

**NOTICE TO NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. CUSTOMERS**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR RECOVERY OF REGULATORY ASSET ESTABLISHED FOR INCREMENTAL COVID-19 RELATED EXPENSES, AND FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN UNCOLLECTIBLE ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE**

**BPU Docket No. WR23050275**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on April 28, 2023, New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. (“New Jersey-American Water” or “Company”) filed with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”), pursuant to N.J.S.A. §§ 48:2-21, 48:2-21.1, N.J.A.C. § 14:1-5.12, and such statutes, regulations and Board Orders that may be deemed by the Board to be applicable, for approval to recover regulatory assets which have been deferred for recovery pursuant to the Board’s July 2, 2020 Order Establishing COVID-19 Regulatory Asset and December 21, 2022 Order Denying, in part, PSE&G’s Motion to Extend the COVID Deferral Period in Docket No. AO20060471. On June 21, 2023, the Company filed an amended and restated petition to comply with the mandatory filing requirements established by the Board by Order dated June 7, 2023, in Docket No. AO20060471 (“Amended and Restated Petition”). The Amended and Restated Petition also requests the establishment of an uncollectible adjustment clause to recover or credit future bad debt costs.

The proposed rates would increase annual revenues by \$5,406,028 or 0.56% for a period of three (3) years. The proposed changes in rates provide no profits to the Company. The proposed Special Program Charge (“SPC”) permits the recovery of the Company’s COVID-19 incremental costs incurred during the pandemic and Board’s approved deferral period.

New Jersey-American Water’s Amended and Restated Petition seeks to recover the total net amount of the COVID-19 costs incurred from March of 2020 through February of 2023. As

proposed, the total amount to be recovered through the SPC will apply to customer's bills monthly over the next three (3) years starting on the effective date of Board approval.

The proposed monthly surcharge rate to be collected from all water customers, including private and public fire, and all eligible wastewater customers through a volumetric charge for General Metered Service ("GMS") customers is \$0.0673 per thousand gallons and a fixed per-customer charge for non-GMS customers of \$1.23, which will be reconciled annually. The average GMS customer using 5,520 gallons per month will see their bill increase by \$0.37 per month and an average non-GMS customer will see their bill increase by \$1.23 per month. The monthly SPC will be applicable to the following rate schedules: GMS Rate Schedules A-1 through A-18; Rate Schedules C and D – Commodity Demand; Rate Schedule F – OIW; Rate Schedules E, H, I, J; Rate Schedule G - SOS; Rate Schedules L-1 through L-13 – Private Fire Service; Rate Schedules M-1 through M-12 – Public Fire Service and Rate Schedules 1-A through 19-A – Wastewater Service (collectively, "non-GMS").

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

Copies of the Amended and Restated Petition are available for inspection at the offices of New Jersey-American Water located at 1 Water Street, Camden, New Jersey 08102, or on New Jersey-American Water's website at [www.newjerseyamwater.com](http://www.newjerseyamwater.com) by first selecting Customer Service and Billing and then Your Water and Wastewater Rates. Copies may also be obtained by calling Denise Free, Sr. Director of Communications and External Affairs, New Jersey-American Water, 856-955-4874. Further information and copies of the Amended and Restated Petition may also be obtained at the Board's Offices located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Trenton, NJ 08625. Any members of the public who wish to inspect the Amended and Restated Petition at the

Board should contact the Board's Division of Case Management at 609-292-0806 or [board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov).

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

**VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Date: March 13, 2024**

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

**Link: <https://bit.ly/3SKVnds>**

**Dial-In: 1-862-294-2638**

**Conference ID: 927 752 28#**

Notice of the Amended and Restated Petition was served on the clerk, executive or administrator of each municipality and county within the Company's service area. Such notice has also been served, together with the Amended and Restated Petition and all exhibits, upon the Director of the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel.

Representatives of 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 utilizing the link or dial-in information above to express their views on the Amended and Restated Petition. All comments will become part of the final record in this proceeding to be considered by the Board. To encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for accommodations, such as interpreters or listening assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearing to the Board Secretary at [board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov).

Comments may be submitted directly to the specific docket number listed above using the "Post Comments" button on the Board's Public 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 documents that are intended to be public should be submitted 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 also be filed electronically via the Board's e-filing system or by email to the Secretary of the Board, Sherri L. Golden, RMC. Please include "Confidential Information" in the subject line of any email. Instructions for confidential e-filing are found on the Board's webpage at <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling/>.

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