

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT CHARGE BPU Docket No. WR24030187

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on March 18, 2024, New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. (“Company”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”), seeking approval of a Foundational Filing to implement a Distribution System Improvement Charge (“DSIC”), pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:9-10.1 et seq. (“Petition”). A DSIC is a rate recovery mechanism to encourage and support accelerated rehabilitation and replacement of certain non-revenue producing, critical water distribution components. Such projects include main replacement and renewal, structural and non-structural main cleaning and lining projects, and the renewal of valves, hydrants and service connections. Its purpose is to enhance safety, reliability, water quality, systems flows and pressure, and/or conservation. A DSIC rate is interim, until the subsequent base rate case, and subject to refund.

Any rate adjustments with resulting changes in bill impacts found by the Board to be just and reasonable as the result of the 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.

The maximum proposed monthly DSIC rates contained in the Petition are outlined in the table below. The average customer has a 5/8-inch meter and will be subjected to a maximum monthly DSIC surcharge of \$5.05 under the Company’s proposed rates. The maximum revenues will be set in the Company’s currently pending base rate case, BPU Docket No. WR24010056 and the current Purchased Water Adjustment Clause, BPU Docket No. WR231110791.

PROPOSED DSIC SURCHARGE RATES BASED ON METER SIZE

General Metered Service		
<u>Maximum Monthly DSIC Surcharge:</u>		
<u>Size of Meter</u>	<u>5/8” Equivalent*</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
5/8	1.0	\$5.05
3/4	1.5	7.58
1	2.5	12.63
1-1/2	5.0	25.25
2	8.0	40.40
3	15.0	75.76
4	25.0	126.26
6	50.0	252.52
8	80.0	404.04
10	100.0	505.05
12	125.0	631.31
16	200.0	1,010.09

*Based on American Water Works Association flow rates. A 5/8” meter is equivalent to one unit, whereas a 1-inch meter is equivalent to 2.5 units based on the amount of water that will flow through the meter size.

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: July 16, 2024
Times: 4:30 and 5:30 pm
Link: <https://bit.ly/3zAqb3J>
Dial-In Number: 1-862-294-2638
Phone Conference ID: 364 814 248#

The virtual public comment hearings will be presided over by a hearing officer designated by the Board. 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 or (609) 913-6241.

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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