

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC., MAXIM WASTEWATER DIVISION,
FOR APPROVAL OF A 2018 PURCHASED
WASTEWATER TREATMENT ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE
TRUE-UP AND OTHER REQUIRED APPROVALS
OAL Docket No. PUC 11846-2019 S
BPU Docket No. WR19080925**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on August 15, 2019, Aqua New Jersey, Inc., Maxim Sewerage Division, (the “Company”) filed a Petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) for approval to increase the current level of its Purchased Sewerage Treatment Adjustment Clause (“PSTAC”). Specifically, the Company is seeking authorization to adjust the level of its PSTAC based on a net under-recovery of wastewater treatment costs for 2018, as well to set prospective rates for 2020 to recover estimated wastewater treatment costs. Consequently, the Company is proposing to increase its monthly PSTAC Surcharge from \$26.77 to \$31.92, an increase of approximately \$5.15 per month or approximately 19.2% per month. The monthly PSTAC Surcharge provides no profit to the Company and is a pass-through of actual charges from the Ocean County Utilities Authority.

IF APPROVED, A RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER WILL SEE HIS/HER TOTAL MONTHLY BILL FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE INCREASE FROM APPROXIMATELY \$52.10 TO APPROXIMATELY \$57.25, AN INCREASE OF \$5.15 PER MONTH, OR APPROXIMATELY 9.88%.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Office of Administrative Law has scheduled a public hearing on the Company’s Petition at the following time and place:

**Howell Township Municipal Building
4567 Route 9 North, 2nd Floor
Howell, New Jersey 07731
November 6, 2019 at 5:30 pm**

An Administrative Law Judge will preside over the public hearing. Members of the public are invited to attend and express their views on the proposed PSTAC rate increase. Such comments will be made a part of the final record in the proceeding. Whether or not you attend the public hearing, written comments may be submitted to the attention of the Honorable Jacob S. Gertsman, Administrative Law Judge, by mail to: Office of Administrative Law, PO Box 49, Trenton, NJ 08625-0049. Please include OAL Docket Number **PUC 11846-2019 S** and BPU Docket No. **WR19080925** in your letter.

The tariff for the proposed PSTAC is part of the Petition filed with the Board, which was served upon the Director of the Division of Rate Counsel. Further information and copies of the Petition may be obtained at the Board’s Offices located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, Suite 314, Post Office Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350, or at the Company’s offices located at 10 Black Forest Road, Hamilton, New Jersey 08691, and on the Company’s website at www.aquaamerica.com. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for special accommodations, including interpreters or mobility assistance, at least 48 hours prior to this hearing by contacting the undersigned at 609-587-4080.

AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC.
John Hildabrant
President and CEO