

**BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
RESOLUTION 16045**

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO SUEZ WATER NEW JERSEY
INC. RATE INCREASE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale received a notice of filing of petition of Suez Water New Jersey Inc. for approval of an increase in rates for water service and other tariff changes from Untied Water by fax dated December 29, 2015 and by email dated December 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Company is requesting an overall increase in water revenues of \$29,485,322 or approximately 13.51% above the annual level of revenues for the post-test year period ending June 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the notice further state "If this proposal were to be adopted without modification a residential customer using 9 CCF or 6,732 gallons of water per month will see his/her bill increase from \$46.30 to \$54.66, an increase of \$8.36 per month, or approximately 18.05%; and

WHEREAS these rates, if approved would be an exorbitant increase and burden on our municipal budget and our tax payers far exceeding the 2% mandated Cap of municipal government and would be particularly onerous on the residential and business community in these most difficult economic environment; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale request the Board of Public Utilities(BPU) to consider the hardship and the impact on all government agencies, business and residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Hillsdale urges the BPU to reject this rate increase as exorbitant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Hillsdale strongly opposes the increases requested in the petition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Hillsdale requests all surrounding municipalities in the SUEZ Water New Jersey Inc. service area to oppose this rate increase and contact the BPU to register their opposition on behalf of all residents and rate payers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Christie, State Legislators, BPU and surrounding municipalities.

Council member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Recuse
DeRosa, Anthony			x				
Karcich, Scott	x		x				
Looes, Chrisoula			x				
Lundy, Abby			x				
Pizzella, Frank			x				
Ruocco, John		x	x				
Frank, Douglas							

Adopted: February 2, 2016

Attest: *Denise Kohan*
 Denise Kohan
 Deputy Municipal Clerk

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 Douglas Frank
 Mayor