



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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WATER

IN THE MATTER OF PINELANDS WATER COMPANY)	ORDER FURTHER SUSPENDING
FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN ITS RATES)	INCREASES, CHANGES OR
FOR WATER SERVICE AND OTHER TARIFF)	ALTERATIONS IN RATES
CHANGES)	
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)	DOCKET NO. WR15101200
)	OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 17708-2015N

Parties of Record:

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Stefanie A. Brand, Esq., Director, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel

BY THE BOARD:

On October 21, 2015, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.11, N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, and other relevant statues and regulations, Pinelands Water Company ("Petitioner," "Pinelands Water," or "Company"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Middlesex Water Company ("Middlesex"), a New Jersey corporation and public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board"), filed a petition seeking to increase its water rates in the amount \$306,366.00 or 48.49% above the annual revenues.

Pinelands serve approximately 2,400 retail water customers in Southampton Township, Burlington County, NJ.

According to the petition, Pinelands seeks the increase to support capital improvement programs. The additional revenues are requested to enable Petitioner to preserve its financial integrity, to permit proper maintenance, development and improvement of the utility plant required to furnish safe, adequate and proper service and to earn a reasonable return upon the fair value of its property used and useful in the public service.

The Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") for hearings, where it was assigned Docket No. PUC 17708-2015N, and on December 16, 2015, the Board issued an Order suspending the Company's proposed rate increase until March 30, 2016.

In light of the fact that this proceeding will not be resolved before March 23, 2016 and 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 July 30, 2016, unless the Board prior to that date, makes a determination disposing of the petition or enters an Order further suspending the proposed revisions.

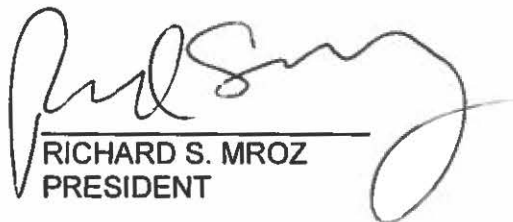
(2) Petitioner shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for hearing on the petition by the Office of Administrative Law, file with this Board and with the Office of Administrative Law (33 Washington Street, Newark NJ 07102) proof of compliance with the Notice provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 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, Post Office Box 003, 4th Floor, Trenton, NJ 08525), the clerk of the affected municipality, the clerk to 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 Suspension 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 March 28, 2016.

DATED: 3-18-16

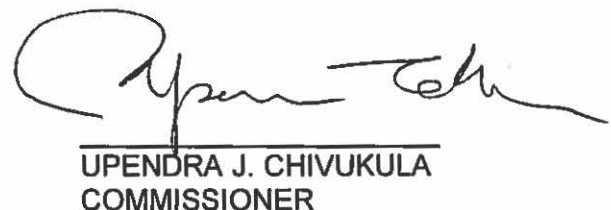
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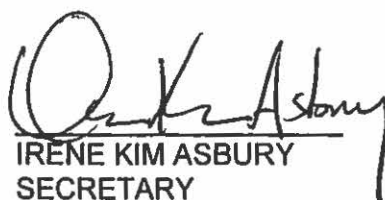

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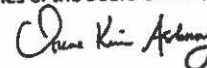

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SECRETARY

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**IN THE MATTER OF PINELANDS WATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE
IN ITS RATES FOR WATER SERVICE AND OTHER TARIFF CHANGES**

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