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VIA EMAIL

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Re: In the Matter of Aqua New Jersey, Inc.'s Lead Service Line Replacement
Plan and Cost Recovery Mechanism - Fourth Surcharge Filing
BPU Docket No. WR24110846

Dear Secretary Lewis:

The undersigned represents Aqua New Jersey, Inc. ("Aqua" or the "Company"), the Petitioner in the above-referenced matter. On behalf of the Company, enclosed please find Aqua's **Fourth** Lead Service Line Replacement Plan Surcharge filing (the "Fourth Surcharge Filing").¹ The purpose of this Fourth Surcharge Filing is to recover the actual and forecasted lead service line ("LSL") replacement costs incurred during the period January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026, as well as to true-up cost recovery to actuals from prior recovery periods.

¹ Aqua's First Surcharge Filing was made on November 8, 2024, initiating the above-referenced docket, and became effective February 2, 2025. The First Surcharge Filing recovered Lead Service Line ("LSL") replacement costs incurred in the semi-annual period running from July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, as well as LSL replacement costs that were previously deferred. Aqua's Second Surcharge Filing was made on June 23, 2025 and became effective on August 1, 2025. The Second Surcharge Filing recovered LSL replacement costs incurred in the semi-annual period running from January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025. Aqua's Third Surcharge Filing was made on November 11, 2025 and became effective February 1, 2026. The Third Surcharge Filing recovered LSL replacement costs incurred in the semi-annual period running from July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

Background

On October 9, 2024, the Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) approved an Initial Decision and Stipulation of Settlement which, among other things, authorized the Company to implement a surcharge to recover certain costs related to the replacement of customer-owned LSLs.²

Pursuant to the Board’s Order, Aqua was required to make an initial semi-annual surcharge filing to recover costs that were previously deferred, as well as additional actual and forecasted LSL replacement costs incurred in the semi-annual period running from July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. In its First Surcharge Filing, the Board also directed Aqua to provide public notice of the anticipated level of LSL replacement costs through December 31, 2027 and to conduct public comment hearings so that members of the public could be heard on the Company’s request. Aqua complied fully with these requirements. Accordingly, Aqua has made its subsequent cost recovery filings in this docket given that the public notices previously provided in this docket covered the entire anticipated level of LSL replacement costs through December 31, 2027. No further public comment hearings are necessary for this Fourth Surcharge Filing pursuant to the Board’s Order approving the Stipulation of Settlement.³

Aqua’s Third Surcharge Filing was accepted and its new Lead Service Line Replacement Charge (“LSLRC”) was effective February 1, 2026, with the filing of Aqua’s Water Tariff No. 18 – Rate Schedule No. 5.

As required by the Board, Aqua hereby makes its Fourth Surcharge Filing, to become effective August 1, 2026, which includes the following items:

- Schedule A: Customer-side LSL replacement summary by Aqua Division/town,
- Schedule B: The LSLRC rate calculation (to be effective August 1, 2026)⁴,
- Schedule C: The LSLRC true-up calculation; and
- Schedule D: Original and Redlined (Proposed) LSLRC Tariff Sheet.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

cc: Attached Service List (w/enclosures) via email only

² See *In the Matter of the Petition of Aqua New Jersey Inc. for Approval of an Increase in Rates for Water Service, COVID-19 Deferred Cost Recovery, Adjustment of Certain Depreciation Rates, and Other Tariff Change (“2024 Rate Case Order”)*, BPU Dkt. No. WR24010057, Order Approving Initial Decision and Stipulation (dated October 9, 2024), at 4-5, 6.

³ The Stipulation states “No additional public comment hearings shall be required for subsequent semi-annual LSLR surcharge filings, as defined in the Stipulation.” *2024 Rate Case Order*, at 4.

⁴ The Stipulation included dates for filing the First and Second Surcharge Filings. *Id.* However, Board approval of the Stipulation was delayed and the Company’s cost recovery filings were correspondingly delayed, resulting in the current filing schedule.

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