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# **VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL and E-FILING**

Honorable Sherri Golden New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, Suite 314 P.O. Box 350 Trenton, NJ 08625-0350 Sherri.golden@bpu.nj.gov Board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov

**RE:** In the Matter of the Petition of Aqua New Jersey, Inc.'s Petition

for 2025 PSTAC Rate and True-Up for 2023 PSTAC Rates

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

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CLS/CJ Enclosures

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

# **SERVICE LIST**

I/M/O Aqua New Jersey Inc.'s Petition for Approval of an Increase in its 2025 Purchased Wastewater Treatment Adjustment Clause ("PSTAC") Rate, True-Up of its 2023 PSTAC Rates, and Other Required Approvals BPU Docket No. WR24090719

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# STATE OF NEW JERSEY **BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF AOUA NEW JERSEY, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN ITS 2025 PURCHASED WASTEWATER TREATMENT ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE ("PSTAC") RATE, TRUE-UP OF ITS 2023

APPROVALS

PSTAC RATE, AND OTHER REQUIRED

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

**: BPU DOCKET NO. WR24090719** 

## **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. <sup>1</sup>
- 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.<sup>2</sup> Then, in connection with the Company's 2021 PSTAC filing, the Board approved the Company's uniform PSTAC rate for all customers effective January

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> LTMUA's rate schedule refers to this as a "connection unit."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>4</sup> 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.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 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	By:
Date	Saul Ewing LLP Courtney L. Schultz, Esq. Kruti B. Patel, Esq. Attorneys for Petitioner
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	BRIAN O. LIPMAN, ESQ. DIRECTOR – RATE COUNSEL
Date	By: Christine Juarez, Esq. Assistant Deputy Rate Counsel

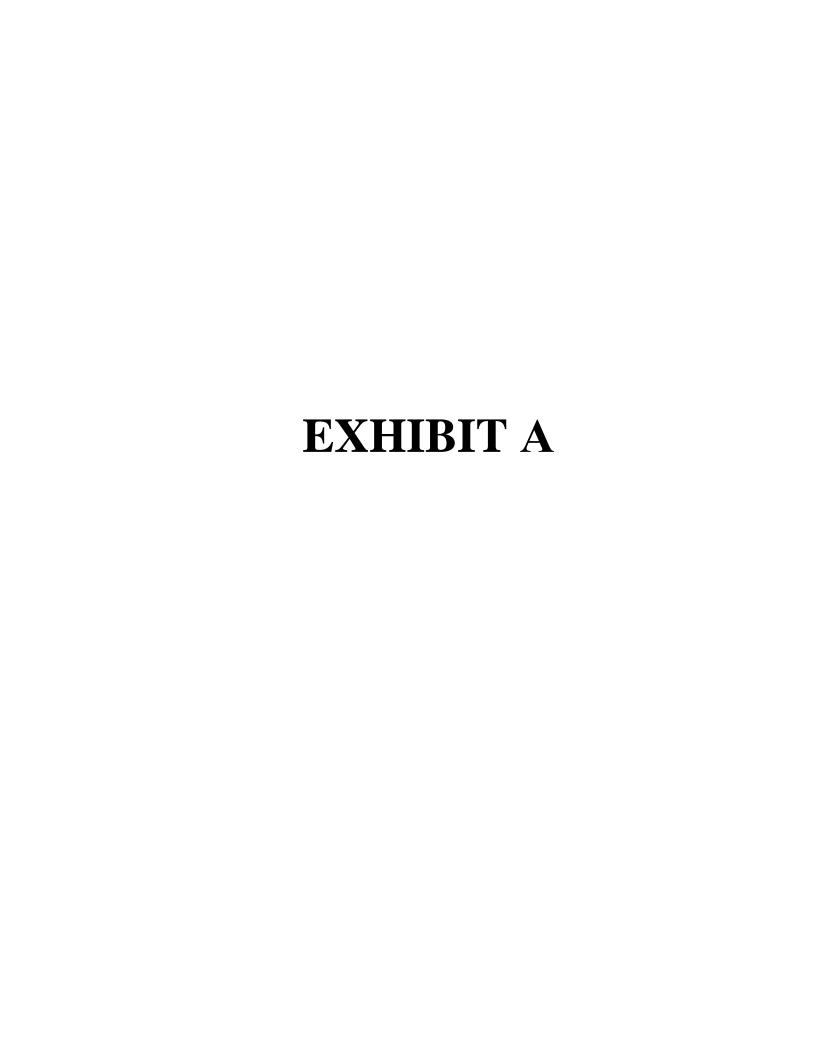
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By:

Christine Juarez, Esq.

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## A.) 2025 Projected Treatment Expenses

<u>Quarter</u>	Wallkill - SCUMA	Maxim - OCUA	<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>	Wallkill - SCUMA	<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.)

# C.) Cost of Filing Application:

Legal Notification & Other Transcripts Total

\$ 15,500
\$ -
\$ 500
\$ 15,000
<u>Amount</u>

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

			2024		
		<u>Customers</u>	Current	PSTAC Revenue	
<u>Class</u>	Meter Size	2025 BOY	<u>Rate</u>	at Present Rates	% of Revenue
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:

			Reference
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	

## 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	\$2,597,680	Sum Lines 1 thru 4
6.)	PSTAC Revenue at Present (2024) Rates	\$2,520,382	D.)
7.)	Subtotal PSTAC Request - Annualized	\$77,298	Line 5 minus Line 6
	% change	3.07%	

#### G.) Rate Design:

<del> </del>			2024			2025	
		<u>Customers</u>	Current			New	
<u>Class</u>	Meter Size	<u>2025 BOY</u>	<u>Rate</u>	% of Revenue	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Rate</u>	% Change
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%
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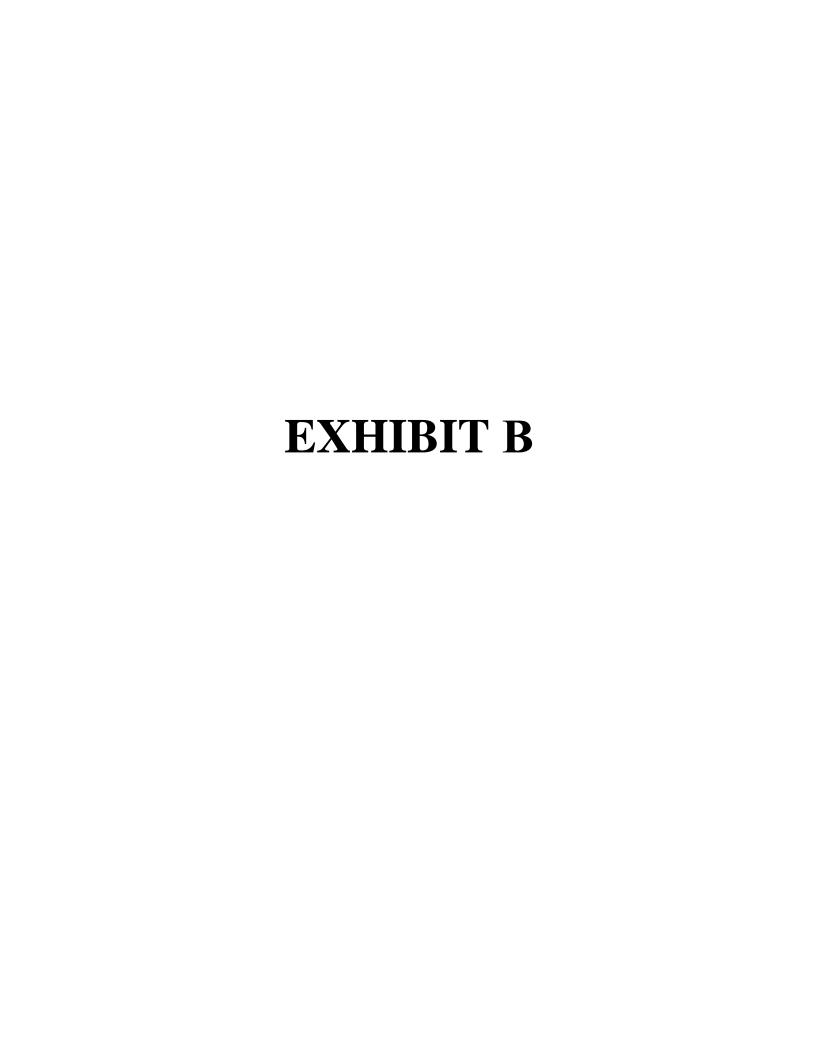
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Aqua New Jersey, Inc.
PSTAC Reconciliation/True-Up
For Calendar year ending December 31, 2023

## H.) Proof of Revenue:

		<u>Customers</u>	New	Prospective 2025
<u>Class</u>	Meter Size	<u>2025 BOY</u>	<u>Rate</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: \$2,597,680



# 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 <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:9-8.1 <u>et seq.</u>, 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

<sup>\*</sup>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:

WR24090719.

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	l: Eff	fective Date: January 1, 2025
By:	Natalie Chesko, President	
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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.

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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