

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC., WALLKILL SEWER DIVISION,
FOR APPROVAL OF A 2018 PURCHASED WASTEWATER TREATMENT
ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE TRUE-UP AND OTHER REQUIRED APPROVALS
OAL Docket No. PUC 11578-2019N
BPU Docket No. WR19080920**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on August 15, 2019, Aqua New Jersey, Inc., Wallkill Sewer Division, (the “Company”) filed a Petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) for approval to increase the current level of its Purchased Sewerage Treatment Adjustment Clause (“PSTAC”). Specifically, the Company is seeking authorization to adjust the level of its PSTAC to reflect a net over-recovery of wastewater treatment costs for 2018, as well to set prospective rates for 2020 to recover estimated wastewater treatment cost increases. Consequently, the Company is proposing to increase its PSTAC Surcharge from \$5.08 per thousand gallons to \$5.42 per thousand gallons, an increase of \$0.34 per thousand gallons or approximately 6.73% per thousand gallons. The PSTAC Surcharge provides no profit to the Company and is a pass-through of actual charges from the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority.

IF APPROVED, AN AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER USING 11,700 GALLONS PER QUARTER WILL SEE HIS/HER TOTAL QUARTERLY BILL FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE INCREASE FROM APPROXIMATELY \$100.10 TO APPROXIMATELY \$104.11, AN INCREASE OF \$4.01 PER QUARTER, OR APPROXIMATELY 4.00%.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Office of Administrative Law has scheduled a public hearing on the Company’s Petition at the following time and place:

**Littell Community Center, 12 Munsonhurst Road, Franklin, New Jersey, 07416
October 30, 2019 at 5:30 pm**

An Administrative Law Judge will preside over the public hearing. Members of the public are invited to attend and express their views on the proposed PSTAC rate increase. Such comments will be made a part of the final record in the proceeding. Whether or not you attend the public hearing, written comments may be submitted to the attention of the Honorable Ernest Bongiovanni, Administrative Law Judge, by mail to: Office of Administrative Law, 33 Washington Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102. Please include OAL Docket Number PUC 11578-2019N and BPU Docket No. WR19080920 in your letter.

The tariff for the proposed PSTAC is part of the Petition filed with the Board, which was served upon the Director of the Division of Rate Counsel. Further information and copies of the Petition may be obtained at the Board’s Offices located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, Suite 314, Post Office Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350, or at the Company’s offices located at 10 Black Forest Road, Hamilton, New Jersey 08691, and on the Company’s website at www.aquaamerica.com. 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 48 hours prior to this hearing by contacting the undersigned at 609-587-4080.

AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC.
John Hildabrant
President and CEO