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**VIA REGULAR MAIL**

TO ALL: MUNICIPAL CLERKS, CLERKS OF THE BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, AND SALES FOR RESALE CUSTOMERS

**Re: In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. for Approval  
of Increased Tariff Rates and Charges for Water and Wastewater Service, and Other  
Tariff Modifications  
OAL Docket No. PUC 03132-2026 S; BPU Docket No. WR26010010**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12 (b), (c) and (d), enclosed herewith for service upon you are the Notice of Filing of Proposed Rate Increase and of Public Hearing, and the Board of Public Utilities' order issued on February 18, 2026, suspending any rate increase until June 16, 2026.

Please note the dates and times of the virtual public hearings at which members of the public are invited to attend and express their views on the Company's petition are as follows:

**May 27, 2026 – 4:30 PM and 5:30 PM**

Call in number: 1-669-254-5252  
Meeting ID: 161 210 7393  
Passcode: 224923

Such notice has also been served, together with the Verified Petition, Tariffs, and all other exhibits, upon the Director of the Division of Rate Counsel, who will represent the interests of customers in the proceeding. **Additional details and further instructions for dialing in to the meeting are included in the enclosed Public Notice, and posted on the Company's website at <https://amwater.com/njaw/customer-service-billing/your-water-and-wastewater-rates>.**

Very truly yours,

Jamie Hawn  
Director, Rates and Regulatory

cc: Hon. Jacob Gertsman, Administrative Law Judge (w/enc., via regular mail)  
Hon. Sherri L. Lewis, Secretary of the BPU (w/enc., via regular mail)  
Department of Law & Public Safety (w/enc., via regular mail)  
Division of Rate Counsel (w/enc., via regular mail)

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF INCREASED TARIFF RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE, AND OTHER TARIFF MODIFICATIONS**

**OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 03132-2026S  
BPU DOCKET NO. WR26010010**

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on January 16, 2026, New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc., (“NJAWC” or “Company”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“BPU” or “Board”), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1, and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, seeking to increase rates for water and wastewater service and to implement other tariff revisions (“Petition”). The Company proposed that these changes be approved for service rendered on or after February 16, 2026, or at such later date as may be determined by the Board. Based on the Company’s total projected operating revenues for the twelve (12) months ending March 31, 2027, the new rates proposed in the Petition would yield additional operating revenues of \$146.4 million or 13.18%. The total projected operating revenues include the revenue being recovered through the Distribution System Improvement Charge (“DSIC”), Wastewater System Improvement Charge (“WSIC”), and the Resiliency and Environmental System Investment Charge (“RESIC”) previously approved by the Board, excluding revenues recovered through the Lead Service Line Replacement Charge (“LSLRC”), the Special Program Charge (“SPC”), the Purchased Water and Purchased Wastewater Treatment Adjustment Clauses (“PWAC” and “PSTAC”, respectively).

If the proposed rates are approved by the Board, the average residential water customer using 5,793 gallons per month will see their bill increase from \$83.87 to \$93.89, an increase of \$10.02 or 11.95% per month and the average residential wastewater customer will see their bill increase by about \$8.20 per month. The actual percentage increase to specific customers will vary according to the applicable rate schedule and level of the customer’s usage. The changes proposed in the Petition will result in the changes indicated in the chart below.

Customer Class	Usage	Rates Current Bill*	Rates Proposed Bill	Amount Change	Percentage Change
General Metered Service: All except SA-1F, 1H, 1J, 1K, 1L	5,793 gal/mo.	\$83.87	\$93.89	\$10.02	11.95%
SA-1F (former Roxbury)	5,793 gal/mo.	58.33	66.88	8.56	14.67%
SA-1H (former Salem City)	5,793 gal/mo.	58.73	60.49	1.76	3.00%
SA-1J (former South Orange Village)	5,793 gal/mo.	62.56	62.56	0.00	0.00%
SA-1K (Montague)	5,793 gal/mo.	155.21	155.21	0.00	0.00%
SA-1L (former Gordon's Corner)	5,793 gal/mo.	59.69	70.85	11.17	18.71%
Manasquan Resale	Various	Various	Various	Various	17.64%
Optional Industrial Wholesale	Various	Various	Various	Various	17.64%
Sales for Resale – CD	Various	Various	Various	Various	17.64%
Sales for Resale – SOS	Various	Various	Various	Various	17.64%
Private Fire Protection	Various	Various	Various	Various	20.58%
Public Fire Protection	Various	Various	Various	Various	10.01%
<b>Wastewater</b>					
Ocean City	17,379 gal/summer	\$97.47	\$111.18	\$13.71	14.06%
Statewide Collection Avg.	5,793 gal/mo.	88.12	95.77	7.65	8.81%
Statewide Collection/Treatment former WWM/Pottersville	Flat Rate	106.55	119.47	12.92	12.13%
Statewide Collection/Treatment former WWM/Pottersville	5,793 gal/mo.	117.47	139.67	22.20	18.90%
Jensen's Deep Run	5,793 gal/mo.	91.79	93.50	1.71	1.86%
Haddonfield	5,793 gal/mo.	48.61	60.07	11.47	23.60%
Mount Ephraim	5,793 gal/mo.	19.88	29.31	9.43	47.40%
Long Hill Twp	Flat Rate	68.30	81.95	13.65	19.99%
Long Hill Twp	5,793 gal/mo.	131.58	135.29	3.71	2.82%
Egg Harbor City Utility	Flat Rate	70.92	71.47	0.55	0.78%
Egg Harbor City Utility	5,793 gal/mo.	69.55	86.11	16.56	23.80%
Bound Brook	Flat Rate	41.99	43.25	1.26	3.00%
Bound Brook	5,793 gal/mo.	44.63	45.97	1.34	3.00%
Somerville System–Somerville	Flat Rate	32.96	33.95	0.99	2.15%
Somerville System–Somerville	5,793 gal/mo.	50.94	51.57	0.62	1.22%
Somerville System–Bridgewater	Flat Rate	41.54	42.79	1.25	2.28%
Somerville System–Bridgewater	5,793 gal/mo.	58.92	59.78	0.86	1.46%
Former EDC	Flat Rate	80.93	119.47	38.54	47.62%
Former EDC	5,793 gal/mo.	94.93	99.93	5.00	5.27%
Salem City	Flat Rate	56.88	58.59	1.71	3.00%
Manville	5,793 gal/mo.	41.68	43.75	2.08	4.99%
Montague	5,793 gal/mo.	150.06	150.06	0.00	0.00%

\*Rates include the LSLRC, approved under BPU Docket No. WR22010017, SPC, as approved under BPU Docket No. WR23050275, PWAC and PSTAC as approved by the Board under BPU Docket Number WR24110850, a projected DSIC, approved under BPU Docket No. WR24030187, of \$3.59 for a 5/8" meter, a projected WSIC, approved under BPU Docket No. WR24030203, of \$3.78, and a projected RESIC, approved under BPU Docket No. WR24040240, of \$1.78. Currently, the DSIC is \$2.56 for a 5/8" meter, the WSIC is \$3.78 for a 5/8" meter, and the RESIC is \$0.79 for a 5/8" meter, effective November 29, 2025.

The above-described comparisons of average present and proposed rates will permit customers to determine the approximate net effect upon them of the proposed increases and adjustments in rates. Any assistance required by customers in this regard will be furnished by the Company upon request. Complete information about the present and proposed rates for every class of customer is available on the Company's website at [www.newjerseyamwater.com](http://www.newjerseyamwater.com) by first selecting Customer Service and Billing, then Your Water and Wastewater Rates. Please note that the Board, in its discretion, may apply all or any portion of whatever rate increase the Board may ultimately find just and reasonable to any class or classes of customers or to any rate schedule or schedules, or in a manner different than what the Company has proposed in its filing. Accordingly, the final rates and charges to be determined by the Board in this proceeding may be different than what the Company has described herein.

In addition to the proposed rate changes, NJAWC is proposing other changes and additions to its Tariff, some of which would apply to all customers and others that would apply only to specified customers. These changes include, but are not limited to, changes to various rate schedules and standard terms and conditions.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** the virtual public hearings will be conducted on the following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Petition:

**Date:** May 27, 2026

**Times:** 4:30 and 5:30 pm

**Link:** <https://oal-nj-gov.zoomgov.com/j/1612107393?pwd=iUUmZkB3bZOpQ3m3UDoZertsEsnKCd.1>

**Dial-In Number:** 1-669-254-5252

**Meeting ID:** 161 210 7393

**Passcode:** 224923

Administrative Law Judge Jacob Gertsman from the Office of Administrative Law will preside over the virtual public hearings. Representatives from the Company, Board Staff, and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearings. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the link or dial-in information set forth above to express their views on the Petition. All comments will become part of the final record in the proceeding.

**IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE FULL PARTICIPATION IN THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE SUBMIT ANY REQUESTS FOR NEEDED ACCOMMODATIONS, INCLUDING INTERPRETERS OR MOBILITY ASSISTANCE, TO THE COMPANY 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THIS HEARING TO CHELSEA KULP,**

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. AT (856) 955-4001.**

Whether or not you attend the virtual public hearings, written comments may be submitted to the Hon. Jacob Gertsman, Office of Administrative Law, P.O. Box 049, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0049. Please include OAL Docket No. PUC 03132-2026S and BPU Docket No. WR26010010 in your written comments. Written comments will be provided the same weight as statements made at the hearings.

Comments may also be submitted directly to the specific docket listed above using the “Post Comments” button on the Board’s Document Search tool, <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us>. Comments are considered public documents for purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act. Only submit public documents using the “Post Comments” button on the Board’s Public Document Search tool. Any confidential information should be submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3. In addition to hard copy submissions, confidential information may be filed electronically via the Board’s e-filing system or by email to the Secretary of the Board, Sherri L. Lewis. 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:

Sherri L. Lewis, Secretary of the Board  
44 South Clinton Ave., 1st Floor  
PO Box 350  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0350  
Email: [board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov)

Notice of the Petition was served on the clerk of each municipality and clerk, executive or administrator of each county in the service area of the Company. Further information and copies of the Petition may be obtained at the BPU’s offices located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. Any members of the public who wish to inspect the petition at the Board should contact the Board’s Division of Case Management at (609) 913-6298 or [board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov). Additionally, the petition and applicable attachments as well as the Public Hearing Notice for this proceeding can be viewed on the Company’s website at [www.newjerseyamwater.com](http://www.newjerseyamwater.com) by first selecting Customer Service and then Your Water and Wastewater Rates.

Any relief determined by the Board to be just and reasonable may be applied by the Board in such manner as it may deem appropriate.

BY: MARK K. McDONOUGH  
President  
NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC  
1 Water Street  
Camden, NJ 08102





Agenda Date: 2/18/26

Agenda Item: IIA

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**Board of Public Utilities**  
44 South Clinton Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350  
[www.nj.gov/bpu/](http://www.nj.gov/bpu/)

REVENUE AND RATES

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY-	)	ORDER SUSPENDING
AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR APPROVAL	)	INCREASES, CHANGES OR
OF INCREASED TARIFF RATES AND CHARGES FOR	)	ALTERATIONS IN RATES
WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE AND OTHER	)	FOR WATER SERVICE
TARIFF MODIFICATIONS	)	
	)	DOCKET NO. WR26010010

**Parties of Record:**

**Brian O. Lipman, Esq., Director**, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel  
**Christine Soures, Esq.**, Polsinelli PC, on behalf of New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc.

BY THE BOARD:<sup>1</sup>

On January 16, 2026, New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. ("NJAWC" or "Company") filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") seeking approval of an increase in its base rates for water and wastewater service of approximately \$146.4 million for services rendered on and after February 16, 2026 ("Petition").<sup>2</sup>

NJAWC is engaged in the production, treatment, and distribution of water and collection of wastewater within its defined service territory within the State of New Jersey. The Company's service territory includes portions of: Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Essex, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, Union, and Warren counties. As of December 31, 2025, the Company provides service to approximately 680,000 water and fire service customers and 70,000 wastewater service customers.

According to the Petition, the primary driver of the proposed rate increase is the Company's capital investment since its last base rate case to maintain and improve the Company's infrastructure to continue to provide safe, reliable, and adequate service to its customers.

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<sup>1</sup> Commissioners Rebhorn and Coviello abstained from voting on this matter.

<sup>2</sup> By letter dated January 20, 2026, the Company notified the Board that it would not implement the proposed rate increase, on an interim basis, prior to the effective date of the Board's Initial Suspension Order for this matter.



Among other requests, NJAWC seeks authorization to:

- a. Increase rates to produce additional revenues of approximately \$146.4 million above the annual level of present rate revenues for the test year period ending June 30, 2026, utilizing a return on equity of 10.75%;
- b. Recover an acquisition adjustment related to the Company's purchase of the South Orange Village water system as well as the original cost of Gordon's Corner Water Company's acquired assets less accumulated depreciation;
- c. Continue regulatory accounting deferral treatment for several items. for pension and other post-employment benefits;
- d. Continue and expand its Universal Affordability Discount Tariff;
- e. Incorporate the roll-in of the Company's current Distribution System Improvement Charge, Resiliency and Environmental System Investment Charge, and Wastewater System Improvement Charge into current rates; and
- f. Revise the Company's tariffs to reflect the requests in the Petition.

Because the proposed revisions, if approved, will likely increase existing rates and change or alter existing classifications in NJAWC's tariff, it is **HEREBY ORDERED** as follows:

- (1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21(d), and consistent with N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, the proposed revisions are suspended until June 16, 2026, unless prior to that date the Board makes a determination disposing of the Petition or enters an Order further suspending the proposed revisions;
- (2) NJAWC shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for hearing on the Petition by the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL"), file with this Board, and with the OAL, proof of compliance with the notice provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12(b) and (c), which notice shall include a statement that any relief found by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board to any class or classes of customers on any rate or schedule as the Board may determine; and
- (3) NJAWC shall serve copies of this Order upon the OAL, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (140 East Front Street, 4th Floor, Post Office Box 003, Trenton, N.J. 08625), the clerk of each affected municipality, the clerk of the Boards of County Commissioners of each affected county, and, where appropriate, the executive officer of the affected county within its service area. Service of the Petition, notice of hearings, and this Order may be made simultaneously. Proof of service of this Order shall be filed with the Board.


This Order shall be effective on February 18, 2026.

DATED: February 18, 2026

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
BY:

  
CHRISTINE GUHL-SADOVY  
PRESIDENT  
DR. ZENON CHRISTODOULOU  
COMMISSIONER  
MICHAEL BANGE  
COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
SHERRI L. LEWIS  
BOARD SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within  
document is a true copy of the original  
in the files of the Board of Public Utilities.

