



# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SUEZ WATER NEW JERSEY INC.

## NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR WATER SERVICE AND OTHER TARIFF CHANGES

**BPU DOCKET NO. WR15101177 OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 16468-2015 N**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on October 7, 2015, SUEZ Water New Jersey Inc. ("SWNJ"), (the "Company"), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and other relevant statutes and regulations, filed a Petition with the Board of Public Utilities (the "Board") of the State of New Jersey for approval of an increase in their base rates for water service. The Company is requesting an overall increase in water revenues of \$29,485,322 or approximately 13.51% above the annual level of revenues for the post-test year period ending June 30, 2016. The Company believes that the increase is necessary in order for it to be able to continue to provide safe, adequate and proper service to its customers and to prevent the impairment of its financial integrity.

The proposed base rates for all customers are contained in the tariff sheets and petition filed with the Board. The present and proposed rates for monthly billing for General Metered Service are as follows:

### COMPARISON OF PRESENT AND PROPOSED BASE RATES SUEZ WATER NEW JERSEY INC.

Consumption and monthly facilities charges have been revised as follows:

General Metered Service:			
Fixed Monthly Service charge			
Size of Meter	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	\$ Increase
5/8"	\$ 8.65	\$ 11.50	\$ 2.85
3/4"	12.97	17.25	4.28
1"	21.62	28.75	7.13
1-1/2"	43.25	57.50	14.25
2"	69.20	92.00	22.80
3"	129.75	172.50	42.75
4"	216.25	287.50	71.25
6"	432.49	575.00	142.51
8"	691.99	920.00	228.01
10"	994.73	1,322.50	327.77
12"	1,427.23	1,897.50	470.27
Consumption	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	\$ Increase
Hundred Cubic Feet	\$ 4.1211	\$ 4.7951	\$ 0.6740
Thousand Gallons	5.5095	6.4106	0.9011

Billing shall be based on the fixed monthly service charge plus consumption charges for each period.

IF THIS PROPOSAL WERE TO BE ADOPTED WITHOUT MODIFICATION, A RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER USING 9 CCF OR 6,732 GALLONS OF WATER PER MONTH WILL SEE HIS/HER BILL INCREASE FROM \$46.30 TO \$54.66, AN INCREASE OF \$8.36 PER MONTH, OR APPROXIMATELY 18.05%.

Any relief determined by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board to any class or classes of customers of the Company in such manner and, in such amounts or percentages, as the Board may deem appropriate. The Board may choose to impose a greater portion of the increase on any present or future class or classes, group or groups of customers, may exclude from any increase any of the foregoing, or may vary the amount of percentage increase applicable to any of the foregoing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Company intends to implement, subject to any refunds that may be ordered by the Board, the proposed tariff for service on and after July 7, 2016 if the Board has not finally determined a just and reasonable tariff schedule prior to that date.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing on the Company's Petition has been scheduled for January 19, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. located at Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders Meeting Room, 5th Floor, One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601. An Administrative Law Judge from the Office of Administrative Law will preside over the public hearing. Members of the public are invited to attend and express their views on the proposed rate increase. Such comments will be made a part of the final record in the proceeding. Written comments may be submitted to the Hon. Evelyn J. Marose, Office of Administrative Law, 33 Washington St., Newark, New Jersey 07102, and/or the Hon. Irene Kim Asbury, Secretary, Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Street, 9th Floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. Please include Docket Number WR15101177 in your comment letter.

The complete schedules for the proposed rates are part of the Petition filed with the Board, which was served upon the Director of the Division of Rate Counsel. A notice of the filing of this proceeding was also served on the Clerk of the municipalities in the service areas of SWNJ. Further information and copies of the Petition may be obtained at the Board's offices located at 44 South Clinton Street, 9th Floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350 or at the Company's office located at 461 From Road, Suite 400, Paramus, NJ 07652.

In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for special accommodations, including interpreters or mobility assistance, at least 72 hours prior to this hearing to Stephen B. Genzer, Saul Ewing, LLP, phone number 973-286-6700.

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