NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

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

BPU DOCKET NO. WE24090674

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on September 9, 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, N.J.S.A. 48:19-17, N.J.S.A. 48:19-20, and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.5, and such other regulations and statutes as may be deemed applicable and appropriate, to approve a municipal consent ordinance ("Ordinance 2024-06") granted to NJAWC ("Petition") by the Township of Hillsborough ("Township").

The Township adopted Ordinance 2024-06 on June 11, 2024, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-11 to 15, and N.J.S.A. 48:13-11, thereby granting municipal consent to NJAWC to construct, lay, maintain and operate the necessary wastewater mains, pipes and appurtenances in a portion of the Township to provide wastewater collection services to that portion of the Township formerly served by the Borough of Manville.

NO INCREASE IN RATES WILL RESULT FROM THE PETITION.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a virtual public hearing on the Petition has been scheduled for January 7, 2025 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 joining via video conference at the designated date and time using the following link or dial-in number:

Date: January 7, 2025

<u>Time:</u> 10:00 am

Link: https://bit.ly/3Vjkvyc

<u>Dial-In Number:</u> 1-862-294-2638 <u>Meeting ID:</u> 273 159 102#

Representatives from NJAWC, Board Staff, and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearing. 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 in this 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 date and time 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 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 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:

Sherri L. Golden, Secretary of the Board 44 South Clinton Ave., 1st Floor PO Box 350 Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

Email: board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov

A copy of this Notice is being served upon the Clerk of the Township of Hillsborough. 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.

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By: Mark McDonough, President