

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SUEZ WATER NEW JERSEY, INC.

NOTICE OF FILING OF A PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF A
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT CHARGE FOUNDATIONAL FILING
PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 14:9-10.4
BPU Docket No. WR21060891
OAL Docket No. PUC 05056-2021 N

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 4, 2021, SUEZ Water New Jersey, Inc. ("Company"), pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:9-10.1 et seq., filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities ("Board" or "BPU") of the State of New Jersey seeking approval of a Foundational Filing to implement a Distribution System Improvement Charge ("DSIC"). A DSIC is a rate recovery mechanism to encourage and support accelerated rehabilitation and replacement of certain non-revenue producing, critical water distribution components. Its purpose is to enhance safety, reliability, water quality, systems flows and pressure, and/or conservation. A DSIC rate is interim, subject to refund, until the subsequent base rate case.

The Company's petition consists of a Foundational Filing. The Foundational Filing lists the proposed projects from 2021 through 2025. If the Foundational Filing is approved, the Company will be required to file a base rate case within three years of the effective date of the Foundational Filing. Please note that the Company proposes to collect a maximum DSIC revenue requirement of \$15,272,222 annually. The Company will implement the DSIC surcharge if, and when, it achieves specific levels of infrastructure investment and completes and places the facilities into service as required by N.J.A.C. 14:9-10.1 et seq.

The Company has proposed that the monthly DSIC surcharge be assessed to the following services and classes of customers based on the customer's meter size: General Metered Service. The maximum proposed rates shown below are expected to be assessed incrementally over a two-to-three-year period, commensurate with the Company's actual DSIC program capital spending.

The maximum proposed monthly DSIC rates are contained in the petition filed with the Board, as set forth below. These proposed rates are estimates and may change. However, the maximum annual DSIC revenue requirement, \$15,272,222 cannot be exceeded.

PROPOSED DSIC SURCHARGE RATES BASED ON
METER SIZE

General Metered Service
Maximum Monthly DSIC Surcharge:

<u>Size of Meter</u>	<u>5/8" Equivalent*</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
5/8"	1.0	\$3.62
3/4"	1.5	\$5.48
1"	2.5	\$9.10
1-1/2"	5.0	\$18.14
2"	8.0	\$29.00
3"	15.0	\$54.30
4"	25.0	\$90.50
6"	50.0	\$181.00
8"	80.0	\$289.60
10"	115.0	\$416.30
12"	165.0	\$597.30

*Based on American Water Works Association flow rates. A 5/8" meter is equivalent to one unit, whereas a 1-inch meter is equivalent to 2.5 units based on the amount of water that will flow through the meter size.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing on the Company's petition has been scheduled for: Tuesday August 24, 2021 at 4:30p.m. until 6:30 p.m. As a result of the COVID Pandemic, this public hearing will take place via Zoom. If you desire to participate in the Zoom public hearing go to website: zoom.us/join Meeting Id. 842 7098 1894 Passcode: 067657, or go to the Company's website www.mysuezwater.com for a link.

An Administrative Law Judge from the Office of Administrative Law will preside over the public hearings. Members of the public are invited to attend and express their views on the proposed DSIC mechanism. Such comments will be made a part of the final record in the proceeding. Written comments may be submitted to the Hon. Gail Cookson, ALJ, Office of Administrative Law, 33 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102 and the Hon. Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary, Board of Public Utilities, 44 S. Clinton Avenue, 3rd Floor, Suite 314, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. Please include Docket Number WR21060891 in your comment letter. Written and emailed comments will be provided the same weight as statements made at the hearings.

Notice of the petition was also served on the Clerks of Municipalities, County Executives and the Clerks of the County Commissioners in the service area of the Company. Further information and copies of the petition may be obtained at the Board's offices located at 44 S. Clinton Avenue, 3rd Floor, Suite 314, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. The filing is available online on the Company's website at: www.mysuezwater.com.

Please submit any requests for special accommodations at least 72 hours prior to this hearing to SUEZ Water New Jersey, contact person: Gary Prettyman at gary.prettyman@suez.com.