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FROM Gary S. Prettyman **TO** Mayor/Business Administrator/
Clerk of the Board of Chosen
Freeholders

DEPARTMENT **DATE** April 4, 2023

SUBJECT **PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF VEOLIA
WATER NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR APPROVAL TO DEFER THE COSTS
RELATED TO THE REPLACEMENT OF CUSTOMER/PROPERTY
OWNER SIDE LEAD SERVICE LINES AND OTHER RELATED
APPROVALS
BPU DOCKET NUMBER WR22060392**

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TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on June 22, 2022, Veolia Water New Jersey, Inc. ("Veolia NJ" or the "Company"), pursuant to P.L. 2021, c. 183, filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU" or "Board"), for approval to defer the costs related to the replacement of customer/property owner-side lead service lines ("LSL") and other related approvals ("Petition"). By the Petition, the Company proposed deferred accounting to recover all monies prudently invested to replace LSLs in its service areas during the timeframe directed by the legislature.

As described in the Petition, most buildings receiving water service from a water system are connected to that system through a "service line," which usually consists of two portions: a 'company-side' portion which connects the water main (usually in the street) and a non-company-owned portion connected to the building receiving water service. The non-company-owned portion of the service line is owned and controlled by the owner of the building connected by the service line. Many of these service lines have been discovered to contain lead or other problematic substances. P.L. 2021, c. 183 mandates a 10-year timeframe for the replacement of such problematic service lines in New Jersey, and provides that, in a company's next rate case before the Board, a plan should be implemented consistent with that law for cost recovery of non-company-side LSL replacement costs.

By the Petition, the Company requests that the BPU approve a plan to account for, and defer on its books, expenditures relating to its LSL replacement program pending a BPU decision in the Company's next rate case.

The specific multi-year LSL replacement program will be filed as part of the Company's next full rate case. However, due to the required statutory timeframe, the Company began the LSL replacement process before a detailed plan could be presented to, and approved by, the Board. By this request, the Company will be able to fully account for the costs of whatever program the Board ultimately approves. Veolia NJ anticipates this Petition will incur no customer rate impact at this time.

Further information and copies of the Petition may be obtained at the Board's offices located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625, or online through the Board's website, <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us>, where you can search by the above-captioned docket number. The Petition is also available at the Company's offices located at 461 From Road, Paramus, NJ 07640, or on Veolia NJ's website at <https://mywater.veolia.us/new-jersey/new-jersey-homepage>.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, virtual public hearings are scheduled for the following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Petition:

Date: April 26, 2023

Times: 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

<https://saul.zoom.us/j/95203395644?pwd=NWtDNFEvWTJSVEREbIFKYkJRNDVMQT09>

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Representatives of the Company, Board Staff, and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearings. Members of the public may participate by utilizing the link or Dial-In number set forth above and express their views on this matter. To encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters and/or listening assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the Secretary of the Board at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

Comments may be submitted directly to the specific docket listed above using the "Post Comments" button on the Board's Public Document Search. Comments are considered public documents for purposes of the State's Open Public Records Act. Any public documents should be submitted using the "Post Comments" button on the Board's Public Document Search tool. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, certain rules requiring paper submissions have been temporarily waived. Public and confidential submissions may also be made via hard copy. Confidential information may also be filed electronically via the Board's e-filing system or by email to the Secretary of the Board. Please include "Confidential Information" in the subject line of any email. Instructions for confidential e-filing are found on the Board's webpage: <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling/>.

Emailed and/or written comments may also be submitted to:

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