



September 7, 2022

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

Re: In the Matter of Pinelands Wastewater 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 Wastewater Company's ("Pinelands Wastewater", "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 \$417,160 or 26.76%. In addition, the Petitioner seeks approval, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.11, of changes to Petitioner's Tariff. Pinelands Wastewater 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 on 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 Wastewater 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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay Kooper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jay" and last name "Kooper" clearly legible.

Jay L. Kooper, Esq.
General Counsel

Enclosures

cc: Service List B