

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE THE LEVEL OF ITS PURCHASED WATER ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE AND PURCHASED WASTEWATER TREATMENT CLAUSE BPU Docket No. WR24110850

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on November 15, 2024, New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. (“NJAWC” or “Company”) filed with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“BPU” or “Board”), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:9-7.1 *et seq.*, a petition seeking to change rates for water and sewer service through revisions to the Purchased Water and Purchased Wastewater Treatment Adjustment Clauses (“PWAC” and “PSTAC”, respectively) (“Petition”). The proposed rates in the Petition would increase annual revenues by \$2,680,795, or 0.27%. The proposed changes in rates provide no profits for the Company. The rates represent the pass-through of charges from purveyors who provide water and wastewater treatment services to the Company. The proposed rates are further described in this Notice after the information regarding public comments.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the Board has the statutory authority to establish NJAWC’s rates at levels it finds just and reasonable as well as to establish the effective date of such rates. Therefore, the BPU may establish the rates at levels and/or an effective date other than those proposed by NJAWC. 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 by: 1) selecting “Customer Service & Billing”, 2) selecting “Your Water and Wastewater Rates”, 3) selecting “Regulatory Proceedings”, and 4) clicking on “petition” under “Purchased Water Adjustment Clause (PWAC) and Purchased Wastewater Treatment Clause (PSTAC).”

PURCHASED WATER ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE (PWAC)

NJAWC proposes to increase its PWAC rate, per Rate Schedule O-1 of the Company’s Tariff B.P.U. No. 8 for General Metered, General Sales for Resale, Commodity-Demand, Off-Peak Demand, Service to Other Systems, Peaking Service, and Optional Industrial Wholesale water customers served throughout the State of New Jersey, as shown below.

	Present Rate Per <u>100 Gallons</u>	Proposed Rate Per <u>100 Gallons</u>	Present Rate Per <u>1,000 Gallons</u>	Proposed Rate Per <u>1,000 Gallons</u>
Non-Exempt	\$0.05289	\$0.05396	\$0.5289	\$0.5396
Exempt	\$0.04568	\$0.04690	\$0.4568	\$0.4690

The table below reflects present and proposed monthly bills for the typical residential water customer consuming an average of 5,642 gallons per month and the resulting changes:

	Present Avg. Bill <u>Per Month</u>	Proposed Avg. Bill <u>Per Month</u>	Amount of <u>Change</u>	Percentage <u>Change</u>
Statewide - GMS	\$75.69	\$75.75	\$0.06	0.08%
Statewide - SFR	\$75.69	\$75.75	\$0.06	0.08%
Rate Schedule A-16	\$50.82	\$50.88	\$0.06	0.12%

PURCHASED WASTEWATER TREATMENT ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE (PSTAC)

NJAWC proposes to increase its PSTAC rate per Rate Schedule 1-B of the Company's Tariff B.P.U. No. 8 for General Metered Sewer Service in Ocean City, Cape May County as shown below:

Present Rate Per <u>100 Gallons</u>	Proposed Rate Per <u>100 Gallons</u>	Present Rate Per <u>1,000 Gallons</u>	Proposed Rate Per <u>1,000 Gallons</u>
\$3.11310	\$3.49564	\$31.1310	\$34.9564

The typical residential wastewater service customer in Ocean City, with a summer quarter average usage of 16,926 gallons and an annual average usage of 67,704 gallons, presently paying \$86.66 per month, would pay \$92.06 per month under the proposed rates, representing an increase of \$5.40 or 6.23%.

Present Avg. Bill <u>Per Month</u>	Proposed Avg. Bill <u>Per Month</u>	Amount of Proposed <u>Increase</u>	Percentage of Proposed <u>Increase</u>
\$86.66	\$92.06	\$5.40	6.23%

NJAWC proposes to increase its PSTAC rate per Rate Schedule 2-B of the Company's Tariff B.P.U. No. 8 for General Metered Sewer Service in Lakewood Township, Ocean County, as shown below:

Present Rate Per <u>100 Gallons</u>	Proposed Rate Per <u>100 Gallons</u>	Present Rate Per <u>1,000 Gallons</u>	Proposed Rate Per <u>1,000 Gallons</u>
\$0.42215	\$0.44494	\$4.2215	\$4.4494

The typical residential wastewater service customer in Lakewood with winter quarter usage of 16,926 gallons, 67,704 gallons annually, presently paying \$72.26 per month, would pay \$73.54 per month under proposed rates, which is an increase of \$1.28 or 1.77%.

<u>Present Avg. Bill Per Month</u>	<u>Proposed Avg. Bill Per Month</u>	<u>Amount of Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Percentage of Proposed Increase</u>
\$72.26	\$73.54	\$1.28	1.77%

NJAWC proposes to increase its PSTAC rate per Rate Schedule 3-B of the Company’s Tariff B.P.U. No. 8 for General Metered Sewer Service in the Adelphia section of the Township of Howell, Monmouth County as shown below:

<u>Present Rate Per 100 Gallons</u>	<u>Proposed Rate Per 100 Gallons</u>	<u>Present Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u>	<u>Proposed Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u>
\$0.69696	\$0.83199	\$6.9696	\$8.3199

The typical residential wastewater service customer in Howell with winter quarter usage of 16,926 gallons, 67,704 gallons annually, presently paying \$87.76 per month, would pay \$95.38 per month under proposed rates, which is an increase of \$7.62 or 8.68%.

<u>Present Avg. Bill Per Month</u>	<u>Proposed Avg. Bill Per Month</u>	<u>Amount of Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Percentage of Proposed Increase</u>
\$87.76	\$95.38	\$7.62	8.68%

NJAWC is not proposing any increases for public or private fire protection service customers nor for any of the Company’s fixed service charges or demand charges applicable to metered water service.

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: February 27, 2025
Times: 4:30 and 5:30 pm

Link: <https://bit.ly/42GNgUC>

- 1) Type the link address into your web browser.
- 2) When prompted, select **Continue on this browser** or **Join on the Teams app** if you have the Teams app. You don't need to install the Teams app to join the meeting. You can join Teams for web on Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome.
- 3) You may be prompted to give Teams access to your microphone and

camera. When you select **Allow**, you can always turn off your mic and camera once you join the meeting.

- 4) Select **Join now**.
- 5) You will enter the [meeting lobby](#); wait for someone in the meeting to admit you.

Or

Dial-In Number: 1-862-294-2638
Phone Conference ID: 447 381 151#

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 of the proceeding to be considered by the Board. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters and/or listening assistance, at least 48 hours prior to the above hearing to the Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

Comments may 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. Golden. 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:

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