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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MONTAGUE)	ORDER SUSPENDING
WATER AND SEWER COMPANIES FOR AN)	INCREASES, CHANGES OR
INCREASE IN RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER)	ALTERATIONS IN RATES
SERVICE)	FOR WATER AND SEWER
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)	DOCKET NO. WR12110983

Parties of Record:

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

BY THE BOARD:

On November 7, 2012, Montague Water and Sewer Companies ("Montague" or "Petitioners"), New Jersey corporations and public utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") filed a petition pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.11, and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12 et seq., seeking to increase base water rates in the amount of \$185,455 or approximately 65.5% and sewer rates in the amount of \$83,166 or 44.3% above proposed proforma revenues. The increase in rates is proposed to become effective on December 7, 2012. However, per the petition, Montague will not implement the proposed rates prior to January 1, 2013 as long as the Board issues an Order before said date.

Montague Water Company serves approximately 724 water customers and Montague Sewer Company serves approximately 228 sewer customers in Montague Township, Sussex County, New Jersey.

According to the petition, Montague Water and Sewer Companies seeks the increase to finance essential and continuing plant investment so as to comply with ongoing environmental and health regulations. The additional revenues are requested to enable the Petitioners to preserve financial integrity, to permit proper maintenance, development and improvement of the utilities plant required to furnish safe, adequate and proper service and to earn a reasonable return upon the fair value of property used and useful in the public service.

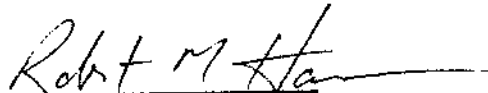
It appearing that the proposed revisions will increase existing rates and change or alter existing classifications in Petitioner's tariff, it is HEREBY ORDERED that:

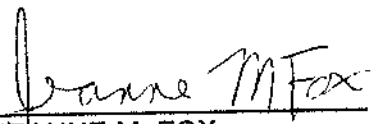
- (1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be, and are suspended until April 7, 2013, unless the Board prior to that date makes a determination disposing of the petition or enters an Order further suspending the proposed revisions;
- (2) Petitioners shall, at least ten (10) days prior 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) Petitioners 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.

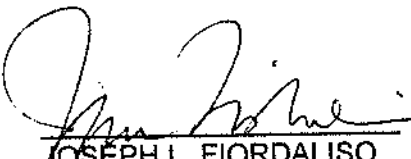
This Order shall be effective on December 28, 2012.

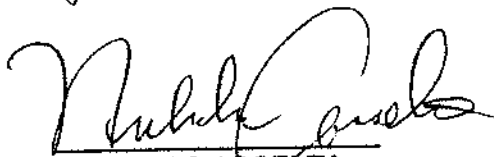
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ROBERT M. HANNA
PRESIDENT

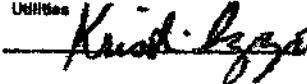

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public Utilities


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