

**NOTICE OF FILING OF  
PROPOSED RATE INCREASE  
AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**ALL PARTIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND  
PRESENT THEIR VIEWS**

**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, CHANGE IN DEPRECIATION RATES,  
AND OTHER TARIFF MODIFICATIONS**

**BPU DOCKET NO. WR1709 \_\_\_\_\_  
OAL DOCKET NO. PUC**

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

Notice is hereby given that on September 15, 2017, New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc., (the “Company”) filed with the Board of Public Utilities (“Board”), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-18, N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1, N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.7 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, a petition (“Petition”) seeking to increase rates for water and wastewater service and to change its depreciation rates and to implement other tariff revisions. These changes were proposed to become effective for service rendered on or after October 15, 2017, or at such later date as may be determined by the Board. Based on the Company’s total projected operating revenues for the twelve months ending March 31, 2018, the new rates proposed herein will yield additional operating revenues of \$129.3 million or 17.54%. The total projected operating revenues include the revenue being recovered through the Distribution System Improvement Charge (“DSIC”) previously approved by this Board, and revenues recovered through the PWAC/PSTAC.

**The actual percentage increase to specific customers will vary according to the applicable rate schedule and the level of the customer’s usage. The rate changes proposed in the Petition will result in a rate increase for a typical residential customer with a 5/8-inch meter using 6,000 gallons of water per month of \$10.34 or 18.19%. The typical commercial customer with a 1-inch meter using 20,000 gallons of water per month would receive an increase of \$32.71 or 18.65%.**

The following 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 then Rates Information. 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. General Metered Service or “GMS” rate information is presented as a range of rates. The range includes both a fixed service charge and a consumption charge based on an average of 6,000 gallons per month.

Customer Class	Usage	Rates		Change	
		Current Bill	Proposed Bill	Amount	Percentage
General Metered Service*	6,000 gal/mo.	\$42.58 – \$62.88	\$53.23 – \$77.89	\$10.34 – \$15.01	18.19% – 25.92% (19.11% average)
Manasquan Resale	Various	Various	Various	Various	5.04%
Optional Industrial Wholesale	Various	Various	Various	Various	30.12%
Sales for Resale – CD	Various	Various	Various	Various	9.75%
Sales for Resale – SOS	Various	Various	Various	Various	23.36%
Private Fire Protection	Various	Various	Various	Various	3.27%
Public Fire Protection	Various	Various	Various	Various	1.59%
Sewer					10.40%
Ocean City	44,000 gal/summer	\$66.83	\$73.17	\$6.34	9.49%
Lakewood/Elk	6,000 gal/mo.	\$56.19 - \$62.44	\$64.28 - \$68.36	\$5.92 - \$8.09	9.48% - 14.40%
Adelphia	4,000 gal/mo.	\$53.98	\$54.79	\$0.81	1.49%
Former AWWM/Pottersville	4,000 – 6,000 gal/mo.	\$81.20 - \$98.80	\$83.64 - \$101.76	\$2.44 - \$2.96	3.00%
Jensen’s Run	4,000 gal/mo.	\$55.20	\$58.26	\$3.06	5.54%
Haddonfield	6,000 gal/mo.	\$18.45	\$24.49	\$6.04	32.74%

\*Rates for GMS customers (except former Borough of Haddonfield and Shorelands Water Company customers) include Purchased Water Adjustment Clause (PWAC) approved by the Board under BPU Docket Number WR16111086 at \$0.4540 per 1,000 gallons or \$0.33959 per 100 cubic feet and include the Distribution System Improvement Charge approved by the Board under BPU Docket No. WR15060724.

In addition to actual rate changes, the Company 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.

Notice of this filing is being served upon the clerk, executive or administrator of each municipality and county within the Company’s service areas. 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 ratepayers in this proceeding. Copies of the

Verified Petition, Tariffs, and all other exhibits are available for inspection at the Company's office at 1025 Laurel Oak Road, Voorhees, NJ, and can also be found on the Company's website at [www.newjerseyamwater.com](http://www.newjerseyamwater.com) by first selecting Customer Service and then Rates Information.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the New Jersey Office of Administrative Law (OAL) has scheduled public hearings for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding the Petition. Public hearings will be held at the following times and places:

**[Times and Locations To Be Determined]**

The public is invited to attend and interested persons will be permitted to testify and/or make a statement of their views on the proposed increases. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, including interpreter, listening devices or mobility assistance, 48 hours prior to these hearings. In addition, members of the public may submit written comments concerning the Petition to the BPU and the OAL regardless of whether they attend a hearing by addressing them to: Secretary, Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Suite 314, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350, or the Clerk, Office of Administrative Law, P.O. Box 049, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0049. Such written comments should be identified with the heading "New Jersey American Water Company Rate Filing: Public Hearing," and include the BPU Docket Number WR1709xxxx and OAL Docket Number PUC xxxxxxxx and the name of the judge assigned to this case, the Honorable xxx x xxxx, ALJ.

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