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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

NEW JERSEY WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

Schedule of Rates, Charges, and Debt Service Assessments for the Sale of Water from the Manasquan Reservoir Water Supply System

Adopted Amendments: N.J.A.C. 7:11-4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, and 4.7

Proposed: January 2, 2024, at 56 N.J.R. 23(a).

Adopted: June 5, 2024, by the New Jersey Water Supply Authority, Shawn M. LaTourette, Chair, and Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection.

Filed: June 6, 2024, as R.2024 d.068, **without change**.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 58:1B-1 et seq., specifically 58:1B-7.

DEP Docket Number: 3-23-11.

Effective Date: July 15, 2024.

Expiration Date: December 1, 2029.

Take notice that the New Jersey Water Supply Authority (Authority) is adopting amendments to the schedule of rates, charges, and debt service assessments for the sale of water from the Manasquan Reservoir Water Supply System (System). In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:11-4.17(a)4, the Authority held a pre-public hearing meeting with the Authority's contractual water purchasers and interested parties to present and explain the proposed adjustments to the rate schedule embodied in this rulemaking. Notice of the pre-public hearing meeting was

provided to the contractual water purchasers, the Secretary of State, and interested parties, including the Division of the Ratepayer Advocate and the Board of Public Utilities. This meeting was held on January 4, 2024, using Microsoft Teams. One member of the public attended.

Notice of the proposed rate adjustments and public hearing was published in the Star Ledger, The Times (Trenton), and The Asbury Park Press on December 21, 2023. In addition, on December 19, 2023, a direct mailing of the notice of public hearing was made to the water customers and all interested parties on the Authority's mailing list.

A public hearing concerning the notice of proposal was held on February 1, 2024, using Microsoft Teams, to provide interested persons the opportunity to present testimony. One member of the public attended. The 60-day public comment period on the notice of proposal ended on March 2, 2024. No comments were received during the comment period. In accordance with the Authority's rules, the public hearing record closed on March 11, 2024.

Summary of Hearing Officer's Recommendation and Agency Response:

Authority Commissioner, Steven Picco, served as hearing officer at the public hearing on February 1, 2024. The hearing officer recommended that the proposed amendments be adopted without changes. The Authority accepts the recommendation.

Interested persons may review the public hearing record in accordance with applicable law by contacting:

Attn: Docket Number 3-23-11

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Summary of Public Comment and Agency Response:

No one testified at the public hearing. **There were no comments received regarding the rulemaking.**

Federal Standards Statement

Executive Order No. 27 (1994) and N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., require administrative agencies that adopt, readopt, or amend any rule or regulation to which the law applies to provide a comparison with Federal law, and to provide further discussion and analysis (including a cost-benefit analysis) if the standards or requirements by the agency exceed standards or requirements imposed by Federal law.

These amendments are promulgated pursuant to the Authority's procedures. The Authority is an instrumentality of the State of New Jersey in, but not of, the Department of Environmental Protection. The Authority is charged with the operation and management of the State-owned raw water supply facilities within the State of New Jersey.

These amendments are not adopted pursuant to the authority of, or in order to implement, comply with, or participate in any program established pursuant to Federal law. In addition, the amendments are not adopted pursuant to the authority of a State statute that incorporates or refers to Federal law, Federal standards, or Federal requirements. Therefore, no Federal standards

analysis is required.

Full text of the adoption follows:

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