NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A MUNICIPAL CONSENT GRANTED BY THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, SOMERSET COUNTY

BPU DOCKET NO. WE22020072

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on February 17, 2022, New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. ("NJAWC") filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-14, N.J.S.A. 48:3-11 to 15, N.J.S.A. 48:19-17, N.J.S.A. 48:19-20 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.5, and such other applicable regulations and statutes, to approve a municipal consent ordinance ("Ordinance 2021-032") granted to NJAWC by the Borough of Bound Brook ("Borough").

Ordinance 2021-032 was adopted by the Borough on December 14, 2021, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-14, N.J.S.A. 48:3-11 to 48:3-15, and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.5 granting municipal consent to NJAWC to construct, lay, maintain and operate the necessary wastewater mains, pipes and appurtenances throughout the Borough and to provide wastewater services to the Borough. The Borough will readopt the Ordinance at its meeting on May 10, 2022, and the Ordinance will be designated as Ordinance 2022-08, which shall replace Ordinance 2021-032

NO INCREASE IN RATES WILL RESULT FROM THE PETITION. If the petition is approved, NJAWC will adopt and implement the Borough's 2021 wastewater service rates and hold those rates for a minimum of two years from the closing date of the acquisition of the Borough's Wastewater System by NJAWC. NJAWC has agreed not to increase the Township's wastewater service rates by more than three percent (3%) per year over the three (3) years thereafter. Any future rate increases following year five will be included in NJAWC rate proceedings filed with the Board.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a telephonic hearing on the petition has been scheduled for June 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., which will be presided over by a hearing officer designated by the Board. Members of the public are invited to listen to the hearing and express their views on the petition by dialing 1-862-294-2638 and entering the conference ID: 228 651 541# or joining via video conference by going to https://bit.ly/3srb7ZJ via the internet at the designated time. Such comments will be made a part of the final record in the proceeding.

While all comments will be given equal consideration and will be made part of the final record of this proceeding, the preferred method of transmittal is via the Board's <u>Public Document Search</u> tool. Search for the docket number listed above, and post by utilizing the "Post Comments" button. Emailed comments may also be filed with the Secretary of the Board, in pdf or Word format, to <u>board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov</u>. Written comments may also be submitted to the attention of the Honorable Carmen Diaz, Acting Secretary at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton

Avenue, 9th Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350, or via email to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov. Persons submitting written comments should include Docket No. WE22020072 in their submissions.

Copies of the petition are available for inspection at the offices of NJAWC located at 1 Water Street, Camden, New Jersey 08102, or on NJAWC's website at www.newjerseyamwater.com. Copies may also be obtained by calling NJAWC at 856-955-4001. Further information and copies of the petition may also be obtained at the Board's Offices located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor, Trenton, NJ 08625. Any members of the public who wish to inspect the petition at the Board should contact the Board's Division of Case Management at 609-292-0806 or board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

A copy of this Notice is being served upon the Clerk of the Borough of Bound Brook.

In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for special accommodation at least 72 hours prior to the hearing to NJAWC at 856-955-4001.

NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. 1 Water Street Camden, NJ 08102

By: Mark McDonough, President