NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON 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 TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY

BPU DOCKET NO. WE23110867

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on November 29, 2023, New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. ("NJAWC") filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") pursuant to pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-14, N.J.S.A. 48:19-17 and 48:19-20 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.5, and such other applicable regulations and statutes ("Petition"), to approve a municipal consent ordinance ("Ordinance 2023-09") granted to NJAWC by the Township of Washington ("Township").

The Township adopted Ordinance 2023-09 on April 19, 2023, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-11 to 15 and N.J.S.A. 48:13-11, granting municipal consent to NJAWC to construct, lay, maintain, and operate the necessary wastewater mains and pipes and to extend, operate, and maintain wastewater collection and treatment facilities to expand the Company's existing franchise in Washington Township.

NO INCREASE IN RATES WILL RESULT FROM THE PETITION. If the Petition is approved, the rates to be charged for wastewater service will be the same as the rates paid by current customers in Washington Township pursuant to NJAWC Tariff, Rate Schedule 6-A including a fixed monthly charge of \$50.00, and a volumetric rate of \$7.60 per 1,000 gallons.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a virtual public hearing on the Petition has been scheduled for **May** __ **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: May 21, 2024 **Time:** 10:00 am

 Link:
 https://bit.ly/49Mrjol

 Dial-In Number:
 1-862-294-2638

 Meeting ID:
 129 185 942#

IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE FULL PARTICIPATION IN THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE SUBMIT ANY REQUESTS FOR NEEDED ACCOMMODATIONS, INCLUDING INTERPRETERS OR MOBILITY ASSISTANCE, TO THE COMPANY 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THIS HEARING TO DENISE FREE, SENIOR DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, NEW

JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. AT (856) 955-4874 or DENISE.FREE@AMWATER.COM.

Any comments will be made a part of the final record in the proceeding.

Representatives from the Company, 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 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 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 Washington. 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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