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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF: P PARK NJ LLC

Application No. 2596P to divert water from 4 existing but previously not approved and 1 proposed wells, and 1 previously approved pond intake in Prospect Park Borough, Passaic County.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DIVISION OF WATER SUPPLY & GEOSCIENCE, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY. Pursuant to the provisions of the Water Supply Management Act, N.J.S.A. 58:1A et seq., P PARK NJ LLC, 1750 New Highway, Farmingdale, NY, 11735, filed an application on December 31, 2020, for approval of plans to divert 40 million gallons of water per month (MGM) and 240 million gallons of water per year (MGY), at a maximum rate of 2,300 gallons per minute (GPM) from 4 existing but previously not approved and 1 proposed wells. The 4 existing wells are 150 to 170 feet deep completed in the Passaic Formation. The Proposed well will be 180 feet deep completed in artificial fill. The diversion will continue from the previously approved pond intake. This request represents an increase of 28.7 MGM, 127 MGY, and 800 GPM above the previously approved allocation limits of 11.3 MGM, 113 MGY, and 1,500 GPM. The increased allocation request will not result in an actual increase in diversion but will modify the manner of accounting and reporting the current diversion. The diversion is currently reported as two separate volumes, calculated storm water runoff and groundwater. The modification will remove the calculation and all diversions will be reported as one value, both groundwater and surface water. The wells and intake are located in Prospect Park Borough, Passaic County off of Planten Avenue. The diversion is to be used for construction dewatering and dust control and is discharged to Molly Ann Brook.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a public hearing has been scheduled on Wednesday September 21, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. The hearing will be conducted virtually through the Department's video conferencing software (Microsoft Teams). A link to the virtual public hearing will be provided on the Department's Division of Water Supply and Geoscience website https://nj.gov/dep/watersupply under the "What's New" section. The hearing is being held to afford the public an opportunity to be heard on this application. Pursuant to the provisions of the Water Supply Management Act, N.J.S.A. 58:1A-1 et seq., and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto at N.J.A.C. 7:19 et seq., this public hearing shall be held before a Hearing Officer for the Division of Water Supply & Geoscience. The applicant and other interested persons will have the opportunity to present and submit information and comment in favor of or in opposition to the application. In response to this notice, any person may submit written comments in favor of or in opposition to approval of the application within 30 days of the publication of this notice

of public hearing to: robert.hudgins@dep.nj.gov.

If you are interested in providing oral testimony at the virtual public hearing, please email the Department at robert.hugins@dep.nj.gov no later than 12:00 P.M. Tuesday, September 20, 2022, with your contact information (name, organization, telephone number, and email address). You must provide a valid email address so the Department can send you an email confirming receipt of your interest to testify orally at the hearing and provide you with a separate option for a telephone call-in line if you do not have access to a computer that can connect to Microsoft Teams. Please note that the Department will be recording the hearing.

The Department encourages electronic submittal of comments to <u>robert.hudgins@dep.nj.gov</u>. In the alternative, comments may be submitted on paper to:

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The Hearing Officer shall have reasonable discretion in holding the hearing record open after the public hearing to receive written comments relative to the application and to allow the applicant to correct deficiencies in its application and respond to comments received at the public hearing.

After the close of the hearing record, the Hearing Officer, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:19-2.11, shall review the application, written comments and the transcript of the public hearing and submit a written report containing findings and recommendations to the Decision Maker for a final decision on the application.

The application and pertinent data may be examined by appointment only, by contacting Robert Hudgins of the Bureau of Water Allocation & Well Permitting, Division of Water Supply & Geoscience, 401 E. State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. The Bureau of Water Allocation & Well Permitting can be contacted at (609) 984-6831.

BY ORDER OF THE DIVISION OF WATER SUPPLY & GEOSCIENCE