



September 7, 2022

Honorable Carmen Diaz  
Acting Secretary of the Board  
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities  
44 South Clinton Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

Re: In the Matter of Pinelands Water Company  
For Approval of an Increase in its Rates for  
Water Service and Other Tariff Changes  
BPU Docket No. WR2209 \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Acting Secretary Diaz:

Enclosed herewith for filing please find Pinelands Water Company's ("Pinelands Water", "Company", or "Petitioner") Petition, Exhibits and prepared Testimony in the above-referenced matter, which is being filed both by electronic mail with a hard-copy version by overnight mail to your attention. A copy of the complete filing can also be found on the Company's website at: <http://www.middlesexwater.com/customer-care/regulatory>.

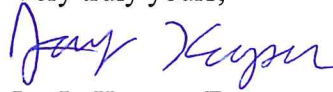
Copies of this Petition, Exhibits and prepared Testimony have been sent by electronic mail to the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Director of the Division of Rate Counsel and, by first class mail, upon the Clerk of Southampton Township and the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Burlington County, which includes the Petitioner's service territory.

The case may be summarized as a petition for approval of an increase in rates seeking an overall increase of approximately \$609,576 or 64.22%. In addition, the Petitioner seeks approval, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.11, of changes to Petitioner's Tariff. Pinelands Water is filing for the recovery of prudently-incurred investments made to address aging infrastructure and a variety of other improvements to help ensure the continued resilience, reliability and overall quality of service since the Company's last rate base filing in March 2019.

In the Petition, the Company also notifies the Board that it will implement the proposed rates on June 7, 2023 if the Board has suspended the effective date of the new rates pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, but has not finally determined a just and reasonable tariff prior to that date.

For all of these above reasons, Pinelands Water respectfully requests that the Board approve this proposed increase in rates and changes to the Company's Tariff pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.11, and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12. Kindly confirm receipt of this filing by electronic mail to [jkooper@middlesexwater.com](mailto:jkooper@middlesexwater.com)

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay Kooper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jay L. Kooper, Esq.  
General Counsel

Enclosures

cc: Service List B