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BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TRENTON, NJ

December 2, 2022

Hon. Carmen Diaz, Acting Secretary Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

Re: PINELANDS WASTEWATER COMPANY PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN

RATES FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE AND OTHER TARIFF CHANGES

OAL Docket No. PUC 08516-2022S BPU Docket No. WR22090556

Judge Gertsman, Acting Secretary Diaz, and Esteemed Commissioners of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities:

I am writing to respectfully request the information regarding the zoom meeting that will take place regarding this above issue regarding the rate increase.

The Company provides retail service to the communities known as Hampton Lakes and Leisuretowne, as well as service pursuant to contract to the Village of Vincentown. Hampton Lakes, Leisuretowne, and the Village of Vincentown are all located entirely within Southampton Township. Southampton Township. We understand a zoom platform has been established for a public hearing. Therefore, the township is requesting the information regarding the meeting so that it can be uploaded to the Southampton Township website for all concerned residents to be able to join the meeting and in voicing their opposition to this dramatic and unnecessary rate increase.

Finally, please consider this communication an official request under the **OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT AND COMMON LAW RIGHT OF ACCESS** for the Township to receive all documentation submitted by the Company to advance this need for a rate increase.

Should you have any questions or interest in further discussing my concerns about the Company's proposal, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC Municipal Clerk Administrator