



February 6, 2024

VIA REGULAR MAIL

TO ALL: MUNICIPAL CLERKS, CLERKS OF THE BOARDS OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS AND SALE FOR RESALE CUSTOMERS

**Re: In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. for Approval to Change the Levels of its Purchased Water Adjustment Clause and Purchase Wastewater Treatment Clause
BPU Docket No. WR23110791**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12 (b), (c) and (d), enclosed herewith for service upon you is the Notice of Filing of Proposed Rate Change and of Public Hearing.

Please note the following dates and times of the virtual public hearings at which members of the public are invited to attend and express their views on the Company's petition:

February 28, 2024 – 4:30 PM and 5:30 PM

Call in number: 1-862-294-2638

Meeting ID: 640 111 4#

Or join by video conference at <https://bit.ly/3UgyUrh>

Additional details and instructions for dialing in to the meeting are also included in the enclosed Public Notice, and posted on the Company's website at <https://amwater.com/njaw/customer-service-billing/your-water-and-wastewater-rates>.

Very truly yours,

Jamie D. Hawn
Director, Rates and Regulatory

JDH:dlc

cc: Hon. Sherri L. Golden, Secretary of the BPU (w/enc., via regular mail)
Pamela Own, DAG, Department of Law & Public Safety (w/enc., via regular mail)
Brian O. Lipman, Director, Division of Rate Counsel (w/enc., via regular mail)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC.**

**NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. NOTICE OF FILING OF
PETITION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE THE LEVEL OF ITS
PURCHASED WATER ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE AND
PURCHASED WASTEWATER TREATMENT ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE
BPU Docket No. WR23110791**

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on November 9, 2023, New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. (“Company”) filed with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”), pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 48:2-21* and *N.J.A.C. 14:9-7.1, et seq.*, a petition (“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). The proposed rates in the Petition would decrease annual revenues by \$1,539,423, or -0.18%. The proposed changes in rates provide no profits to 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 as well as information regarding public comments.

Any rate adjustments with resulting changes in bill impacts found by the Board to be just and reasonable as the result of the Company’s petition may be modified and/or allocated by the Board in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 48:2-21* and for other good and legally sufficient reasons to any class or classes of customers of the Company. Therefore, the described charges may increase or decrease based upon the Board’s decision. 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 first selecting Customer Service and then Your Water and Wastewater Rates.

PURCHASED WATER ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE (PWAC)

The existing rates 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, are proposed to be adjusted as follows.

In addition to the standard metered service rates, the following rates apply per 100 gallons and per 1,000 gallons, as detailed in in Rate Schedule O-1 of the Company’s Tariff B.P.U. No. 8. This charge is designed to recover the costs associated with purchased water not currently accounted for in the consumption charge or any other charge:

	<u>Gallons Per Month</u>	<u>Rate Per 100 Gallons</u>	<u>Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u>
Non-Exempt	All	\$0.05242	\$0.5242
Exempt	All	\$0.04528	\$0.4528

The below table reflects present and proposed charges for the typical residential water customer consuming an average of 5,520 gallons per month and the resulting changes:

	<u>Present Per Month</u>	<u>Proposed Per Month</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Statewide - GMS	\$65.79	\$65.66	-\$0.13	-0.20%
Statewide - SFR	\$65.79	\$65.66	-\$0.13	-0.20%
Rate Schedule A-15	\$63.24	\$63.11	-\$0.13	-0.21%
Rate Schedule A-16	\$41.94	\$41.81	-\$0.13	-0.31%

PURCHASED WASTEWATER TREATMENT ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE (PSTAC)

In addition to all other existing charges for General Metered Sewer Service in Ocean City, Cape May County, the following PSTAC charges per 100 gallons and per 1,000 gallons will be included within the Minimum Service Charge rates as set forth on Rate Schedule 1-A of the Company’s Tariff B.P.U. No. 8 – Sewer:

	<u>Gallons Per Month</u>	<u>Rate Per 100 Gallons</u>	<u>Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u>
Non-Exempt and Exempt	All	\$3.49441	\$34.9441
<u>Present Per Month</u>	<u>Proposed Per Month</u>	<u>Amount Increase</u>	<u>Percentage Increase</u>
\$77.98	\$79.69	\$1.71	2.19%

The typical residential wastewater service customer in Ocean City, with a summer quarter average usage of 16,560 gallons and an annual average usage of 66,240 gallons, presently paying \$77.98 per month, would pay \$79.69 per month under the proposed rates, representing an increase of \$1.71 or 2.19%.

In addition to all other existing charges for General Metered Sewer Service in Lakewood Township, Ocean County, the following PSTAC charges per 100 gallons and per 1,000 gallons, for all sales will be made to recover purchased wastewater treatment and disposal costs not included in the Sewer Usage Charge or any other charges set forth on Rate Schedule 2-A of the Company's Tariff B.P.U. No. 8 – Sewer:

Non-Exempt and Exempt	Gallons <u>Per Month</u>	Rate Per <u>100 Gallons</u>	Rate Per <u>1,000 Gallons</u>
		All	\$0.42610
<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
\$65.43	\$63.45	\$1.98	3.03%

The typical residential wastewater service customer in Lakewood, with a winter quarter average usage of 16,560 gallons and an annual average usage of 66,240 gallons, presently paying \$65.43 per month, would pay \$63.45 per month under proposed rates, which is a decrease of \$1.98 or 3.03%.

In addition to all other existing charges for General Metered Sewer Service in the Adelpia section of the Township Of Howell, Monmouth County, the following PSTAC charges per 100 gallons and per 1,000 gallons, for all sales will be made to recover purchased wastewater treatment and disposal costs not included in the Sewer Usage Charge or any other charges set forth on Rate Schedule 3-A of the Company's Tariff B.P.U. No. 8 – Sewer:

Non-Exempt and Exempt	Gallons Per <u>Month</u>	Rate Per <u>100 Gallons</u>	Rate Per <u>1,000 Gallons</u>
		All	\$0.69398
	<u>Present</u> <u>Per Month</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Per Month</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Increase</u>
	\$79.20	\$79.31	\$0.11
			<u>Percentage</u> <u>Increase</u>
			0.14%

The typical residential wastewater service customer in Howell, with an annual average usage of 66,240 gallons, presently paying \$79.20 per month, would pay \$79.31 per month under proposed rates, which is an increase of \$0.11 or 0.14%.

No increases are proposed for public or private fire protection service customers nor are any increases proposed 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 28, 2024
Times: 4:30 and 5:30 pm
Link: <https://bit.ly/3UgyUrh>
Dial-In Number: 1-862-294-2638
Phone Conference ID: 640 111 4#
Meeting ID: 262 270 106 334
Passcode: qjWCwi

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 be made 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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