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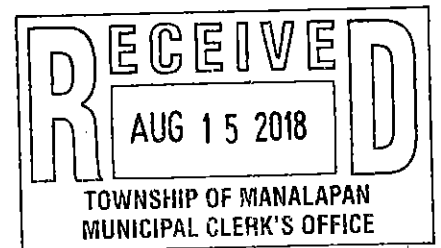


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FROM Gary S. Prettyman **TO** Mayor/Business Administrator/
Clerk of the Board of Chosen
Freeholders

DEPARTMENT **DATE** August 15, 2018

SUBJECT Notice of filing of Petition of SUEZ Water Toms River and SUEZ Water
Matchaponix for Approval of an Increase In Rates for Water Service and Other
Tariff Changes



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SUEZ WATER NEW JERSEY INC., SUEZ WATER TOMS RIVER INC., SUEZ WATER
ARLINGTON HILLS INC., SUEZ WATER WEST MILFORD INC., SUEZ WATER
PRINCETON MEADOWS INC., AND SUEZ WATER MATCHAPONIX INC.

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF AN
INCREASE IN RATES FOR WATER SERVICE
AND OTHER TARIFF CHANGES
BPU Docket No. WR18050593
OAL Docket No. PUC 07969-2018 S

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 31, 2018, Joint Petitioners, SUEZ Water New Jersey Inc. ("SWNJ"), SUEZ Water Toms River Inc. ("SWTR"), SUEZ Water Arlington Hills Inc. ("SWAH"), SUEZ Water West Milford Inc., ("SWWM"), SUEZ Water Princeton Meadows Inc. ("SWPM"), and SUEZ Water Matchaponix Inc. ("SWMX") (collectively, the "Joint Petitioners" or the "SUEZ Companies"), 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 \$32,104,860 or approximately 12.05% above the annual level of revenues for the post-test year period ending March 31, 2019. 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

Consumption and monthly facilities charges have been revised as follows:

General Metered Service:

Toms River

Size of Meter	Fixed Monthly Service Charge		\$ Increase
	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	
5/8"	\$10.94	\$18.00	\$7.06
3/4"	16.42	27.00	10.58
1"	27.35	45.00	17.65
1-1/2"	54.70	90.00	35.30
2"	87.52	144.00	56.48
3"	164.10	270.00	105.90
4"	273.49	450.00	176.51
6"	546.99	900.00	353.01
8"	875.18	1,440.00	564.82
10"	1,258.07	2,070.00	811.93
12"	1,805.05	2,970.00	1,164.95

Consumption	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	\$ Increase
Hundred Cubic Feet	\$5.0686	\$4.4166	\$(0.6520)
Thousand Gallons	6.7762	5.9046	(0.8716)

Colts Neck			
Consumption	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	\$ Increase
5/8"	\$10.09	\$18.00	\$7.91
Hundred Cubic Feet	3.5864	4.4166	0.8302
Thousand Gallons	4.7947	5.9045	1.1098
Colts Neck Sewer			
Quarterly Residential Customer Charge	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	\$ Increase
All Customers			
All Usage			
Thousand Gallons	\$66.67	\$44.99	\$(21.68)
Matchaponix			
Resale	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	\$ Increase
Hundred Cubic Feet	\$2.1692	\$2.8783	\$0.7091
Thousand Gallons	2.9000	3.8480	0.9480

IF THIS PROPOSAL WERE TO BE ADOPTED WITHOUT MODIFICATION, A RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER IN TOMS RIVER USING 7 CCF OR 5,236 GALLONS OF WATER PER MONTH WILL SEE HIS/HER BILL INCREASE FROM \$48.76 TO \$48.92, AN INCREASE OF \$0.16 PER MONTH, OR APPROXIMATELY 0.32%.

The Company is not proposing any increase for Public or Private Fire Protection.

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.

The SUEZ Company's also filed a Petition with the NJ Board of Public Utilities on March 15, 2018 requesting permission to re-organize the SUEZ Company's into one company in New Jersey. This re-organization will not have any impact on the customer.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Company may implement, subject to any refunds that may be ordered by the Board, the proposed tariff for service on and after March 1, 2019 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 September 5 at 1:00 p.m. located at Berkeley Township Municipal Building, 627 Pinewald-Keswick Road, Bayville, NJ 08721-0287. 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. Jacob S. Gertsman, Office of Administrative Law, 9 Quakerbridge Plaza, P.O. Box 049, Trenton, NJ 08625-0049; and/or the Hon. Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary, Board of Public Utilities, 44

South Clinton Street, 9th Floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. Please include OAL Docket Number 07969-18, Agency Docket Number WR18050593 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, at the Company's office located at 1451 Route 37 West, Suite 2, Toms River, NJ 08755 or at the Company's website, www.mysuezwater.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 72 hours prior to this hearing to Stephen B. Genzer, Saul Ewing, LLP, phone number 973-286-6700.

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