



Agenda Date: 9/4/24
Agenda Item: 5F

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor
Post Office Box 350
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350
www.nj.gov/bpu/

WATER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW)	ORDER APPROVING
JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC.)	STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT
FOR AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT A)	
WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT)	DOCKET NO. WR24030203
CHARGE)	

Parties of Record:

Christopher M. Arfaa, Esq., Director, Corporate Counsel, New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc.

Brian Lipman, Esq., Director, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel

BY THE BOARD:¹

On March 27, 2024, New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. ("NJAWC" or "Company"), a public utility corporation of the State of New Jersey, filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:9-11.1 et seq., for approval to implement a Wastewater System Improvement Charge ("WSIC") for the renewal of wastewater system assets for the period of 2024 through 2027 ("Foundational Filing"). By this Order, the Board considers a Stipulation of Settlement ("Stipulation") executed by NJAWC and Board Staff ("Staff") (collectively, "Stipulating Parties") resolving all issues in controversy in this matter.

BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

NJAWC is engaged in the production, treatment and distribution of water and collection of wastewater within its defined service territory within the State of New Jersey. Said service territory includes portions of the following counties: Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Essex, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, Union, and Warren. As of December 31, 2023, the Company provides service to approximately 668,000 water and fire service customers and 64,200 wastewater service customers.

In support of the Foundational Filing, NJAWC submitted an engineering evaluation report of NJAWC's sewer system, which the Company asserted: 1) identifies the rationale for the work

¹ Commissioner Michael Bange is recused from this matter due to a potential conflict of interest and, as such, took no part in discussions or deliberations on this matter.

needed to properly sustain its wastewater infrastructure; 2) demonstrates that the proposed plan is the most cost-effective plan; 3) identifies what mechanisms are causing wastewater infrastructure failures, to the extent that such elements are failing; and 4) identifies what is being done to extend the life of NJAWC's wastewater infrastructure assets.

As part of the Foundational Filing, the Company submitted Appendix A, which is a list of WSIC-eligible projects. Through discovery, the Company indicated that many of these projects are subject to change based on local conditions and budget limitations. Additionally, the Company represented that it would continue to mitigate infiltration and inflow issues particularly during prolonged wet periods and coastal storms on its wastewater infrastructure system within its service territory.

Based upon the requests in the Foundational Filing, the proposed rates would increase annual revenues in increments occurring at six (6) -month intervals \$3,105,041, or five percent (5%) of NJAWC's total wastewater revenues as established in its most recent base rate decision, the maximum WSIC revenue allowable under N.J.A.C. 14:9-11 et seq., over the time covered by the Company's Foundational Filing.

After proper notice to the general public in newspapers of general circulation in the Company's service territory, two (2) virtual public hearings were held on July 16, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., presided over by a hearing officer of the Board. No members of the public participated and the Board received no written comments.

STIPULATION

Following a complete review of the Foundational Filing and discussions among all parties, the Stipulating Parties executed the Stipulation, which provides for the following:²

1. Contemporaneously with the settlement of this matter, NJAWC settled its full base rate case in BPU Docket No. WR24010056, OAL Docket No. PUC 02409-2024S.
3. The Stipulating Parties agree that the first WSIC recovery period will commence beginning on September 15, 2024 through March 31, 2025.
5. The Stipulating Parties agree that NJAWC's second WSIC Foundational Filing, including Appendix A – Project List attached to the Stipulation as Attachment A, satisfies the requirements of N.J.A.C. 14:9-11.4(b).
6. The Stipulating Parties agree that the projects listed in Attachment A of the Stipulation that begin after the test year in NJAWC's last base rate case (June 30, 2024) have been reviewed and are WSIC-eligible projects within the scope and meaning of the definition set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:9-11.2 and N.J.A.C. 14:9-11.3(a) and are eligible to be included in NJAWC's semi-annual WSIC filings pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:9-11.5.
7. The Stipulating Parties agree that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:9-11.5(a)(1), NJAWC may include in its semi-annual WSIC filings for recovery under this Foundational Filing any and all projects approved and carried over from a prior WSIC period.

² Although summarized in this Order, should there be any conflict between this summary and the Stipulation, the terms of the Stipulation control, subject to the findings and conclusions in this Order. Paragraphs are numbered to coincide with the Stipulation.

8. The Stipulating Parties agree that the revenue requirement associated with the actual costs of the approved projects listed in Attachment A of the Stipulation shall be recovered through future “WSIC filings” made during the “WSIC period” as those terms are defined in N.J.A.C. 14:9-11.2 at intervals and in a manner consistent with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 14:9-11.5.
9. The Stipulating Parties agree that the annual “base spending” as defined in N.J.A.C. 14:9-11.2 is \$1,711,983, based on the information filed in the Company’s most recent report to the Board at the time the Foundational Filing was submitted (the 2022 Annual Report).
10. The Stipulating Parties agree that the maximum amount of annual WSIC revenue that may be collected by NJAWC is \$3,105,041, which is 5% of the total sum of wastewater revenues set in the Company’s base rate case at BPU Docket No. WR24010056 and OAL Docket No. PUC 02409-2024S and the purchased wastewater treatment revenues in effect on April 1, 2024 at BPU Docket No. WR23110791. The average customer has a 5/8-inch meter which will be subject to a monthly WSIC surcharge of \$3.95³ per month at the maximum amount of annual revenue authorized.

On August 21, 2024, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (“Rate Counsel”) filed a letter with the Board noting that it does not object to a Board grant of approval of the Company’s Foundational Filing.

DISCUSSIONS AND FINDINGS

Based upon the information presented in the Foundational Filing and agreed to in the Stipulation, the Board **HEREBY FINDS** that the Company’s maximum amount of annual WSIC revenues that may be collected is \$3,105,041, or no more than five percent (5%) of the Company’s total wastewater revenue established in the Company’s most recent base rate case.⁴ The Company will implement the WSIC surcharge if, and when, it achieves specific levels of infrastructure investment and completes and places the facilities into service as required by N.J.A.C. 14:9-11.1 et seq. As an example, an average residential customer with a 5/8-inch meter may be subjected to a maximum monthly WSIC surcharge of \$3.95. These proposed rates are estimates and may change.

The Board **HEREBY ORDERS** that, in accordance with N.J.A.C 14:9-11.5(b), the Company shall make WSIC filings on semi-annual basis, commencing approximately six (6) months after the effective date of the Foundational Filing. The Company must submit its semi-annual WSIC filings within fifteen (15) days of the end of the WSIC recovery period. WSIC filings shall be reviewed by Staff and Rate Counsel. The Company may recover the interim surcharge associated with the WSIC-eligible projects closed during the WSIC recovery period, subject to refund at the Board’s discretion. It is **FURTHER ORDERED** that, in accordance with N.J.A.C 14:9-11.4(e), if NJAWC has not filed a petition in accordance with the Board’s rules for the setting of its base rates within three years after the effective date of a Foundational Filing, all interim charges collected under the WSIC rate shall be deemed an over-recovery, and shall be credited to customers in

³ The maximum monthly surcharge is an approximate number only and may be higher or lower depending on many factors, including but not limited to changes in the number of customers served by the Company.

⁴ In re the Petition of New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. for Approval of Increased Tariff Rates and Charges for Water and Wastewater Service, Change in Depreciation Rates, and Other Tariff Modifications, BPU Docket No. WR24010056, Order dated September 4, 2024.

accordance with this subchapter. Thus, the Company's WSIC surcharge is interim, subject to refund, and shall not exceed the annual maximum revenue requirement of \$3,105,041 as set forth in this Order.

The Board **FURTHER ORDERS** that NJAWC shall provide written notice to the parties to this proceeding when a project is removed from the list of WSIC-eligible projects, which is attached to the Stipulation as Exhibit A and identified as Appendix A.

Accordingly, having reviewed the record in this matter, the Board **HEREBY FINDS** that the Stipulating Parties have voluntarily agreed to the Stipulation, and the Stipulation fully disposes of all issues in this proceeding and is consistent with the law. The Board **FURTHER FINDS** the Stipulation to be reasonable, in the public interest, and in accordance with the law. Accordingly, the Board **HEREBY ADOPTS** the Stipulation, including attachments and schedules, as its own, incorporating by reference the terms and conditions of the Stipulation, as if they were fully set forth at the length herein subject to the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:9-10.1 et seq., and the conditions set forth in this Order.

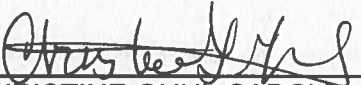
Based upon the foregoing, the Board **HEREBY APPROVES** the Foundational Filing and **ORDERS** that the Company may implement a WSIC, subject to this Order and NJAWC's ongoing compliance with the WSIC regulations, as well conformity of the base spending requirements and semi-annual true-up submissions.

The Company's rates remain subject to audit by the Board. This Order shall not preclude the Board from taking any actions deemed to be appropriate as a result of any Board audit.

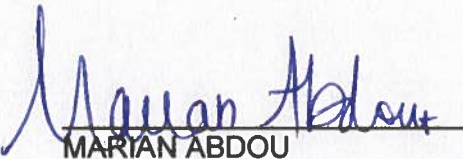
This Order shall be effective on September 11, 2024.

DATED: September 4, 2024

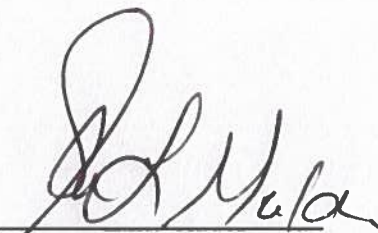
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
BY:


CHRISTINE GUHL-SADOVY
PRESIDENT


DR. ZENON CHRISTODOULOU
COMMISSIONER


MARIAN ABDOU
COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


SHERRI L. GOLDEN
SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within
document is a true copy of the original
in the files of the Board of Public Utilities.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR
AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT A WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT CHARGE

DOCKET NO. WR24030203

SERVICE LIST

New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc.

One Water Street
Camden, NJ 08102

Stephen R. Bishop, Esq.
V.P. Managing General Counsel & Secretary
stephen.bishop@amwater.com

Jamie Hawn, Director Rates & Regulatory
john.tomac@amwater.com

Donna L. Carney, Principal Paralegal
donna.carney@amwater.com

Division of Rate Counsel
140 East Front Street, 4th Floor
Trenton, NJ 08625-0003

Brian Lipman, Esq., Director
blipman@rpa.nj.gov

Susan McClure, Esq.
smcclure@rpa.nj.gov

Christine Juarez, Esq.
cjuarez@rpa.nj.gov

Emily Lam, Esq.
elam@rpa.nj.gov

Felecia, Jackson-Rodgers
frodgers@rpa.nj.gov

Board of Public Utilities

44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor
Post Office Box 350
Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

Sherri L. Golden, Board Secretary
board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov

Stacy Peterson, Deputy Executive Director
stacy.peterson@bpu.nj.gov

Division of Engineering

Dean Taklif, Director
Dean.taklif@bpu.nj.gov

Rupal Patel
rupal.patel@bpu.nj.gov

Counsel's Office

Carol Artale, Deputy General Counsel
carol.artale@bpu.nj.gov

Kit Burnette, Regulatory Officer
kit.burnette@bpu.nj.gov

Michael Hunter, Regulatory Officer
michael.hunter@bpu.nj.gov

Division of Law

R.J. Hughes Justice Complex, 7th Floor
25 Market Street, P.O. Box 112
Trenton, N.J. 08625

Pamela L. Owen, Assistant Section Chief, DAG
pamela.owen@law.njoag.gov

Meliha Arnautovic, DAG
meliha.arnautovic@law.njoag.gov

Terel Klein, DAG
terel.klein@law.njoag.gov

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION : STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT
OF NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER :
COMPANY, INC. FOR :
AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT A : BPU DOCKET NO. WR24030203
WASTEWATER SYSTEM :
IMPROVEMENT CHARGE :**

APPEARANCES:

Christopher M. Arfaa, Esq., Senior Director, Corporate Counsel, New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc.

Meliha Arnautovic, Esq., Deputy Attorney General for Staff of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (**Matthew J. Platkin**, Attorney General of the State of New Jersey)

Susan E. McClure, Esq., Deputy Rate Counsel, and **Christine Juarez, Esq.**, Assistant Deputy Rate Counsel, for the Division of Rate Counsel (**Brian Lipman, Esq.**, Director)

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

BACKGROUND

On March 27, 2024, New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. (“NJAWC” or “Company”), a public utility of the State of New Jersey, filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:9-11.1 et seq., and such statutes, regulations, and Board Orders that may be deemed by the Board to be applicable, for approval of its Foundational Filing to enable the implementation of a Wastewater System Improvement Charge (“WSIC”) for the renewal of wastewater system assets for the period of 2024 through 2027 (“Petition”).

NJAWC is engaged in the production, treatment and distribution of water and collection of wastewater within its defined service territory within the State of New Jersey. Said service territory includes portions of the following counties: Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Essex, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic,

Salem, Somerset, Union, and Warren. NJAWC currently serves approximately 668,000 water and fire service customers and 64,200 wastewater service customers throughout the state. NJAWC is a wastewater utility within the meaning of N.J.A.C. 14:9-11.2 and 14:9-1.2 and provides wastewater services in the following counties: Atlantic (1 system), Bergen (1 system), Burlington (2 systems), Camden (2 systems), Cape May (2 systems), Gloucester (1 system), Hunterdon (7 systems), Monmouth (2 systems), Morris (5 systems), Ocean (2 systems), Somerset (1 system), and Warren (2 systems).

In BPU Docket No. WX19050614, the Board approved the WSIC framework, which was published in the New Jersey Register on December 7, 2020, and effective on that date. The WSIC rules were subsequently adopted at N.J.A.C. 14:9-11.1 et seq. The rules set forth the conditions and procedures pursuant to which regulated wastewater utilities may seek recovery of WSIC-eligible capital investments through monthly surcharges, set semi-annually, on customer bills.

In support of its Petition, NJAWC submitted a Foundational Filing, consisting of the following information required by N.J.A.C. 14:9-11.4:

- a) An engineering evaluation report of NJAWC's sewer system that:
 - i. Identifies the rationale for the work needed to be accelerated for NJAWC to properly sustain its wastewater infrastructure;
 - ii. Demonstrates that the plan proposed to accelerate the renewal of the wastewater infrastructure is the most cost-effective plan;
 - iii. To the extent that elements of the wastewater infrastructure are failing, identifies what mechanisms are causing the failures; and
 - iv. Identifies what is being done to extend the life of NJAWC's wastewater infrastructure assets.

- b) The following WSIC project information for the upcoming WSIC period:
 - i. A list of projects with project identification numbers, WSIC-eligible asset class or category, and estimated project costs;
 - ii. The nature, location, estimated duration of project work (including estimated in-service dates) and a description and reason for project necessity;
 - iii. Aggregate information capturing blanket type WSIC-eligible infrastructure to be rehabilitated or replaced (e.g., service laterals, manholes, etc.) and the estimated annual cost of such blanket type replacement programs;
 - iv. Vintage, condition, and other similar relevant, reasonably available information about the eligible infrastructure being rehabilitated or replaced; and
 - v. Other such relevant and appropriate information to assist in making an informed decision regarding any given project.
- c) The expected amount of NJAWC's base spending, including underlying detail documenting that the base spending has been made on the appropriate types of infrastructure; a proposed WSIC assessment, calculated in accordance with subsection N.J.A.C. 14:9-11.9; and work papers showing the detailed calculations supporting the proposed assessment schedule.

After proper public notice in newspapers of general circulation within the Company's service territory, posting of notice on the Company's website, and after service of notice upon affected municipalities and counties within NJAWC's service territory, two (2) virtual public

hearings were held on July 16, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., presided over by a hearing officer of the Board. No members of the public provided comments at either hearing.

NJAWC, Board Staff, and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (“Rate Counsel”) engaged in discovery and comprehensive settlement discussions were held. As a result of these discussions, Board Staff and NJAWC (collectively, “Stipulating Parties”) reached this stipulation of settlement (“Stipulation”) resolving all issues in this proceeding subject to the terms and conditions stated herein. It is the Stipulating Parties’ understanding that Rate Counsel will be submitting a letter of no objection to this Settlement.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

1. Contemporaneously with the settlement of this matter, NJAWC settled its full base rate case in BPU Docket No. WR24010056, OAL Docket No. PUC 02409-2024S.

2. The Stipulating Parties agree that they will use their best efforts to ensure that this Stipulation is presented to the Board for approval at its September 4, 2024 public agenda meeting and that should the Board Order approve this Stipulation, the previous WSIC rate approved in BPU Docket No. WR21060917 will be reset to zero.

3. The Stipulating Parties agree that the first WSIC recovery period will commence beginning on September 15, 2024 through March 31, 2025.

4. The Stipulating Parties agree that service of the Board’s Order approving this Stipulation shall be in accordance with N.J.S.A. 48:2-40.

5. The Stipulating Parties agree that NJAWC’s second WSIC Foundational Filing, including Appendix A – Project List attached to this Stipulation as Attachment A, satisfies the requirements of N.J.A.C. 14:9-11.4(b).

6. The Stipulating Parties agree that the projects listed in Attachment A that begin after the test year in NJAWC’s last base rate case (June 30, 2024) have been reviewed and are

WSIC-eligible projects within the scope and meaning of the definition set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:9-11.2 and N.J.A.C. 14:9-11.3(a) and are eligible to be included in NJAWC's semi-annual WSIC filings pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:9-11.5.

7. The Stipulating Parties agree that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:9-11.5(a)(1), NJAWC may include in its semi-annual WSIC filings for recovery under this Foundational Filing any and all projects approved and carried over from a prior WSIC period.

8. The Stipulating Parties agree that the revenue requirement associated with the actual costs of the approved projects listed in Attachment A shall be recovered through future "WSIC filings" made during the "WSIC period" as those terms are defined in N.J.A.C. 14:9-11.2 at intervals and in a manner consistent with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 14:9-11.5.

9. The Stipulating Parties agree that the annual "base spending" as defined in N.J.A.C. 14:9-11.2 is \$1,711,983, based on the information filed in the Company's most recent report to the Board at the time the Foundational Filing was submitted (the 2022 Annual Report).

10. The Stipulating Parties agree that the maximum amount of annual WSIC revenue that may be collected by NJAWC is \$3,105,041, which is 5% of the total sum of wastewater revenues set in the Company's base rate case at BPU Docket No. WR24010056 and OAL Docket No. PUC 02409-2024S and the purchased wastewater treatment revenues in effect on April 1, 2024 at BPU Docket No. WR23110791. The average customer has a 5/8-inch meter which will be subject to a monthly WSIC surcharge of \$3.95¹ per month at the maximum amount of annual revenue authorized.

11. This Stipulation shall be binding on the Stipulating Parties to this proceeding upon approval hereof by the Board. This Stipulation shall bind the Stipulating Parties in this matter only

¹ The maximum monthly surcharge is an approximate number only and may be higher or lower depending on many factors, including but not limited to changes in the number of customers served by the Company.

and shall not be considered precedent in any other proceeding involving the Stipulating Parties hereto.


12. This Stipulation contains terms, each of which is interdependent with the others and essential in its own right to the signing of this Stipulation. Each term is vital to the agreement as a whole, since the Stipulating Parties individually and jointly state that they would not have signed the Stipulation had any term been modified in any way. In the event that any modifications whatsoever are made to this Stipulation, each of the Stipulating Parties hereto is entitled to certain procedures in the event of such occurrence.

13. If any modification is made to the terms of this Stipulation, the Stipulating Parties must be given the right to be placed in the position in which each Stipulating Party was before this Stipulation was executed. It is essential that each party be given the option either to modify its own position, to accept the proposed change(s) or to resume the proceeding as if no agreement had been reached.

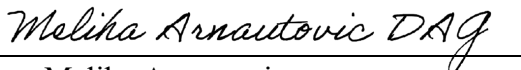
14. The Stipulating Parties believe that these procedures are fair to all concerned and, therefore, they are made an integral and essential element of this Stipulation.

15. This Stipulation may be executed in as many counterparts as there are signatories to this Stipulation, each of which counterpart shall be an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC.

By: 
Christopher M. Arfaa
Senior Director, Corporate Counsel

MATTHEW J. PLATKIN
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NEW JERSEY
Attorney for the Staff of the Board of Public Utilities

By: 
Meliha Arnautovic
Deputy Attorney General

Dated: August 21, 2024

Id	Municipality	Project Title	NJAWC Funded (dollars)	Project Type	Prop. Length (feet)	Prop. Dia. (Inches)	Proposed Pipe Material	Ex. Dia. (Inches)	Existing Pipe Material	Decade Installed	Accelerated Asset Investment Category	Est Project Duration (Days)	Estimated In Service Quarter
11319	BOUND BROOK BOROUGH	Talmage Avenue	\$1,000,000	Replace	530	10	PVC	8	VCP	UNK	Safety and Reliability	60	2024Q4
11372	EGG HARBOR CITY	10th Terrace (Campe Street to Beethoven Street)	\$508,000	Replace	1,270	8	PVC	8	VCP	1940	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2026Q4
11373	EGG HARBOR CITY	11th Terrace (Campe Street to Beethoven Street)	\$640,000	Replace	1,600	8	PVC	8	VCP	1940	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2026Q4
11374	EGG HARBOR CITY	12th Terrace (Campe St to Beethoven St), Buerger St (12th Terr to 14th Terr) & 13th Terrace	\$1,052,000	Replace	2,630	8	PVC	8	VCP	1940	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2026Q4
11368	EGG HARBOR CITY	5th Terrace from Diesterweg Street to Buerger Street	\$832,500	Replace	1,860	8	PVC	8	VCP	1940	Safety and Reliability/Structural	75	2024Q4
11367	EGG HARBOR CITY	6th Terrace (Claudius Street to Buerger Street)	\$567,000	Replace	1,260	8	PVC	8	VCP	1940	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2024Q4
11363	EGG HARBOR CITY	8th Terrace from Claudius St to Beethoven St - Sewer Main	\$900,000	Replace	2,000	16	PVC	8	VCP	1940	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2024Q4
11371	EGG HARBOR CITY	9th Terrace (Campe Street to Beethoven Street)	\$500,800	Replace	1,270	8	PVC	8	VCP	1940	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2026Q4
11366	EGG HARBOR CITY	Beethoven St (8th Terr to 5th Terr), 5th Terrace (Beethoven to Arago St), Arago St (5th Terr to 3rd Terr)	\$1,115,000	Replace	2,700	16	PVC	10	VCP	1940	Safety and Reliability/Structural	120	2025Q4
11365	EGG HARBOR CITY	Beethoven Street from 8th Terrace to 12th Terrace	\$947,000	Replace	1,660	16	PVC	10	VCP	1940	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2024Q4
11375	EGG HARBOR CITY	Claudius St (8th Terr to 10th Terr), 9th and 10th Terr (Claudius St to Campe St)	\$800,000	Replace	2,000	8	PVC	8	VCp	1940	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2025Q4
11376	EGG HARBOR CITY	Diesterweg Street (Chicago Ave to 10th Terr), 9th & 10th Terr & Saint Louis Ave	\$760,000	Replace	1,900	8	PVC	8	VCP	1940	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2025Q4
11369	EGG HARBOR CITY	Liverpool Ave (Claudius St to Campe St), Campe Street (Liverpool to 3rd Terr), 4th Terrace (Claudius to Buerger)	\$1,075,000	Replace	2,500	12	PVC	10	Brick	1940	Safety and Reliability/Structural	95	2025Q4
11370	EGG HARBOR CITY	London Ave and 3rd Terrace (Campe St to Buerger St), Buerger Street (1st Terr to London Ave)	\$920,000	Replace	2,300	8	PVC	8	VCP	1940	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2025Q4
11228	HADDONFIELD	Elm - Woodland - N. Atlantic	\$250,000	Replace	1,026	8	PVC	8	VCP	1930	Safety and Reliability	60	2027Q4
11217	HADDONFIELD	Haddonfield - Homestead Avenue & Barberry Lane	\$525,000	Replace	1,500	8	PVC	8	VCP	1940	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2027Q4
11219	HADDONFIELD	Haddonfield - Patco	\$143,500	Replace	410	8	PVC	8	VCP	1930	Safety and Reliability/Structural	30	2027Q4
11218	HADDONFIELD	Haddonfield - Westmont Avenue	\$245,000	Replace	700	8	PVC	8	VCP	1930	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2027Q4
11136	LAKEWOOD	11th Ave & Clifton Ave from Madison Ave to Clifton Ave	\$308,440	Replace	701	8	PVC	8	VCP	1939	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2024Q4
11176	LAKEWOOD	12th St from Monmouth Ave to Squankum Rd	\$598,400	Replace	1,360	8	PVC	8	VCP	1949/1954	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2026Q4
11194	LAKEWOOD	12th St Sewer from Clifton to Monmouth	\$386,320	Replace	878	8	PVC	8	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2024Q4
11145	LAKEWOOD	1st St from Madison Ave to Monmouth Ave	\$641,080	Replace	1,457	8	PVC	8	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2025Q4
11166	LAKEWOOD	2nd St from Madison Ave to Monmouth Ave	\$704,440	Replace	1,601	8	PVC	8	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2026Q4
11167	LAKEWOOD	3rd St from Madison Ave to Monmouth Ave	\$700,040	Replace	1,591	8	PVC	8	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2026Q4
11168	LAKEWOOD	4th St from Madison Ave to Princeton Ave	\$1,056,440	Replace	2,401	8	PVC	8	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2026Q4
11170	LAKEWOOD	5th St from Madison Ave to Marys Lane	\$1,166,440	Replace	2,651	8	PVC	8	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2026Q4
10832	LAKEWOOD	5th St from R19 to Lexington Ave	\$500,000	Replace	1,135	8	PVC	8	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2024Q4
11171	LAKEWOOD	6th St from Madison Ave to Marys Lane	\$1,238,160	Replace	2,814	8	PVC	8	VCP/UNK/PVC	1970	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2026Q4
11172	LAKEWOOD	7th St from Madison Ave to Marys Lane	\$1,359,160	Replace	3,089	8	PVC	12/10/8	VCP/UNK/PVC	1970	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2026Q4
11174	LAKEWOOD	8th St from Princeton Ave to terminus	\$451,440	Replace	1,026	8	PVC	8	PVC/VCP	1970	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2026Q4
10834	LAKEWOOD	8th St from R19 to Clifton Ave	\$244,000	Replace	555	8	PVC	8	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2024Q4
11137	LAKEWOOD	Caranetta Drive from Harrison Place to Kimball Road	\$257,840	Replace	586	8	PVC	8/36	PVC	2020	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2024Q4
11177	LAKEWOOD	Carey St from Clifton Ave to Monmouth Ave	\$451,440	Replace	1,026	8	PVC	8	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2026Q4
11175	LAKEWOOD	Carey St from Monmouth Ave to Squankum Rd	\$508,200	Replace	1,155	8	PVC	8	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2026Q4
11178	LAKEWOOD	Clifton Ave from 12th St to 6th St	\$1,082,840	Replace	2,461	8	PVC	8/10	PVC/VCP	1970	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2026Q4
11169	LAKEWOOD	Clifton Ave from 5th St to Main St	\$819,280	Replace	1,862	8	PVC	8	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2026Q4
11164	LAKEWOOD	Congress St from Woehr St to Bruce St	\$146,960	Replace	334	8	PVC	8	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	30	2025Q4
11163	LAKEWOOD	Cottage Pl/Pearl St from E 4th St to Ocean Ave	\$623,920	Replace	1,418	8	PVC	8	PVC/VCP	1949/1989	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2025Q4
11181	LAKEWOOD	Davis Road from Central Ave to S Lake Dr	\$177,760	Replace	404	8	PVC	8	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	30	2027Q4
11162	LAKEWOOD	E 4th St from Windsor Ct to Negba St	\$523,160	Replace	1,189	8	PVC	8	PVC/VCP	1949/1989	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2025Q4
10833	LAKEWOOD	E 5th St from Ridge 4th St to Manetta Ave	\$537,000	Replace	1,220	10	PVC	8	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2024Q4
11159	LAKEWOOD	E 5th St from Ridge 4th St to Manetta Ave	\$551,320	Replace	1,253	8	PVC	8	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2025Q4
11158	LAKEWOOD	E 5th St to School St to Clover St to Bergen St (circled roads)	\$669,240	Replace	1,521	8	PVC	8	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2025Q4
11144	LAKEWOOD	E County Line Rd (CR526) from Madison Ave to Princeton Ave	\$1,531,200	Replace	2,320	8	PVC	8	AC	1970	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2024Q4
7136	LAKEWOOD	Hackett St Sewer (MLK 562 to Ridge)	\$65,000	Replace	325	8	PVC	8	PVC	1980	Safety and Reliability/Structural	30	2025Q4
11155	LAKEWOOD	Harvard St from Apple St to Park Pl	\$430,760	Replace	979	8	PVC	8	AC	1970	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2025Q4
11211	LAKEWOOD	Hudson St sewer from MLK845 to Washington PL	\$96,800	Rehab	220	8	Other	8	AC	1970	Safety and Reliability/Structural	30	2024Q4
11179	LAKEWOOD	Lexington Ave from 6th St to Main St	\$886,600	Replace	2,015	8	PVC	8	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2027Q4
7388	LAKEWOOD	Lexington Ave from 9th st to 10th st	\$100,000	Replace	365	10	PVC	8	PVC	1989	Safety and Reliability	30	2026Q4
11134	LAKEWOOD	Lexington Ave from Hudson St to 7th St	\$1,111,000	Replace	2,525	8	PVC	8	VCP/AC	1939	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2024Q4
11149	LAKEWOOD	Liden Ave from Somerset Ave to Ocean Ave	\$440,880	Replace	1,002	8	PVC	8	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2025Q4
10831	LAKEWOOD	Main St from Clifton Ave to Lexington Ave	\$952,000	Replace	680	10	PVC	10	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2024Q4
10830	LAKEWOOD	Main St from Clifton Ave to Terminus	\$427,000	Replace	305	8	PVC	8/10	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	30	2024Q4
11180	LAKEWOOD	Monmouth Ave from 12th St to 2nd St	\$1,734,920	Replace	3,943	8	PVC	8/10/12	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2027Q4
11212	LAKEWOOD	Myrtle Pl sewer from Valley Dr to S Lake Dr	\$178,200	Replace	405	12	PVC	8	VCP/AC	1950	Safety and Reliability/Structural	30	2024Q4
11160	LAKEWOOD	Negba St from Ridge Ave to E 4th Ave	\$343,640	Replace	781	8	PVC	8	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2025Q4
11143	LAKEWOOD	North Lake Drive from Lakewood Ave to South Clifton Ave	\$1,716,000	Replace	3,900	12	PVC	12	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2024Q4
11146	LAKEWOOD	Ocean Ave from Linden Ave to Clover St	\$532,400	Replace	1,210	8	PVC	8	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2024Q4
11157	LAKEWOOD	Ocean Ave/Main St from Clover St to Madison Ave	\$1,848,000	Replace	4,200	16	PVC	10/12/15/16	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2025Q4
11165	LAKEWOOD	Park Ave/Maple Ave from Ridge Ave to Hackett St	\$662,640	Replace	1,506	8	PVC	8	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2025Q4
11139	LAKEWOOD	Prospect St & Havenwood Ct from Xst Wood Ave to Havenwood Dead-end	\$708,840	Replace	1,611	12	PVC	8	PVC	1989	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2024Q4
11138	LAKEWOOD	Ridge Ave & Negba St from Park Ave to E 4th St	\$875,600	Replace	1,990	10	PVC	8	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2024Q4
11161	LAKEWOOD	Ridge Ave from E 5th St to Dena Ct	\$686,400	Replace	1,560	8	PVC	8	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2025Q4
11156	LAKEWOOD	Ridge Ave from Somerset Ave to Manetta Ave	\$399,960	Replace	909	8	PVC	8	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2025Q4
11141	LAKEWOOD	River Ave (R19) from Buttell Ave to Henry St	\$165,000	Replace	250	12	PVC	8	PVC	1989	Safety and Reliability/Structural	30	2024Q4
11183	LAKEWOOD	S Lake Dr from Myrtle Pl to Bradshaw Rd	\$828,960	Replace	1,884	8	PVC	8/36	PVC/VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2027Q4
11151	LAKEWOOD	Shafto Ave from E County Line Rd to Squankum Rd	\$371,800	Replace	845	8	PVC	8	PVC/VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2025Q4
11150	LAKEWOOD	Somerset Ave from E 7th Street to E Bergen Ave	\$1,604,240	Replace	3,646	8	PVC	8	VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2025Q4
11142	LAKEWOOD	South Lake Dr from Myrtle Pl to Bradshaw Rd	\$883,520	Replace	2,008	12	PVC	8/36	PVC/VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2024Q4
11135	LAKEWOOD	Squankum Road from East County Line Road to Princeton Ave	\$937,200	Replace	2,130	8	PVC	8	PVC/AC	1970	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2024Q4
11182	LAKEWOOD	Sunset Road from Central Ave to S Lake Dr	\$328,680	Replace	747	8	PVC	8	PVC/VCP	1949	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2027Q4
11213	MT EPHRAIM	Mount Ephraim - 2nd & 3rd Avenue	\$972,000	Replace	2,775	8	PVC	8	VCP	1940	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2027Q4
11184	MT EPHRAIM	Mount Ephraim - East Kings Highway	\$5,000,000	Replace	1,720	8	PVC	8	VCP	1920	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2027Q4
11215	MT EPHRAIM	Mount Ephraim - Linden Avenue	\$280,000	Replace	800	8	PVC	8	VCP	1940	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2027Q4
11214	MT EPHRAIM	Mount Ephraim - Lowell Avenue & Bell Road	\$623,000	Replace	1,780	8	PVC	8	VCP	1940	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2027Q4
11216	MT EPHRAIM	Mount Ephraim - Valley Road - Kings Highway	\$840,000	Replace	2,400	8	PVC	8	VCP	1940	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2027Q4

Id	Municipality	Project Title	NJAWC Funded (dollars)	Project Type	Prop. Length (feet)	Prop. Dia. (inches)	Proposed Pipe Material	Ex. Dia. (inches)	Existing Pipe Material	Decade Installed	Accelerated Asset Investment Category	Est Project Duration (Days)	Estimated In Service Quarter
11185	MT EPHRAIM	Mount Ephraim - West Kings Highway	\$800,000	Replace	2,300	8	PVC	8	VCP	1920	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2027Q4
11096	MT EPHRAIM	Mt. Ephraim - Cleveland / Roosevelt / Jefferson	\$3,000,000	Replace	4,000	8	PVC	8	VCP	1930	Safety and Reliability	60	2027Q4
11312	MT EPHRAIM	Mt. Ephraim - Thompson / Rudderow sewer main crossing	\$1,000,000	Replace	1,000	8	Ductile Iron	8	VCP	1940	Crossing Risk Reduction	60	2027Q4
11261	OCEAN CITY	20th Street (West/Asbury alley to Central/Wesley Alley)	\$300,000	Replace	570	12	PVC	12	VCP	1910	Safety and Reliability/Structural	25	2024Q4
11386	OCEAN CITY	24th Street Sewer (Wesley to West Ave), 23rd to 24th Wesley/Central Alley	\$464,000	Replace	1,160	12	PVC	12	VCP	1940	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2026Q4
11265	OCEAN CITY	28th Street (West/Asbury Alley to Wesley Ave)	\$395,500	Replace	740	12	PVC	12	VCP	1910	Safety and Reliability/Structural	30	2025Q4
11316	OCEAN CITY	300 Block Simpson/Haven Alley	\$276,750	Replace	615	8	PVC	6	PVC	1990	Safety and Reliability/Structural	45	2026Q2
11293	OCEAN CITY	Asbury Road and Central Road between Battersea Road and North Street	\$770,000	Replace	1,400	8	PVC	8	VCP	1910	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2026Q4
11260	OCEAN CITY	Asbury/Central Alley (18th St to 21st Street)	\$930,000	Replace	1,860	8	PVC	6	VCP	1910	Safety and Reliability/Structural	45	2024Q4
11306	OCEAN CITY	Asbury/Central alley from 36th St to 38th Street	\$690,500	Replace	1,120	8	PVC	8	AC	1940	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	>2027
11269	OCEAN CITY	Bayfront/Bay alley (11th St to 12th St)	\$341,000	Replace	620	8	PVC	8	VCP	1910	Safety and Reliability/Structural	40	>2027
11264	OCEAN CITY	Central/Wesley Alley (22nd Street to 23rd Street)	\$300,000	Replace	520	8	PVC	6	VCP	1910	Safety and Reliability/Structural	30	2026Q4
11297	OCEAN CITY	Central/Wesley alley from 16th Street to 19th Street	\$859,000	Replace	1,380	8	PVC	6	VCP	1910	Safety and Reliability/Structural	75	>2027
11298	OCEAN CITY	Central/Wesley alley from 18th St to 20th St	\$473,000	Replace	860	8	PVC	6	VCP	1910	Safety and Reliability/Structural	45	>2027
11292	OCEAN CITY	Crescent Road from W. Inlet Road to Gardens Parkway	\$586,000	Replace	1,080	8	PVC	6	VCP	1910	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	>2027
11291	OCEAN CITY	E. Inlet Road and E. Seaspray Road from Gardens Parkway	\$629,550	Replace	1,400	8	PVC	8	VCP	1910	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	>2027
11290	OCEAN CITY	E. Seabright Road from Wesley Rd to A185	\$396,000	Replace	800	8	PVC	8	VCP	1910	Safety and Reliability/Structural	50	2026Q4
11301	OCEAN CITY	Haven Ave from 22nd St to 23rd St, including 22nd St and Simpson/Haven alley	\$795,000	Replace	1,325	8	PVC	8	AC	1940	Safety and Reliability/Structural	65	2025Q4
11300	OCEAN CITY	Haven/West alley from 21st Street to 23rd Street, including 22nd Street	\$840,000	Replace	1,400	8	PVC	8	AC	1940	Safety and Reliability/Structural	75	2025Q4
11317	OCEAN CITY	Haven/West alley from 2nd St to 5th St and 5th St to West Ave	\$800,000	Replace	1,775	8	PVC	6	VCP	1910	Safety and Reliability/Structural	75	2026Q2
11318	OCEAN CITY	Haven/West Alley from 6th St to 8th St	\$513,000	Replace	1,140	8	PVC	6	VCP	1910	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2026Q4
10837	OCEAN CITY	Moorlyn Terrace from Ocean Ave to Atlantic Ave	\$155,250	Replace	345	8	PVC	8	VCP	1910	Safety and Reliability/Structural	30	>2027
6344	OCEAN CITY	OC Sewer - 12th Street between Pleasure and West (HMM)	\$300,000	New	1,200	8	PVC	8	PVC		Safety and Reliability/Structural	45	>2027
11268	OCEAN CITY	Ocean/Atlantic alley (3rd Street to 5th Street) and 5th St to Ocean Avenue	\$876,500	Replace	1,230	8	PVC	6	VCP	1910	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2027Q4
11295	OCEAN CITY	Ocean/Atlantic alley from 1st St to 2nd St, including 2nd Street from Atlantic to Ocean Avenues	\$491,500	Replace	900	8	PVC	6	VCP	1910	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	>2027
11296	OCEAN CITY	Ocean/Atlantic alley from North Street to 1st Street	\$395,000	Replace	540	8	PVC	6	VCP	1910	Safety and Reliability/Structural	45	>2027
11294	OCEAN CITY	Ocean/Atlantic alley from Pennlyn Place to 3rd Street and Pennlyn Place from Ocean to Atlantic Ave	\$354,200	Replace	660	8	PVC	6	VCP	1910	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	>2027
11289	OCEAN CITY	Pinnacle Road from Battersea Road to Gull Road & Hollytree Road	\$628,200	Replace	1,400	8	PVC	6	VCP	1910	Safety and Reliability	60	2026Q4
11263	OCEAN CITY	Wesley Avenue (18th St to 22nd St), 19th St (Central to Wesley) and 20th St (Central/Wesley alley to Wesley Ave)	\$1,015,000	Replace	2,230	8	PVC	6	VCP	1910	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	2024Q4
11305	OCEAN CITY	Wesley Avenue (Alley) from 34th Street to 36th Street	\$694,000	Replace	1,080	8	PVC	8	VCP	1940	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	>2027
11299	OCEAN CITY	Wesley Avenue from 16th St to 18th St, Wesley/Ocean alley, St. Albans Pl and 17th St from Central/Wesley alley to Boardwalk	\$1,392,000	Replace	2,320	8	PVC	6	VCP	1910	Safety and Reliability/Structural	90	>2027
11267	OCEAN CITY	Wesley/Ocean Alley (7th St MH-C19 to 9th St)	\$595,000	Replace	930	8	PVC	6	VCP	1910	Safety and Reliability/Structural	45	2026Q4
10767	OCEAN CITY	West Ave from 14th Street to 16th Street New Sewer Main	\$650,000	New	1,100	18	PVC	12	PVC		Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	>2027
11266	OCEAN CITY	West/Asbury alley (16th Street to mid-block 17th & 18th St)	\$465,000	Replace	930	8	PVC	8	PVC	1990	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	2026Q4
11304	OCEAN CITY	West/Asbury alley from 35th St to 36th St	\$800,000	Replace	1,200	18	PVC	8	PVC	1940	Safety and Reliability/Structural	60	>2027
11238	TEWKSBURY TWP	Sewer Main Rehab Project 1	\$125,000	Rehab	1,200	8	CIPP	8	ACP	1960	Water Quality	60	2024Q4
11239	TEWKSBURY TWP	Sewer Main Rehab Project 2	\$100,000	Rehab	1,000	8	CIPP	8	ACP	1960	Water Quality	60	2025Q2
11240	TEWKSBURY TWP	Sewer Main Rehab Project 3	\$90,000	Rehab	760	8	CIPP	8	ACP	1960	Water Quality	60	2025Q4
11241	TEWKSBURY TWP	Sewer Main Rehab Project 4	\$110,000	Rehab	1,025	8	CIPP	8	ACP	1960	Water Quality	60	2026Q2
11242	TEWKSBURY TWP	Sewer Main Rehab Project 5	\$75,000	Rehab	600	8	CIPP	8	ACP	1960	Water Quality	60	2026Q4
Total Projects			\$81,517,310										



PHIL MURPHY
Governor

TAHESHA L. WAY
Lt. Governor

State of New Jersey
DIVISION OF RATE COUNSEL
140 EAST FRONT STREET, 4TH FL.
P.O. Box 003
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625

BRIAN O. LIPMAN
Director

August 21, 2024

Sherri Golden, Secretary
Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

**I/M/O Petition of New Jersey-American Water
Co., Inc., for Authorization to Implement a
Wastewater System Improvement Charge
BPU Docket No.: WR24030203**

Dear Secretary Golden:

Please accept this letter as the non-objection by the Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel") to the Petition referenced above. In the Petition, New Jersey American Water Company ("Company") seeks approval of its foundational filing. If approved, the Company will be able to implement a wastewater system improvement charge, which will allow a charge outside of a base rate case to recover the cost of certain capital expenditures, and will be a separate and distinct charge on the Company's monthly bill. To the extent possible, Rate Counsel has reviewed the Company's Petition. Following this review, Rate Counsel has no objection to approval of the Company's Petition.

Very truly yours,

Brian O. Lipman, Director
Division of Rate Counsel

By: Christine M. Juarez
Christine M. Juarez
Assistant Deputy Rate Counsel