

Notice of Public Statement Hearings on New York American Water Proposed Water Rate Increase

The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) seeks public comment on a rate proposal that was filed by New York American Water Company, Inc. (NYAW) on April 29, 2016. In the filing, NYAW proposes, among other things, to increase its annual revenues by approximately \$8.49 million, an overall increase in present rate revenues of 8.3%.

Review of the filing is currently underway. Direct testimony is due to be filed by DPS trial staff and intervenor parties on September 2; rebuttal testimony is due on September 23. Thereafter, several additional procedural steps will occur, with the matter ultimately being submitted to the Commission for its decision. The Commission may adopt, adopt with changes, or reject the NYAW rate proposals, with any rates required to take effect on or by April 1, 2017.

TAKE NOTICE that opportunities for public information and comment will be held, as follows:

Wednesday, July 6, 2016
Southeast Town Hall
Town of Southeast
1360 Route 22
Brewster, New York 10509

2:00 PM Information Session
3:00 PM Public Statement Hearing
6:00 PM Information Session
7:00 PM Public Statement Hearing

Wednesday, July 13, 2016
Oceanside Library
30 Davison Avenue
Oceanside, New York 11572

1:00 PM Information Session
2:00 PM Public Statement Hearing
5:00 PM Information Session
6:00 PM Public Statement Hearing

In order to provide individuals with information in advance of the public statement hearings, information sessions will be conducted during the hour preceding the public statement hearings. During these sessions, NYAW representatives will provide a brief overview of NYAW's rate proposal. In addition, an Administrative Law Judge will provide a brief overview of the rate case process. These presentations will be followed by a brief opportunity for questions and answers. Each information session will conclude at least five minutes before the public statement hearing is scheduled to commence.

Those wishing to comment on the NYAW rate proposal will have an opportunity to make a statement on the record at the public statement hearing. It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance, or to present written material to speak at the hearing. Persons will be called to speak after completing a request card. The public statement hearing will be held open for a minimum of one hour, and will be kept open until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made to include their comments in the record. A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be made for inclusion in the record of this proceeding.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations should call the Department of Public Service's Human Resources Management Office at (518) 474-2520 as soon as possible. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711. Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Commission at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this notice.

Other Ways to Comment

For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing, there are several other ways to send comments to the Commission regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to "Case 16-W-0259 – New York American Water –Water Rates."

Internet or Mail: ...Go to the Web site (www.dps.ny.gov), click on "Search," enter the case number (16-W-0259), and then click on "Post Comments" at the top of the page. Alternatively, e-mail comments may be sent directly to the Secretary to the Commission at secretary@dps.ny.gov or they may be mailed or delivered to Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. All written comments will become part of the record in this proceeding and will be reported to the Commission for its consideration. All submitted comments may be accessed on the Commission's Web site (go to www.dps.ny.gov, and then search using the case number). Many libraries offer free Internet access.

Toll-Free Opinion Line: You may call the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to take comments about pending cases from in-State callers, 24 hours a day. These comments are not transcribed verbatim, but a summary is provided to the Commission.

Comments submitted via these alternate means are requested by August 12, 2016, but comments may be submitted and will be considered throughout the pendency of this proceeding.

NYAW's application may be viewed online (go to www.dps.ny.gov, and then search using case number "16-W-0259").