NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF MANVILLE AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A MUNICIPAL CONSENT GRANTED BY THE BOROUGH OF MANVILLE, SOMERSET COUNTY

BPU DOCKET NO. WE24030202

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on March 27, 2024, New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. ("NJAWC") filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-14 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.5, and such other applicable regulations and statutes, to approve a municipal consent ordinance ("Ordinance 2024-1312") granted to NJAWC by the Borough of Manville ("Borough").

Ordinance 2024-1312 was adopted by the Borough on March 11, 2024, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-11 through 48:3-15, and N.J.S.A. 48:13-11, granting municipal consent to NJAWC to construct, lay, maintain and operate the necessary wastewater mains, pipes and appurtenances throughout the Borough and to provide wastewater services to the Borough.

NO INCREASE IN RATES WILL RESULT FROM THE PETITION. If the petition is approved, NJAWC will adopt and implement the Borough's wastewater service rates and hold those rates for a minimum of one year from the closing date of the acquisition of the Borough's Wastewater System by NJAWC. Thereafter, in year two, rates shall increase by no more than two percent (2%), compounded annually; in years three through five, rates shall increase no more than three percent (3%), compounded annually; and in years six and seven, rates shall increase by more than four percent (4%), compounded annually. Thereafter, any future rate increases will be included in NJAWC rate proceedings filed with the Board.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a telephonic hearing on the petition has been scheduled for June 18, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., which will be presided over by a hearing officer designated by the Board. Members of the public are invited to listen to the hearing and express their views on the petition by dialing 1-862-294-2638 and entering the conference ID: 185 167 674# or joining via video conference by going to https://bit.ly/44GRnGL via the internet at the designated time. Such comments will be made a part of the final record in the proceeding.

While all comments will be given equal consideration and will be made part of the final record of this proceeding, the preferred method of transmittal is via the Board's <u>Public Document Search</u> tool. Search for the docket number listed above, and post by utilizing the "Post Comments" button. Emailed comments may also be filed with the Secretary of the Board, in pdf or Word format, to <u>board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov</u>. Written comments may also be submitted to the attention of the Honorable Sherri L. Golden, Secretary to the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350, or via email to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov. Persons submitting written comments should include Docket No. WE24030202 in their submissions.

Copies of the petition are available for inspection at the offices of NJAWC located at 1 Water Street, Camden, New Jersey 08102, or on NJAWC's website at www.newjerseyamwater.com. Copies may also be obtained by calling NJAWC at 856-955-4001. Further information and copies of the petition may also be obtained at the Board's Offices located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, Trenton, NJ 08625. Any members of the public who wish to inspect the petition at the Board should contact the Board's Division of Case Management at 609-292-0806 or board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

A copy of this Notice is being served upon the Clerk of the Borough of Manville.

In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for special accommodation at least 72 hours prior to the hearing to NJAWC at 856-955-4001.

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