

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION
OF AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC., FOR
APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN ITS
2026 PURCHASED WASTEWATER
TREATMENT ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE
("PSTAC") RATE, TRUE-UP OF ITS 2024
PSTAC RATES, AND OTHER
REQUIRED APPROVALS

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BPU DOCKET NO. WR25080475

TO THE HONORABLE NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

1. Petitioner, Aqua New Jersey, Inc. (hereinafter "Petitioner" or the "Company"), a public utility of the State of New Jersey, with its principal business office at 10 Black Forest Road, Hamilton, New Jersey 08691, hereby petitions for approval to set prospective purchased wastewater treatment adjustment clause ("PSTAC") rates for calendar year 2026 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:9-7.1 et seq.

2. Petitioner's Wallkill Sewer Division ("Wallkill"), formerly the Wallkill Sewer Company, provides wastewater service to approximately 446 customers in a portion of the Township of Hardyston, County of Sussex, pursuant to an Order of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board").

3. Wallkill purchases wastewater treatment services from the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority ("SCMUA"). SCMUA treats all of the wastewater collected by Wallkill pursuant to the "1982 Wallkill Sewer Company Service Contract" (as amended May 3, 1984) between the Company and SCMUA. In December¹ of each year, SCMUA estimates the

¹ Please note that the fiscal year used by SCMUA ends on November 30.

annual cost of wastewater to be treated for Wallkill and bills the Company in four equal installments based on that estimate.² To the extent that any credits are due the Company, or additional payments are due SCMUA (based on actual usage during the year), those amounts are included in the estimate of costs for the upcoming fiscal year and reflected in the February payment.

4. Petitioner's Maxim Wastewater Division ("Maxim") provides wastewater service to approximately 2,616 customers in the Township of Howell, County of Monmouth, pursuant to a municipal consent and franchise, and an Order of the Board approving the franchise and accepting Petitioner's initial tariff for filing.

5. Maxim purchases wastewater treatment services from the Ocean County Utilities Authority ("OCUA"). The OCUA treats all of the wastewater collected by Maxim, which is a Bulk Rate customer of the OCUA. Bills are rendered by the OCUA and paid by Maxim on a quarterly basis during the year. In January of each year, the OCUA (i) estimates the annual volume of wastewater to be treated for Maxim and bills the Company quarterly thereafter based on that estimate, and (ii) reconciles the actual volumes treated for Maxim in the prior calendar year and provides a charge or a credit, depending on Maxim's actual usage, on Maxim's first quarter bill in the following year.

6. Petitioner also purchases wastewater treatment services from the Logan Township Municipal Utilities Authority ("LTMUA"). LTMUA treats all of the wastewater collected by the Company in its Woolwich service territory pursuant to the Sewer Service Agreement dated

² Bills are rendered by SCMUA and paid by Wallkill four times during the year (February, May, August and November).

September 14, 2000 (as amended April 28, 2015) between the Company and LTMUA.³ LTMUA bills the Company a fixed monthly amount for each Equivalent Dwelling Unit (“EDU”),⁴ which is determined by the LTMUA rate schedule in effect. There are approximately 3,249 EDUs for which the LTMUA provides treatment.

7. Prior to January 1, 2021, the Company’s rate schedules included a separate PSTAC for Wallkill⁵ and Maxim⁶ customers, and the treatment costs for LTMUA were included in the fixed monthly service charge to customers serviced by the Woolwich, California Village, Hanover Village and Spartan Village systems. However, in connection with the Company’s 2020 Wastewater Base Rate Case, BPU Docket No. WR20010056, the Board approved the Company’s request to establish a uniform PSTAC to include all of its purchased water treatment costs and to charge those costs to all wastewater customers, which uniform rate was effective January 1, 2021.⁷ As such, in connection with the Company’s 2024 PSTAC filing, the Board approved the Company’s uniform PSTAC rate⁸ for all customers effective January 1, 2025. Those rates are set

³ The referenced amendment is the Fourth Amendment, there having been three prior amendments, each of which were superseded by the currently effective Fourth Amendment.

⁴ LTMUA’s rate schedule refers to this as a “connection unit.”

⁵ The prior Wallkill PSTAC was approved by Board Order dated December 20, 2019 in Docket No. WR19080920 and became effective on January 1, 2020.

⁶ The prior Maxim PSTAC was approved by Board Order dated December 20, 2019 in Docket No. WR19080925 and became effective on January 1, 2020.

⁷ *I/M/O Aqua New Jersey, Inc. for Approval of an Increase in Rates for Wastewater Service and Other Tariff Changes*, BPU Docket No. WR20010056, Order Adopting Initial Decision Settlement (“Wastewater BRC Order”), dated December 2, 2020, at 5-6 and Exhibit C thereto.

⁸ *I/M/O Petition of Aqua New Jersey, Inc. for Approval of a 2025 Purchased Wastewater Treatment Clause Rate, True Up of Its 2023 PSTAC Rates and Other Required Approvals*, BPU Docket No. WR24090719, Order Adopting Initial Decision Settlement (“2024 PSTAC Order”), dated December 18, 2024. A copy of the 2024 PSTAC Order is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

forth in the Company's currently effective tariff at Rate Schedule No. 2.⁹

8. The total number of Petitioner's customers for whom treatment services are procured through SCMUA, OCUA and LTMUA is approximately 6,311. The costs of treatment will be spread across the Company's approximately 7,025 wastewater customers.

9. Through this filing and as set out in the 2024 PSTAC Order, which is attached as Exhibit A, Petitioner seeks to reconcile 2024 treatment costs as well as set prospective PSTAC rates for 2026 to address estimated treatment costs.

2025 TREATMENT COSTS & 2025 PSTAC RATE

10. The 2025 PSTAC tariff was approved by the Board in the 2024 PSTAC Order, which is attached as Exhibit A. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is the Company's existing 2025 PSTAC tariff (*i.e.*, Rate Schedule No. 2). A proposed 2026 PSTAC tariff, which reflects the proposed prospective rates for 2026, is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

11. Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a schedule which supports the proposed 2026 PSTAC tariff. As discussed above, the Company's 2025 PSTAC filing must set prospective rates for 2026 to address estimated treatment costs.

12. Petitioner has performed an analysis of the projected PSTAC costs for calendar year 2026, and estimated 2026 treatment costs to be: (i) \$290,379.35 for SCMUA; (ii) \$1,007,210 for OCUA; and \$1,452,543.35 for LTMUA. See Exhibit D (page 1). Additionally, as summarized on Exhibit D (page 2), the Company has estimated the cost of this proceeding to be \$16,500 and has included half of that amount, \$8,250 in its request in this proceeding. As indicated on Exhibit

⁹ A copy of Rate Scheduled No. 2 is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

D (page 4), the Company has estimated that its total PSTAC revenue requirement for 2026 is \$2,800,514.

13. As shown on Exhibit D (page 4), 2025 PSTAC rates were authorized in the 2024 PSTAC Order and 2025 PSTAC revenues are estimated to be approximately \$2,596,796. When the 2025 PSTAC revenue requirement is compared to the level of PSTAC revenues estimated for 2026, there is a shortage of revenue of \$203,719 (calculated on Exhibit D, page 4). As summarized on Exhibit D (page 6), the Company has developed a 2026 PSTAC rate to recover a total of \$2,800,514 in 2026 PSTAC revenues. As illustrated on Exhibit D (page 5), the increase in the 2025 revenue requirement of \$203,719 (when compared to current rates) results in an increase in the present fixed monthly PSTAC charge of seven cents (from \$26.39 to \$28.46 for a residential customer) or approximately 7.85%.

14. Petitioner reserves the right to amend this Petition and exhibits as necessary.

15. Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board retain, and appoint a Commissioner to preside over, this matter in lieu of transferring it to the Office of Administrative Law. This will serve to expedite the matter and enable administrative efficiencies and preservation of resources for all parties.

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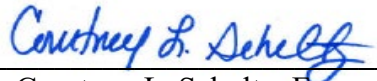
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WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board, retain the matter, approve the Company's request, set prospective PSTAC rates for 2026, and grant such other relief as shall appear just and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 15, 2025

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Counsel for Aqua New Jersey, Inc.

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CERTIFICATION

TED HOLOD, of full age, being duly sworn, upon his oath deposes and says:

1. I am Controller for Aqua New Jersey, Inc., and in that capacity I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of the Petitioner in this matter.
2. I have reviewed the within Petition and Exhibits thereto, and the same are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.
3. I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.



Ted Holod, Controller
Aqua New Jersey, Inc.

Dated: August 14, 2025

EXHIBIT A



Agenda Date: 12/18/24

Agenda Item: 5B

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WATER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF AQUA NEW	)	ORDER APPROVING
JERSEY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN	)	STIPULATION
ITS 2025 PURCHASED WASTEWATER TREATMENT	)	
ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE ("PSTAC") RATE, TRUE-UP OF	)	
ITS 2023 PSTAC RATES, AND OTHER REQUIRED	)	
APPROVALS	)	DOCKET NO. WR24090719

Parties of Record:

Brian O. Lipman, Esq., Director, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel
Courtney L. Schultz, Esq., Saul Ewing Arnstein and Lehr, LLP, on behalf of Aqua New Jersey, Inc.

BY THE BOARD:

On September 16, 2024, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:9-7.1 to 7.7, Aqua New Jersey, Inc. ("Aqua" or "Company") filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") seeking to modify its Purchased Wastewater Treatment Adjustment Clause ("PSTAC") rates for calendar year 2025 and to true up its 2023 PSTAC rates ("Petition"). By this Order, the Board considers a stipulation of settlement ("Stipulation") executed by Board Staff ("Staff"), the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel"), and Aqua (collectively, "Parties") intended to resolve all issues related to the Petition.

BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Aqua is a public utility of the State of New Jersey, with its principal business office at 10 Black Forest Road, Hamilton, New Jersey 08691, subject to the jurisdiction of the Board.

Aqua's Wallkill Sewer Division ("Wallkill"), formerly the Wallkill Sewer Company, provides wastewater service to approximately 443 customers in a portion of the Township of Hardyston, County of Sussex. Wallkill purchases wastewater treatment services from the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority ("SCMUA"). SCMUA treats all of the wastewater collected by Wallkill pursuant to the "1982 Wallkill Sewer Company Service Contract" (as amended May 3, 1984) between the Company and SCMUA. In December of each year, SCMUA estimates the annual cost of wastewater to be treated for Wallkill and bills the Company in four (4) equal installments based on that estimate. To the extent that any credits are due to the Company, or additional payments are due to SCMUA (based on actual usage during the year), those amounts are included in the estimate of costs for the upcoming fiscal year and reflected in the February payment.

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Aqua's current PSTAC tariff was approved by Board Order dated December 20, 2023, which approved a decrease in the PSTAC rate for calendar year 2024 and confirmed the true-up of PSTAC rates for 2021 and 2022.¹

PETITION

By the Petition, Aqua sought to modify its PSTAC rates for calendar year 2025 and to true up its 2023 PSTAC rates. However, after the Petition was filed, Aqua received notice that the treatment cost from LTMUA would be increasing and the Company filed an amendment to the Petition to reflect the same ("Amendment"). As a result, LTMUA 2025 treatment charges are projected to be \$1,393,886 based on LTMUA rates effective for 2025. Based on the Amendment, the Company estimated the following treatment costs:

1. Projected SCMUA charges for 2025 of \$274,335.35 based on SCMUA rates effective for 2024;
2. Projected OCUA charges for 2025 of \$987,470 based on OCUA rates received in a 2024 letter;
3. Projected LTMUA charges for 2025 of \$1,393,886 based on LTMUA rates effective for 2024.

A Board-appointed Regulatory Officer presided over virtual public hearings on November 19, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. No members of the public attended the hearings and the Board received no written comments on this matter.

¹ In re the Petition of Aqua New Jersey, Inc. for Approval of a Decrease in its 2024 Purchased Wastewater Treatment Clause ("PSTAC") Rate, True-Up of its 2021 and 2022 PSTAC Rates, and Other Required Approvals, BPU Docket No. WR23080576, Order dated December 20, 2023.

STIPULATION

Following a review of the Petition, conducting discovery, and discussions, the Parties executed the Stipulation, the key elements of which are as follows:²

9. The Company's rates reflect the recovery of wastewater treatment charges imposed by the SCMUA, the OCUA, and the LTMUA. By Order dated December 20, 2023, a copy of which is attached to the Petition as Exhibit A, the Board approved the current PSTAC tariff, which established the uniform PSTAC rate for calendar year 2024 and confirmed the true-up of PSTAC expenses for 2023.
10. In this proceeding, the Parties have examined the Company's projected wastewater treatment expenses for 2025, as well as the costs of this proceeding, and have assessed any necessary true-up of the 2023 PSTAC rates.
11. By the Petition, as amended, the Company seeks an increase in its PSTAC rate to recover \$77,298 in revenues. The Company calculated the requested \$77,298 PSTAC increase based on the following components:
 - a) projected SCMUA charges for 2024 of \$274,335.35 based on SCMUA rates effective for 2025 (See Exhibit A of the Stipulation, page 1);
 - b) projected OCUA charges for 2024 of \$987,470 based on OCUA rates effective for 2025 (See Exhibit A of the Stipulation, page 1);
 - c) projected LTMUA charges for 2024 of \$1,393,886 based on LTMUA rates effective for 2025 (See Exhibit A of the Stipulation, page 1);
 - d) the total costs of this proceeding, deemed to be \$15,500 (See Exhibit A of the Stipulation, page 2). These costs will be shared 50/50 between ratepayers and shareholders, resulting in a cost to customers of \$7,750 (See Exhibit A of the Stipulation, page 4); and
 - e) the pro forma PSTAC revenues at present rates are projected to be \$2,520,382 (See Exhibit A of the Stipulation, page 4).

² Although summarized in this Order, the detailed terms of the Stipulation control, subject to the findings and conclusions in this Order. Paragraphs are numbered to coincide with the Stipulation.

12. Based on the estimated costs for 2025, the over-recovery from revenues for 2023, the interest due to customers for the net over-recoveries, and the costs of this proceeding, the Parties have agreed that Petitioner's current PSTAC rates on file with the Board should be increased as indicated on Exhibit A of the Stipulation, and as reflected on the tariff page attached to the Stipulation as Exhibit B, effective January 1, 2025. For the average residential customer, the PSTAC rate will increase from \$25.60 per thousand cubic feet of metered water to \$26.39 per thousand cubic feet of metered water, an increase of \$0.79 per thousand cubic feet of metered water, or approximately 3.07%. With respect to the total annual rate for wastewater services, for the average residential customer paying a fixed charge, their bill will increase from \$758.88 to approximately \$768.36, an increase of \$9.48, or approximately 1.25% annually.
13. As required in N.J.A.C. 14:9-7.7, the Company has included in its filing an estimate of treatment costs for calendar year 2025, which estimate has been used to determine the applicable PSTAC rate for 2025.
14. Consistent with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 14:9-7.1 to 7.7, the Parties agree that the Company will file with the Board a PSTAC petition to reconcile calendar year 2024 actual treatment costs with the estimated treatment costs (as reflected in the rates identified on Exhibit A of the Stipulation) for the same period. Additionally, the Company will include in its filing an estimate of treatment costs for calendar year 2026, which estimate will be used to determine the applicable PSTAC rate for 2026, as required in N.J.A.C. 14:9-7.1(d) and 14:9-7.7.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

Having reviewed the record in this matter, including the Petition, the Amendment, and the Stipulation, the Board **HEREBY FINDS** that the Parties have voluntarily agreed to the Stipulation, and that the Stipulation fully disposes of all issues in this proceeding and is consistent with the law. The Board **FURTHER FINDS** the Stipulation to be reasonable, in the public interest in accordance with the law. Therefore, the Board **HEREBY ADOPTS** the Stipulation attached hereto, including all attachments and schedules, as its own, incorporating by reference the terms and conditions of the Stipulation, as if fully set forth at length herein.

As a result of the Stipulation, the average typical residential customer paying a fixed charge, will experience an increase in their annual bill of \$9.48.

The Board **HEREBY DIRECTS** the Company to file tariff pages conforming to the terms and conditions of the Stipulation and this Order by December 30, 2024.

The Company's costs will remain subject to audit by the Board. This Order shall not preclude nor prohibit the Board from taking any actions determined to be appropriate as a result of any such audit.

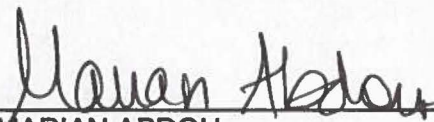
This Order shall be effective on December 26, 2024.

DATED: December 18, 2024

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BY:

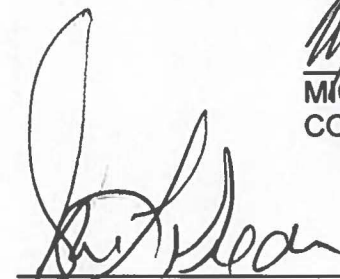

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SHERRI L. GOLDEN
SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within
document is a true copy of the original
in the files of the Board of Public Utilities.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN ITS
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**RE: In the Matter of the Petition of Aqua New Jersey, Inc.'s Petition
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BPU Docket No.: WR24090719**

Dear Secretary Golden:

On behalf of Petitioner, Aqua New Jersey, Inc., attached for filing please find the Stipulation of Settlement, in the above-referenced matter, for the Board's review and approval.

Sincerely,



Courtney L. Schultz

CLS/CJ
Enclosures

cc: Attached Service List (w/encls., via email only)

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: **STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT**
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: **BPU DOCKET NO. WR24090719**
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APPEARANCES:

Courtney L. Schultz, Esq., and Kruti B. Patel, Esq., Saul Ewing LLP, on behalf of the Petitioner, Aqua New Jersey, Inc.

Brian Lipman, Director, and Christine Juarez, Esq., Assistant Deputy Rate Counsel, on behalf of the Division of Rate Counsel

Meliha Arnautovic, Deputy Attorney General, (Matthew J. Platkin, Attorney General of New Jersey), on behalf of the Staff of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

TO THE HONORABLE NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

The parties to this proceeding are Aqua New Jersey, Inc. ("Aqua," "Company," or "Petitioner"), the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel"), and Staff of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Staff") (collectively, "Parties"). There were no intervenors in this proceeding. As a result of an analysis of Aqua's petition filed September 16, 2024 seeking to set prospective rates for calendar year 2025 as required by N.J.A.C. 14:9-7.1(d)(2) and 14:9-7.7 ("Petition") and accompanying exhibits, discovery conducted by Rate Counsel and Staff, conferences, and negotiations, the Parties have come to the within agreement. The Parties hereby agree and stipulate as follows:

I. Background & Procedural History

1. Petitioner is a public utility of the State of New Jersey, with its principal business office at 10 Black Forest Road, Hamilton, New Jersey 08691, subject to the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”).

2. Petitioner’s Wallkill Sewer Division (“Wallkill”), formerly the Wallkill Sewer Company, provides wastewater service to approximately 443 customers in a portion of the Township of Hardyston, County of Sussex. Wallkill purchases wastewater treatment services from the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority (“SCMUA”). SCMUA treats all wastewater collected by Wallkill pursuant to the “1982 Wallkill Sewer Company Service Contract,” as amended May 3, 1984, between the Company and SCMUA. In December of each year, SCMUA estimates the annual cost of wastewater to be treated for Wallkill in the upcoming calendar year and bills the Company in four (4) equal, quarterly installments based on that estimate. To the extent that any credits are due to the Company, or additional payments are due to SCMUA based on actual usage during the year, at the end of a given billing year, those amounts are included in the estimate of costs for the upcoming fiscal year and reflected in the February payment subsequent the renewed estimate.

3. Petitioner’s Maxim Wastewater Division (“Maxim”) provides wastewater service to approximately 2,616 customers in the Township of Howell, County of Monmouth. Maxim purchases wastewater treatment services from the Ocean County Utilities Authority (“OCUA”). OCUA treats all wastewater collected by Maxim, which is a Bulk Rate customer of OCUA. Bills are rendered by OCUA and paid by the Company on a quarterly basis during the year. In January of each year, the OCUA (i) estimates the annual volume of wastewater to be treated for Maxim and bills the Company quarterly thereafter based on that estimate, and (ii) reconciles the actual

volumes treated for Maxim in the prior calendar year and provides a charge or a credit, depending on Maxim's actual usage, on Maxim's first quarter bill in the following year.

4. Petitioner also purchases wastewater treatment services from the Logan Township Municipal Utilities Authority ("LTMUA"). LTMUA treats all wastewater collected by the Company in its Woolwich service territory pursuant to the Sewer Service Agreement dated September 14, 2000, as amended April 28, 2015, between the Company and LTMUA. LTMUA bills the Company a fixed monthly amount for each Equivalent Dwelling Unit ("EDU"), which is determined by the LTMUA rate schedule in effect. There are approximately 3,119 EDUs for which the LTMUA provides treatment.¹

5. Prior to January 1, 2021, the Company's rate schedules included a separate Purchased Wastewater Treatment Adjustment Clause ("PSTAC") for Wallkill and Maxim customers, and the treatment costs for LTMUA were included in the fixed monthly service charge to customers serviced by the Woolwich, California Village, Hanover Village, and Spartan Village systems. However, in connection with the Company's 2020 Wastewater Base Rate Case, the Board approved the Company's request to establish a uniform PSTAC to include all of its purchased wastewater treatment costs and to charge those costs to all customers, the uniform rate which became effective January 1, 2021.² Then, in connection with the Company's 2021 PSTAC filing, the Board approved the Company's uniform PSTAC rate for all customers effective January

¹ LTMUA's rate schedule refers to this as a "connection unit."

² *In re Aqua New Jersey, Inc. for Approval of an Increase in Rates for Wastewater Service and Other Tariff Changes*, BPU Docket No. WR20010056, Order Adopting Initial Decision Settlement ("Wastewater BRC Order"), dated December 2, 2020, at 5-6 and Exhibit C thereto.

1, 2022.³ Those rates are set forth in the Company's currently effective tariff at Rate Schedule No. 2, attached to the Petition as Exhibit B.

6. On September 16, 2024, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:9-7.1 to 7.7, Aqua filed the Petition.⁴ By the Petition, Aqua also seeks to true up its 2023 PSTAC treatment costs and revenues.

7. The matter was retained by the Board for review and disposition. Virtual and telephonic public comment hearings were held on November 19, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., and were presided over by a Board-appointed representative. No members of the public appeared at the public comment hearings and the Board received no written comments.

II. Settlement Provisions

8. For the reasons set forth in the following paragraphs, the Parties agree that the record herein supports the findings and conclusions set forth below.

9. Petitioner's rates reflect the recovery of wastewater treatment charges imposed by the SCMUA, the OCUA, and the LTMUA. By Order dated December 20, 2023, a copy of which is attached to the Petition as Exhibit A, the Board approved the current PSTAC tariff, which established the uniform PSTAC rate for calendar year 2024 and confirmed the true-up of PSTAC expenses for 2023.⁵

³ *I/M/O Aqua New Jersey, Inc. for Approval of a 2022 Purchased Wastewater Treatment Clause Rate and Other Required Approvals*, BPU Docket No. WR21081056, Order Adopting Initial Decision Settlement ("2021 Uniform PSTAC Order"), dated December 15, 2021.

⁴ On October 18, 2024, Aqua filed amendment to the Petition, thereby updating Exhibits C and D to the Petition to reflect slightly higher requested rates than those contained within the Petition.

⁵ *I/M/O Aqua New Jersey, Inc. for Approval of a 2024 Purchased Wastewater Treatment Clause Rate, True Up of Its 2021 and 2022 PSTAC Rates and Other Required Approvals*, BPU Docket No. WR23080576, Order Adopting Initial Decision Settlement, dated December 20, 2023 ("2023 Uniform PSTAC Order").

10. In this proceeding, the Parties have examined the Company's projected wastewater treatment expenses for 2025, as well as the costs of this proceeding, and have assessed any necessary true-up of the 2023 PSTAC rates.

11. By the Petition, as amended, the Company seeks an increase in its PSTAC rate to recover \$77,298 in revenues. The Company calculated the requested \$77,298 PSTAC increase based on the following components:

- a) projected SCMUA charges for 2024 of \$274,335.35 based on SCMUA rates effective for 2025 (See Exhibit A hereto, page 1);
- b) projected OCUA charges for 2024 of \$987,470 based on OCUA rates effective for 2025 (See Exhibit A hereto, page 1);
- c) projected LTMUA charges for 2024 of \$1,393,886 based on LTMUA rates effective for 2025 (See Exhibit A hereto, page 1);
- d) the total costs of this proceeding, deemed to be \$15,500 (See Exhibit A hereto, page 2). These costs will be shared 50/50 between ratepayers and shareholders, resulting in a cost to customers of \$7,750 (See Exhibit A hereto, page 4); and
- e) the *pro forma* PSTAC revenues at present rates are projected to be \$2,520,382 (See Exhibit A hereto, page 4).

12. Based on the estimated costs for 2025, the over-recovery from revenues for 2023, the interest due to customers for the net over-recoveries, and the costs of this proceeding, the Parties agree that Petitioner's current PSTAC rates on file with the Board should be increased as indicated in Exhibit A hereto, and as reflected on the tariff page attached hereto as Exhibit B, effective January 1, 2025. For the average residential customer, the PSTAC rate will increase from

\$25.60 per thousand cubic feet of metered water to \$26.39 per thousand cubic feet of metered water, an increase of \$0.79 per thousand cubic feet of metered water, or approximately 3.07%. With respect to the total annual rate for wastewater services, for the average residential customer paying a fixed charge, their bill will increase from \$758.88 to approximately \$768.36, an increase of \$9.48, or approximately 1.25% annually.

13. As required in N.J.A.C. 14:9-7.7, the Company has included in its filing an estimate of treatment costs for calendar year 2025, which has been used to determine the applicable PSTAC rate for 2025.

14. Consistent with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 14:9-7.1 to 7.7, the Parties agree that the Company will file with the Board a PSTAC petition to reconcile calendar year 2024 actual treatment costs with the estimated treatment costs as reflected in the rates identified in Exhibit A hereto for the same period. Additionally, the Company will include in its filing an estimate of treatment costs for calendar year 2026, which will be used to determine the applicable PSTAC rate for 2026, as required in N.J.A.C. 14:9-7.1(d) and 14:9-7.7.

15. The Parties have engaged in full discovery. The Parties agree that the within Stipulation reflects a mutual balancing of various issues and positions, and that it is being entered into in the spirit of compromise and to avoid protracted and costly litigation.

16. This Stipulation is the product of negotiations by the Parties, and it is an express condition of the settlement embodied by this Stipulation that it be presented to the Board in its entirety without modification or condition. It is also the intent of the Parties to this Stipulation that this settlement, once accepted and approved by the Board, shall govern all issues specified and agreed to herein. The Parties to this Stipulation specifically agree that if adopted in its entirety by

the Board, no appeal shall be taken by them from the order adopting same as to those issues upon which the Parties have stipulated herein.

17. The Parties agree that each term within this Stipulation reflects a mutual balancing of various issues and positions and is intended to be accepted and approved in its entirety. Each term is vital to this Stipulation as a whole, since the Parties hereto expressly and jointly state that they would not have signed this Stipulation had any terms been modified in any way. In the event any particular aspect of this Stipulation is not accepted and approved by the Board, then any Party hereto materially affected thereby shall not be bound to proceed under this Stipulation.

18. The Parties further agree that with respect to any policy or other issues which were compromised in the spirit of reaching an agreement, none of the Parties shall be prohibited from, or prejudiced in, arguing a different policy or position before the Board in any other proceeding, as such agreements pertain only to this matter and to no other matter. It is specifically understood and agreed that this Stipulation represents a negotiated agreement and has been made exclusively for the purpose of this proceeding. Except as expressly provided herein, the Parties shall not be deemed to have approved, agreed to, or consented to any principle or methodology underlying or supposedly underlying any agreement provided herein in total or by specific item. The Parties further agree that this Stipulation is in no way binding upon them in any other proceeding, except to enforce the terms of this Stipulation.

19. This Stipulation may be executed in as many counterparts as there are Parties to this Stipulation, each of which counterparts shall be an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC.

December 5, 2024
Date

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EXHIBIT A

Aqua New Jersey, Inc.
PSTAC Reconciliation/True-Up
For Calendar year ending December 31, 2023

A.) 2025 Projected Treatment Expenses

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Wallkill - SCUMA</u>	<u>Maxim - OCUA</u>	<u>Logan</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Reference</u>
Q1	68,583.84	246,867.50	341,631.00		Exhibit B
Q2	68,583.84	246,867.50	346,191.00		Exhibit B
Q3	68,583.84	246,867.50	350,752.00		Exhibit B
Q4	68,583.84	246,867.50	355,312.00		Exhibit B
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Total 2025 Projected Treatment Expense	274,335.35	987,470.00	1,393,886.00	2,655,691.35	Lines 8.) thru 11.) - 12.)
	(based on 2024 rates)	(based on 2024 letter)	(based on 2024 rates)		

B. (1) 2023 Actual Treatment Expenses

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Wallkill - SCUMA</u>	<u>Maxim - OCUA</u>	<u>Logan</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Reference</u>
Q1	51,500.25	237,291.25	298,541.49		Exhibit B
Q2	51,500.25	237,291.25	303,552.63		Exhibit B
Q3	51,500.25	237,291.25	308,292.13		Exhibit B
Q4	51,500.25	237,291.25	320,617.60		Exhibit B
True-Up Paid in 1Q24	17,785.00	(107,437.00)			Exhibit B
Total 2023 Actual Treatment Expense	223,786.00	841,728.00	1,231,003.85	2,296,517.85	Lines 8.) thru 11.) - 12.)

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C.) Cost of Filing Application:

	<u>Amount</u>
Legal	\$ 15,000
Notification & Other	\$ 500
Transcripts	\$ -
Total	<u>\$ 15,500</u>

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D.) PSTAC Revenue at Present Rates (2024):

<u>Class</u>	<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Customers</u> <u>2025 BOY</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Current</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>PSTAC Revenue</u> <u>at Present Rates</u>	<u>% of Revenue</u>
Residential - Single Family		6,928	\$25.60	\$2,128,614.48	84.46%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	5/8"	16	\$25.60	\$4,915.97	0.20%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	3/4"	31	\$30.72	\$11,428.87	0.45%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	1"	33	\$61.45	\$24,332.44	0.97%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	1.5"	1	\$128.02	\$1,536.24	0.06%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	2"	43	\$189.47	\$97,764.23	3.88%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	3"	1	\$384.06	\$4,608.72	0.18%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	4"	3	\$512.08	\$18,434.88	0.73%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	8"	1	\$2,048.32	\$24,579.84	0.98%
Oakwood Village Apartment Complex		1	\$15,669.65	\$188,035.81	7.46%
Bear Brook Clubhouse		1	\$573.53	\$6,882.31	0.27%
Stanton Ridge Clubhouse		1	\$145.95	\$1,751.35	0.07%
Maxim Laundromat		1	\$624.73	\$7,496.80	0.30%

Total:

Total PSTAC Revenue at Present Rates =>

\$2,520,382

E.) 2023 Reconciliation - Over/(Under) Recovery:

			<u>Reference</u>
E.1)	Actual Revenue 2023	\$2,357,779	Sewer Revenue
	Prospective Revenue Authorized 2023	\$2,196,000	Rate Order
	Over/(Under) Recovery 2023	\$161,779	
E.2)	Actual Expense 2023	\$2,296,518	B.)
	Projected Expense 2023	\$2,196,000	Rate Order
	Over/(Under) Recovery 2023	(\$100,518)	
	Total Over/(Under) Recovery 2023	\$61,261	

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F.) PSTAC Calculation:

		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reference</u>
1.)	Projected 2025 Billings	2,655,691	A.)
2.)	(Over)/Under Recovery 2023	(61,261)	E.)
3.)	Interest on (Over)/Under Recovery	(4,500)	
4.)	Cost of Filing Application (\$15,500 x 50%)	\$7,750	C.)
5.)	2025 PSTAC Revenue Requirement	<u>\$2,597,680</u>	Sum Lines 1 thru 4
6.)	PSTAC Revenue at Present (2024) Rates	<u>\$2,520,382</u>	D.)
7.)	Subtotal PSTAC Request - Annualized	<u>\$77,298</u>	Line 5 minus Line 6
	% change	3.07%	

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G.) Rate Design:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Customers</u> <u>2025 BOY</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Current</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>% of Revenue</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>New</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Residential - Single Family		6,928	\$25.60	84.46%	5,440	\$26.39	3.07%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	5/8"	16	\$25.60	0.20%	13	\$26.39	3.07%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	3/4"	31	\$30.72	0.45%	29	\$31.67	3.07%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	1"	33	\$61.45	0.97%	62	\$63.33	3.07%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	1.5"	1	\$128.02	0.06%	4	\$131.95	3.07%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	2"	43	\$189.47	3.88%	250	\$195.28	3.07%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	3"	1	\$384.06	0.18%	12	\$395.84	3.07%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	4"	3	\$512.08	0.73%	47	\$527.79	3.07%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	8"	1	\$2,048.32	0.98%	63	\$2,111.14	3.07%
Oakwood Village Apartment Complex		1	\$15,669.65	7.46%	481	\$16,150.23	3.07%
Bear Brook Clubhouse		1	\$573.53	0.27%	18	\$591.12	3.07%
Stanton Ridge Clubhouse		1	\$145.95	0.07%	4	\$150.42	3.07%
Maxim Laundromat		1	\$624.73	0.30%	19	\$643.89	3.07%
					<u>6,442</u>	Monthly	

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\$0

H.) Proof of Revenue:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Customers</u> <u>2025 BOY</u>	<u>New</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Prospective 2025</u> <u>Revenue</u>
Residential - Single Family		6,928	\$26.39	\$2,193,898
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	5/8"	16	\$26.39	\$5,067
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	3/4"	31	\$31.67	\$11,779
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	1"	33	\$63.33	\$25,079
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	1.5"	1	\$131.95	\$1,583
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	2"	43	\$195.28	\$100,763
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	3"	1	\$395.84	\$4,750
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	4"	3	\$527.79	\$19,000
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	8"	1	\$2,111.14	\$25,334
Oakwood Village Apartment Complex		1	\$16,150.23	\$193,803
Bear Brook Clubhouse		1	\$591.12	\$7,093
Stanton Ridge Clubhouse		1	\$150.42	\$1,805
Maxim Laundromat		1	\$643.89	\$7,727
Total:				<u>\$2,597,680</u>

EXHIBIT B

RATE SCHEDULE NO. 2
PURCHASED SEWERAGE TREATMENT ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

APPLICABILITY:

In addition to the General Sewer Service Charge set forth in Rate Schedule No. 1, the following Purchased Sewerage Treatment Adjustment Clause rates, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 14:9-8.1 et seq., are applicable to the use of sewer service for all Customers served by the Company.

RATE:

All wastewater service customers shall pay a fixed charge as indicated below.

FIXED MONTHLY CHARGE FOR ALL WASTEWATER CUSTOMERS

Customer Type	PSTAC Rate
Residential, Single Family	\$ 26.39
Non-Residential and Multi-Family	
Water Meter Size – 5/8"	26.39
Water Meter Size – 3/4"	31.67
Water Meter Size – 1"	63.33
Water Meter Size – 1.5"	131.95
Water Meter Size – 2"	195.28
Water Meter Size – 3"	395.84
Water Meter Size – 4"	527.79
Water Meter Size – 8"	2,111.14
Oakwood Village Apartment Complex	16,150.23
Bear Brook Clubhouse	591.12
Stanton Ridge Clubhouse	150.42
Maxim Laundromat	643.89

*The above charges are based upon the Board of Public Utilities' ("Board") estimate of Aqua New Jersey, Inc.'s 12-month average cost of purchased sewerage treatment from the Logan Township Municipal Utilities Authority, Ocean County Utilities Authority, and Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority. The estimated 12-month average cost shall be periodically re-determined by the Board in accordance with true-up procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:9-8.1 et seq.

TERMS OF PAYMENT:

PAYMENT FOR ALL BILLS RENDERED IS DUE FIFTEEN (15) DAYS AFTER THE ORIGINAL POSTMARK DATE OF THE BILL. Bills for sewer service will be rendered at the close of each monthly billing period.

Issued: Effective Date: January 1, 2025

By: Natalie Chesko, President
10 Black Forest Road
Hamilton, NJ 08691

Filed pursuant to decision and order of the Board of Public Utilities dated _____, in Docket No. WR24090719.

RATE SCHEDULE NO. 2
PURCHASED SEWERAGE TREATMENT ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

Continued,

SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

No additional charge shall be established for recirculating water or air-cooled air conditioning units.

Rates apply to normal sewerage as defined by the NJDEP and the Ocean County Utilities Authority (“OCUA”). Aqua reserves the right to require pretreatment prior to discharge into the sewer system if the sewerage contains harmful substances such as gasoline, P.C.B.s, oil, explosive liquids, grease, phenols, acids, alkalines, lint, excessive detergents or any other toxic or hazardous substances as defined by NJDEP and/or OCUA. This paragraph includes but is not limited to laundromats or dry cleaners where the owner will be required to provide a screen or filter to remove excessive lint before discharge into the sewer system.

As of January 1, 1997, OCUA has imposed these local limits for industrial and non-domestic waste water discharged to its northern plant: 300 ppm B.O.D.; 300 ppm T.T.S. Any charges imposed by OCUA for treating these or any other special substances shall be passed through to the specific customer.

Issued:
By: Natalie Chesko, President
10 Black Forest Road
Hamilton, NJ 08691

Effective Date: January 1, 2021

Filed pursuant to decision and order of the Board of Public Utilities dated December 2, 2020, in Docket No. WR20010056.

EXHIBIT B

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Non-Residential and Multi-Family	
Water Meter Size – 5/8"	26.39
Water Meter Size – 3/4"	31.67
Water Meter Size – 1"	63.33
Water Meter Size – 1.5"	131.95
Water Meter Size – 2"	195.28
Water Meter Size – 3"	395.84
Water Meter Size – 4"	527.79
Water Meter Size – 8"	2,111.14
Oakwood Village Apartment Complex	16,150.23
Bear Brook Clubhouse	591.12
Stanton Ridge Clubhouse	150.42
Maxim Laundromat	643.89

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TERMS OF PAYMENT:

PAYMENT FOR ALL BILLS RENDERED IS DUE FIFTEEN (15) DAYS AFTER THE ORIGINAL POSTMARK DATE OF THE BILL. Bills for sewer service will be rendered at the close of each monthly billing period.

Issued: December 23, 2024
By: Natalie Chesko, President
10 Black Forest Road
Hamilton, NJ 08691

Effective Date: January 1, 2025

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RATE SCHEDULE NO. 2
PURCHASED SEWERAGE TREATMENT ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

Continued,

SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

No additional charge shall be established for recirculating water or air-cooled air conditioning units.

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RATE:

All wastewater service customers shall pay a fixed charge as indicated below.

FIXED MONTHLY CHARGE FOR ALL WASTEWATER CUSTOMERS

Customer Type	PSTAC Rate
Residential, Single Family	\$ 28.46
Non-Residential and Multi-Family	
Water Meter Size – 5/8"	28.46
Water Meter Size – 3/4"	34.15
Water Meter Size – 1"	68.30
Water Meter Size – 1.5"	142.30
Water Meter Size – 2"	210.60
Water Meter Size – 3"	426.89
Water Meter Size – 4"	569.20
Water Meter Size – 8"	2,276.76
Oakwood Village Apartment Complex	17,417.22
Bear Brook Clubhouse	637.49
Stanton Ridge Clubhouse	162.22
Maxim Laundromat	694.40

*The above charges are based upon the Board of Public Utilities' ("Board") estimate of Aqua New Jersey, Inc.'s 12-month average cost of purchased sewerage treatment from the Logan Township Municipal Utilities Authority, Ocean County Utilities Authority, and Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority. The estimated 12-month average cost shall be periodically re-determined by the Board in accordance with true-up procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:9-8.1 et seq.

TERMS OF PAYMENT:

PAYMENT FOR ALL BILLS RENDERED IS DUE FIFTEEN (15) DAYS AFTER THE ORIGINAL POSTMARK DATE OF THE BILL. Bills for sewer service will be rendered at the close of each monthly billing period.

Issued:

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

By: Natalie Chesko, President
10 Black Forest Road
Hamilton, NJ 08691

Filed pursuant to decision and order of the Board of Public Utilities dated _____, in Docket No. WR2508_____.

RATE SCHEDULE NO. 2
PURCHASED SEWERAGE TREATMENT ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

Continued,

SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

No additional charge shall be established for recirculating water or air-cooled air conditioning units.

Rates apply to normal sewerage as defined by the NJDEP and the Ocean County Utilities Authority (“OCUA”). Aqua reserves the right to require pretreatment prior to discharge into the sewer system if the sewerage contains harmful substances such as gasoline, P.C.B.s, oil, explosive liquids, grease, phenols, acids, alkelines, lint, excessive detergents or any other toxic or hazardous substances as defined by NJDEP and/or OCUA. This paragraph includes but is not limited to laundromats or dry cleaners where the owner will be required to provide a screen or filter to remove excessive lint before discharge into the sewer system.

As of January 1, 1997, OCUA has imposed these local limits for industrial and non-domestic waste water discharged to its northern plant: 300 ppm B.O.D.; 300 ppm T.T.S. Any charges imposed by OCUA for treating these or any other special substances shall be passed through to the specific customer.

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EXHIBIT D

Aqua New Jersey, Inc.
PSTAC Reconciliation/True-Up
For Calendar year ending December 31, 2024

A.) 2026 Projected Treatment Expenses

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Wallkill - SCUMA</u>	<u>Maxim - OCUA</u>	<u>Logan</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Reference</u>
Q1	72,594.77	251,802.50	357,916.19		Exhibit B
Q2	72,594.77	251,802.50	361,010.14		Exhibit B
Q3	72,594.77	251,802.50	364,808.51		Exhibit B
Q4	72,594.77	251,802.50	368,808.51		Exhibit B
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Total 2026 Projected Treatment Expense	290,379.08	1,007,210.00	1,452,543.35	2,750,132.44	Lines 8.) thru 11.) - 12.)
	(based on 2025 increase)	(based on 2026 rate letter)	(based on '24 & '25 rates)		

B. (1) 2024 Actual Treatment Expenses

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Wallkill - SCUMA</u>	<u>Maxim - OCUA</u>	<u>Logan</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Reference</u>
Q1	66,580.25	242,050.00	324,362.37		Exhibit B
Q2	66,580.25	242,050.00	327,014.01		Exhibit B
Q3	66,580.25	242,050.00	333,568.90		Exhibit B
Q4	66,580.25	242,050.00	334,041.43		Exhibit B
True-Up Paid in 1Q25	3,163.00	(32,960.00)			Exhibit B
Total 2024 Actual Treatment Expense	269,484.00	935,240.00	1,318,986.71	2,523,710.71	Lines 8.) thru 11.) - 12.)

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C.) Cost of Filing Application:

	<u>Amount</u>
Legal	\$ 16,000
Notification & Other	\$ 500
Transcripts	\$ -
Total	<u>\$ 16,500</u>

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D.) PSTAC Revenue at Present Rates (2025):

<u>Class</u>	<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Customers</u> <u>2026 BOY</u>	2025 <u>Current</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>PSTAC Revenue</u> <u>at Present Rates</u>	<u>% of Revenue</u>
Residential - Single Family		6,925	\$26.39	\$2,193,009.00	84.45%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	5/8"	16	\$26.39	\$5,066.88	0.20%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	3/4"	31	\$31.67	\$11,781.24	0.45%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	1"	33	\$63.33	\$25,078.68	0.97%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	1.5"	1	\$131.95	\$1,583.40	0.06%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	2"	43	\$195.28	\$100,764.48	3.88%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	3"	1	\$395.84	\$4,750.08	0.18%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	4"	3	\$527.79	\$19,000.44	0.73%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	8"	1	\$2,111.14	\$25,333.68	0.98%
Oakwood Village Apartment Complex		1	\$16,150.23	\$193,802.76	7.46%
Bear Brook Clubhouse		1	\$591.12	\$7,093.44	0.27%
Stanton Ridge Clubhouse		1	\$150.42	\$1,805.04	0.07%
Maxim Laundromat		1	\$643.89	\$7,726.68	0.30%
Total:				\$2,596,796	

E.) 2024 Reconciliation - Over/(Under) Recovery:

E.1)	Actual Revenue 2024	\$2,484,462	<u>Reference</u>
	Prospective Revenue Authorized 2024	\$2,600,180	Sewer Revenue
	Over/(Under) Recovery 2024	(\$115,718)	Rate Order
E.2)	Actual Expense 2024	\$2,523,711	B.)
	Projected Expense 2024	\$2,600,180	Rate Order
	Over/(Under) Recovery 2024	\$76,469	
	Total Over/(Under) Recovery 2024	(\$39,249)	

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F.) PSTAC Calculation:

		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reference</u>
1.)	Projected 2026 Billings	2,750,132	A.)
2.)	(Over)/Under Recovery 2024	39,249	E.)
3.)	Interest on (Over)/Under Recovery	2,883	
4.)	Cost of Filing Application (\$16,500 x 50%)	\$8,250	C.)
5.)	2026 PSTAC Revenue Requirement	<u>\$2,800,514</u>	Sum Lines 1 thru 4
6.)	PSTAC Revenue at Present (2025) Rates	<u>\$2,596,796</u>	D.)
7.)	Subtotal PSTAC Request - Annualized	<u>\$203,719</u>	Line 5 minus Line 6
	% change	7.85%	

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G.) Rate Design:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Customers</u> <u>2026 BOY</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Current</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>% of Revenue</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>New</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Residential - Single Family		6,925	\$26.39	84.45%	14,337	\$28.46	7.85%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	5/8"	16	\$26.39	0.20%	33	\$28.46	7.85%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	3/4"	31	\$31.67	0.45%	77	\$34.15	7.85%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	1"	33	\$63.33	0.97%	164	\$68.30	7.85%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	1.5"	1	\$131.95	0.06%	10	\$142.30	7.85%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	2"	43	\$195.28	3.88%	659	\$210.60	7.85%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	3"	1	\$395.84	0.18%	31	\$426.89	7.85%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	4"	3	\$527.79	0.73%	124	\$569.20	7.85%
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	8"	1	\$2,111.14	0.98%	166	\$2,276.76	7.85%
Oakwood Village Apartment Complex		1	\$16,150.23	7.46%	1,267	\$17,417.22	7.85%
Bear Brook Clubhouse		1	\$591.12	0.27%	46	\$637.49	7.85%
Stanton Ridge Clubhouse		1	\$150.42	0.07%	12	\$162.22	7.85%
Maxim Laundromat		1	\$643.89	0.30%	51	\$694.40	7.85%
					<u>16,977</u>	Monthly	

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H.) Proof of Revenue:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Customers</u> <u>2026 BOY</u>	<u>New</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Prospective 2025</u> <u>Revenue</u>
Residential - Single Family		6,925	\$28.46	\$2,365,051
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	5/8"	16	\$28.46	\$5,464
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	3/4"	31	\$34.15	\$12,705
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	1"	33	\$68.30	\$27,046
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	1.5"	1	\$142.30	\$1,708
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	2"	43	\$210.60	\$108,669
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	3"	1	\$426.89	\$5,123
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	4"	3	\$569.20	\$20,491
Commercial, Industrial, School, Business, & Religious	8"	1	\$2,276.76	\$27,321
Oakwood Village Apartment Complex		1	\$17,417.22	\$209,007
Bear Brook Clubhouse		1	\$637.49	\$7,650
Stanton Ridge Clubhouse		1	\$162.22	\$1,947
Maxim Laundromat		1	\$694.40	\$8,333
Total:				<u><u>\$2,800,514</u></u>