



**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**Board of Public Utilities**  
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WATER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF	)	ORDER FURTHER SUSPENDING
MONTAGUE WATER AND SEWER	)	INCREASES, CHANGES OR
COMPANIES FOR AN INCREASE IN	)	ALTERATIONS IN RATES FOR WATER
RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER	)	AND SEWER SERVICE
SERVICE	)	
	)	DOCKET NO. WR12110983
	)	OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 16172-2012N

**Parties of Record:**

**Walter G. Reinhard, Esq.** for Petitioner  
**Stefanie A. Brand, Esq., Director,** Division of Rate Counsel

**BY THE BOARD:**

On November 7, 2012, Montague Water and Sewer Companies ("Montague" or "Petitioner"), a New Jersey corporation and public utility 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 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.11, 14:1-5.12 et seq., seeking to increase and revise its base water rates in the amount of \$185,455 or approximately 65.5% and its sewer rates in the amount of \$83,166 or 44.3% above its proposed proforma revenues.

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 seek 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 Petitioner to preserve its financial integrity, to permit proper maintenance, development and improvement of the utility's plant required to furnish safe, adequate and proper service and to earn a reasonable return upon the fair value of its property used and useful in the public service.

On December 19, 2012, the Board issued an Order suspending the proposed rates until April 7, 2013.

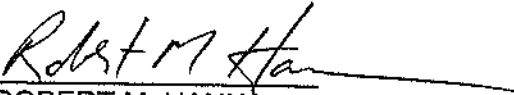
In light of the fact that this matter will not be completed by April 7, 2013, and that the proposed revisions will increase existing rates and change or alter existing classifications in Petitioner's tariff, it is **HEREBY ORDERED** that:

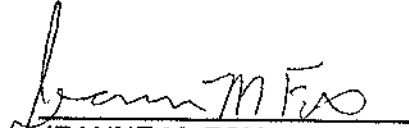
- (1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be, and are suspended until August 7, 2013, unless the Board prior to that date makes a determination disposing of the petition;
- (2) Petitioner shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for hearing on the petition by the Office of 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) Petitioner 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 March 29, 2013.

DATED: 3/20/13

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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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FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR  
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