

## **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  
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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.

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