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TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

In the Matter of
Schedule of Rates
Resolution Adopting the
2023 Rate Schedule.

Jackson Township MUA
135 Manhattan Street
Jackson, New Jersey 08527

November 17, 2022
Time Noted: 5:30 PM

BEFORE:

- WILLIAM J. ALLMANN, Chairman
- JANET LONGO, Secretary
- CLARA GLORY, Treasurer
- TODD PORTER, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
- LEWIS WILDMAN, Commissioner
- KAREN BRESSI, Alternate

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1 APPEARANCES:

2 MICHAEL J. MCKENNA, ESQ., Attorney for the Board

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4 ALSO PRESENT:

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6 David Harpell, Executive Director

7 James Diaz, Assistant Executive Director/Director of Finance

8 Earl Quijano, Principal Engineer

9 Tonya Coccio, Management Assistant

10 Sana Siddiqui, Supervising Accountant

11 Trace Dittenhofer, Engineer

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NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
EXHIBIT-1	Affidavit of Publication (Asbury Park Press)
EXHIBIT-2	Affidavit of Publication (Star Ledger)
EXHIBIT-3	Schedule of Rates Effective January 1, 2023

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MR. McKENNA: This rate hearing is being
recorded and it will be transcribed by an
official court reporter in the future.

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SANA SIDDIQUI, having first been duly
sworn by the Officer testified the following:

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10 BY MR. McKENNA:

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Q Please state and spell your name for the
record.

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A Sana Siddiqui.

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Q Are you employed by the Authority?

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A Yes, I am.

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Q What is your present position?

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A My title here is Supervising Accountant of
the MUA.

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Q How long have you been employed by the
MUA?

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A Almost nine years.

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Q Did you play a role in the preparation of
the 2023 Schedule of Rates?

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A Yes, I did.

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Q What was your role?

1 A I prepared it.

2 Q Do you have a copy of it in front of you?

3 A Yes, I do.

4 Q Just for the record, I'm going to mark
5 three exhibits.

6 Exhibit 1 is the Proof of Publication
7 and the corresponding public notice as published in
8 the Asbury Park Press.

9 Exhibit 2 is Proof of Publication and
10 public notice as published in the Newark Star
11 Ledger.

12 And Exhibit 3 is a copy of the
13 proposed Schedule of Rates to be effective
14 January 1, 2023.

15 Do you have a copy of the proposed
16 rate schedule in front of you?

17 A Yes, I do.

18 Q Let's talk about the connection fees, with
19 your permission?

20 A Yes.

21 Q In determining the proposed rates, did you
22 follow the guidelines contained in the New Jersey
23 Statutes and Regulations?

24 A I did.

25 Q Can you please explain how you did that

1 for the water and sewer connection?

2 A Yes, thank you. As always, the Authority
3 followed the guidelines according to the State
4 Statute, and did the calculations accordingly.

5 For 2023, the Authority reviewed both
6 water and sewer independently utilizing the same
7 method. The equivalent dwelling units, EDU for
8 water is changing from 198 in 2022 to 199 in 2023,
9 an increase of one gallon of water per day.

10 The equivalent dwelling units, EDU,
11 for sewer is changing from 198 in 2022 to 138 in
12 2023, a decrease of 60 gallons per day.

13 Beginning with the Water Connection
14 Fees, the Authority's proposed connection fee for
15 2023 is \$4,028.00. That's a \$460 decrease from
16 2022's rate of \$4,488.00.

17 Under Sewer, the proposed 2023 sewer
18 connection fee is \$2030.00. That's a \$37.00
19 increase from 2022's connection fee of \$1993.00.

20 Q Thank you. Let's move along and speak
21 briefly about Section II of the Schedule of
22 Quarterly Water and Sanitary Sewer charges. In
23 preparing those rates, did you follow the state's
24 guidelines of statutes and regulations?

25 A Yes, I did.

1 Q Can you please explain how those rates
2 were determined?

3 A Yes, thank you. I'll begin with the
4 Schedule of Quarterly Water and Sanitary Sewer
5 Charges. There is one change for the Water Service
6 Charge rate for the 5/8" meter. The proposed rate
7 for 2023 is \$40.00. It's an increase of \$1.00 from
8 the 2022 rate of \$39.00. All other service charges
9 will remain the same.

10 Under the Residential and Commercial
11 Water Consumption Charges, for the first tier of 1
12 gallon to 10,000 gallons, the proposed 2023 rate is
13 \$2.75 per 1,000 gallons. It's an increase of 15
14 cents from the 2022 rate of \$2.60.

15 For the second tier of 10,001 to
16 25,000 gallons, the proposed 2023 rate is \$4.00 per
17 thousand gallons. That's an increase of 10 cents
18 from the 2022 rate of \$3.90.

19 For the third tier of 25,001 to
20 75,000 gallons, to the proposed 2023 rate is \$5.00
21 per 1,000 gallons. That's an increase of 10 cents
22 from 2022 rate of \$4.90.

23 And for the fourth tier of 75,001
24 gallons and above, the proposed 2023 rate is \$6.40
25 per 1,000 gallons. That's an increase of 20 cents

1 from the 2022 rate of \$6.20.

2 Under the Residential and Commercial
3 Sanitary Sewer Service Charges and User Fees, for
4 the first tier of usage up to 100,000 gallons the
5 proposed 2023 rate is \$5.40 per 1,000 gallons.
6 That's an increase of 10 cents from the 2022 rate of
7 \$5.30.

8 For the second tier of 100,001
9 gallons and above there's no change proposed for
10 2023.

11 There is one change in the Notes
12 under Section II, Note 5 which states, "Usage for
13 sewer-only customers shall be based upon the average
14 water customer usage, which is 18,000 gallons per
15 quarter."

16 Additionally under Section III,
17 Private Fire Protection Service Fee, two sizes were
18 reinstated from 2010 which includes a 10" line at a
19 rate of \$1,746.95 and a 12" line at a rate of
20 \$2,055.24.

21 And that's it.

22 Q Thank you. Is the remaining provisions of
23 the rate schedule, specifically Roman Numeral IV,
24 Miscellaneous Charges Schedule, is the information
25 contained in that section true and accurate?

1 A Yes, it is.

2 Q And for the Schedule of Rates, were the
3 rates calculated so that the general needs meet the
4 financial and operational needs of the MUA?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Thank you.

7 Subject to any questions from the
8 Board or the public.

9 MR. ALLMANN: Any questions from the
10 Board?

11 (None)

12 MR. ALLMANN: Any questions from the
13 public?

14 (None)

15 MR. ALLMANN: Thank you very much. That
16 will conclude the rate hearing. I will
17 entertain 2022-175 resolution of the Jackson
18 Township Municipal Utilities Authority adopting
19 the 2023 Rate Schedule. Do I have a motion?

20 MR. WILDMAN: Motion.

21 MR. ALLMANN: I have a motion. Do I have
22 a second?

23 MS. GLORY: Second.

24 MR. ALLMANN: We have a motion and second.
25 All in favor say aye.

1 All: Aye.

2 (None opposed.)

3 (None abstained.)

4 Thank you very much. That concludes the
5 rate hearing.

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7 (Whereupon the proceeding was concluded.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Danielle Golba, a Certified Court Reporter
and Notary Public of the State of New Jersey, certify
that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of
the proceedings to the best of my ability.



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DATE: December 7, 2022