acceptance are attached to this Order as Exhibits "A" and "B," respectively.

Atlantic City encompasses approximately 17.037 square miles, including 10.747 square miles of land and 6.290 square miles of water. The city is located on 8.1 mile long Absecon Island, along with Ventnor City, Margate City and Longport to the southwest.

On May 17, 2016, a duly noticed public hearing on the Company's petition was held at the Board's Trenton office. Legal Specialist James Kane presided over the hearing at which representatives of the Company, Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel") and Board Staff appeared. No members of the public appeared at the hearing.

By letter dated May 19, 2016, Rate Counsel submitted its written comments to the petition and is not opposed to its approval and noted that the term of the municipal consent related to the use of streets is limited to fifty (50) years. On the same date, the Company submitted a letter acknowledging receipt of Rate Counsel's letter and stating it had no additional comments.

Based on the foregoing and a thorough review of the entire record to this proceeding and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-14 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.5, the Board HEREBY APPROVES the Municipal Consent, Ordinance No. 84 adopted on December 10, 2015, granted to ACSC by Atlantic City for the continued use of its public streets for a period of fifty (50) years consistent with N.J.S.A. 48:3-15. The Board FINDS that ACSC has the capacity necessary to ensure the continuation of its sewerage collection service to its existing customers and does not expect any increase in the service territory. The Board FURTHER FINDS the continuation of the use of the streets is necessary and proper for the public convenience and properly conserves the public interests.

The approvals granted, hereinabove, shall be subject to the following provisions:

- 1. This Order shall not be construed as directly or indirectly fixing for any purposes, whatsoever, the value of any tangible or intangible assets now owned or hereafter to be owned by the Company.
- 2. This Order shall not affect or in any way limit the exercise of the authority of this Board or of this State, in any future petition or in any future proceeding, with respect to rates, franchise, services, financing, accounting, capitalization, depreciation or in any other matters affecting ACSC.
- 3. In an appropriate subsequent proceeding, ACSC shall have the burden of demonstrating whether, and to what extent, any of the costs associated with this petition shall be allocated to ratepayers.
- 4. Approval of this municipal consent does not constitute approval by the Board of any costs or expenses associated with this petition. Any determination as to the appropriateness or reasonableness of the costs and expenses related to the franchise, including, but not limited to, cost of construction, contributions in aid of construction, depreciation of contributed plant, the cost of connection or any related capital improvements, and the allocation of such costs and expenses, shall be made in an appropriate subsequent proceeding.

5. The term of the municipal consent as to the right to provide service is not limited by this Order and shall be effective as previously granted by the City of Atlantic City.

This Order shall be effective on June 4, 2016.

DATED: May 25, 2016

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

RICHARD S. MROZ

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UPENDRA J. CHIVUKULA COMMISSIONER

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

SECRETARY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF THE ATLANTIC CITY SEWERAGE COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A MUNICIPAL CONSENT IN THE CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY, ATLANTIC COUNTY - DOCKET NO. WE16010046

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Exhibit A

Ordinance

Ordinance No. 84

OF THE

Date..11-24-2015

CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. Date to Mayor. 12-10-2015

Approved as to Form and Legality on Basis of Facts Set Forth Factual contents certified to by

Deputy City Solicitor /s/ Irving Jacoby

Business Administrator /s/ Arthur M. Liston

· Prepared by the City Solicitor's Office

Council Members MOORE & SMALL Present the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWED CONSENT FOR PERMISSION TO THE ATLANTIC CITY SEWERAGE COMPANY TO USE THE PUBLIC STREETS FOR SEWERAGE COLLECTION IN THE CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY

WHEREAS, the Atlantic City Sewerage Company, a corporation of the State of New Jersey provides the sewerage collection service for the City of Atlantic City pursuant to the municipal consent first granted to the Atlantic City Sewerage Company in that certain Ordinance 83 approved on December 30, 1905; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.48:3-15 provides that any consent granted by the City of Atlantic City to the Atlantic City Sewerage Company for the use of the streets for the purpose of providing sewerage collection therein is subject to a fifty-year limitation; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Atlantic City to maintain sewerage collection service and to offer this renewed consent authorizing the continuation of the use of the streets in Atlantic City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Atlantic City as follows:

SECTION ONE

That exclusive consent and permission is hereby renewed and granted to The Atlantic City Sewerage Company to lay its pipes and conduits beneath such public roads, streets, avenues and alleys within the City of Atlantic City in the manner prescribed by N.J.S.A.48:13-11, subject to reasonable regulations imposed by ordinance or resolution with respect to the opening of streets and public places, subject to approval of such consent and permission by the Board of Public Utilities.

SECTION TWO

This consent is granted for the entire geographical area of the City of Atlantic City and extends to the boundaries of the City of Atlantic City and shall remain in effect for a period of fifty (50) years from the date of final adoption of this ordinance.

SECTION THREE

The Atlantic City Sewerage Company shall within thirty (30) days after the passage of this ordinance file with the City Clerk a bond in the amount of One Thousand (\$1,100.00) Dollars conditioned upon the restoration of any street or public place which may be opened by it in a manner satisfactory to the Director of the Department of Public Works for the City of Atlantic City.

SECTION FOUR

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION FIVE

This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

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Adopted on first reading at a meeting of the Council of the City of Atlantic City, N.J. on ...NOVEMBER 24, 2015.....

Exhibit B

THE ATLANTIC CITY SEWERAGE COMPANY

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January 8, 2016

Rhonda Williams, Municipal Clerk City of Atlantic City 1301 Bacharach Blvd #704 Atlantic City, NJ 08401

RE: Acceptance of Ordinance No. 84 Granting Municipal Consent to Atlantic City Sewerage Company to Use the Public Streets for Sewerage Collection

Dear Ms. Williams:

I am writing on behalf of the Atlantic City Sewerage Company ("ACSC") to advise that we received a fully executed copy of Ordinance No. 84 (copy attached) granting municipal consent for ACSC to use the public streets in the City of Atlantic City for sewerage collection. Pursuant to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 48:3-16, ACSC hereby accepts Ordinance No. 84, as passed.

Very truly yours,

Louis M. Walters, President

Atlantic City Sewerage Company

Enclosure

cc: Sta

Stacy A. Mitchell, Esquire