

NORTHWEST BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SETTING CONNECTION FEE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014

Please take Notice that the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority (the "Authority") will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 following the Work Session at 7:00pm at the Authority Administration Building located at 30 Wyckoff Avenue at Authority Drive, Waldwick, New Jersey 07463 regarding the calculation of a connection fee for the calendar year 2014 pursuant to N.J.S.A.40:14B-22 and N.J.S.A.40:14B-23.

At the Public Hearing, members of the public may provide comments to the Authority and ask questions of the witnesses regarding the calculation of the connection fee for calendar year 2014.

The report of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP, the auditors for the Authority, which will form the basis for the calculation of the connection fee for the calendar year 2014, may be inspected by the public between the hours of 9:30am and 4:00pm at the Authority's Administration Building, 30 Wyckoff Avenue at Authority Drive, Waldwick, New Jersey 07463.

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Alison Gordon
SECRETARY

May 2, 2014

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SPECIAL MEETING

PUBLIC HEARING – 2014 CONNECTION FEE

MAY 20, 2014

AGENDA

1. Meeting called to Order.
2. Chairman's statement in compliance with C.231, PL 1975.
3. Roll Call.
4. Salute to the Flag.
5. Chairman's remarks.
6. Public Hearing – Adoption of 2014 Connection Fee.

Discussion by the Commissioners on Resolution No. 52-2014 to adopt the 2014 Connection Fee.

7. Public Comments.
8. Vote on Resolution No. 52-2014 – Authorization to Adjust Connection Fee
9. Adjournment.

May 16, 2014

NORTHWEST BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION

NO. 52-2014

Date: May 20, 2014

AUTHORIZATION TO ADJUST CONNECTION FEE

WHEREAS, after a public hearing on December 6, 2006, as set forth in the Resolution adopted on said date, the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority (the "Authority") determined that it would be in the best interest of the public and the local government units it serves to institute a connection fee program in the manner prescribed by N.J.S.A. 40:14B-23, and to adopt the necessary amendments to the Authority's Rules, Regulations and Standards required to implement the connection fee program; and

WHEREAS, at the hearing on May 7, 2013, the Authority determined that the cost of the connection fee for the year 2013 would be \$4,471 per service unit as calculated in the 2013 Sewer Connection Fee Rate Study prepared by Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP, and the Authority applied a reduction of 50% to mitigate the impact of the imposition of the connection fee program, resulting in the cost of the connection fee to be \$2,235.00 per unit; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLC, the auditors for the Authority, has prepared a report entitled "2014 Sewer Connection Fee Rate Study Update" for the Authority, with the assistance of the Authority staff, on the proper amount for a connection fee payable by an individual or party making a new connection to the System for the year 2013, in accordance with the formula set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:14B-22, for the privilege of making the connection ("2014 Sewer Connection Fee Rate Study Update"); and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2014, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40:14B-22, the Authority conducted a public hearing on the proposed adjustment of the connection fee prescribed by N.J.S.A. 40:14B-23; and

WHEREAS, the Authority, having considered, at the public hearing held on May 20, 2014: (i) the testimony provided at said hearing; (ii) 2014 Sewer Connection Fee Rate Study Update; and (iii) the statements of those attending the public hearing; and has determined that it would be in the best interest of the Authority to adopt an adjustment to the connection fee charge implemented for the year 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined that the cost of the connection fee would be \$4,471 per service unit as calculated in the 2014 Sewer Connection Fee Rate Study Update; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has deemed it is still desirable to provide a reduction of 50% to mitigate the impact of the imposition of the connection fee program; and

WHEREAS, after applying such reduction, the Authority has determined that the cost of the connection fee shall be \$2,235 per service unit, after taking into account the factors set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:14B-22;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, as follows:

1. The Authority hereby establishes an adjustment to the connection fee of \$2,235 per service unit as calculated in the 2014 Sewer Connection Fee Rate Study Update, effective as of the date of this Resolution, effective May 20, 2014 until amended.
2. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to take any and all steps necessary for the implementation of the adjustment of the connection fee.
3. The formal action(s) of the Commissioners of the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority embodied herein are expressly contingent upon and subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:14B-14(b).

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that this is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority upon a roll call vote of all Commissioners of the Authority eligible to vote at a public hearing meeting held on May 20, 2014.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

	DaPuzzo	DePhillips	Gabbert	Kasparian	Kelahr	Plumley	Salazer	Chewcaskie
Offered								
Seconded								
Ayes								
Nays								
Absent								
Abstain								