NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES OF PUBLIC HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A MUNICIPAL CONSENT GRANTED BY HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

BPU DOCKET NO. WE26080519

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on August 26, 2026, New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. ("NJAWC" or "Company") filed a petition ("Petition") with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-14, N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.5, and such other regulations and statutes as may be deemed applicable and appropriate by the Board, for approval of a municipal consent ordinance ("Ordinance 26-1871") granted to NJAWC by the Township of Hopewell ("Township"). The municipal consent was granted in anticipation of the sale of Hopewell Borough's potable water system, which serves a portion of the Township, to NJAWC as part of a sale process conducted in compliance with and pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Water Infrastructure Protection Act, N.J.S.A. 58:30-1 et seq. ("WIPA").

The Township adopted Ordinance 26-1871 on April 13, 2026, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-11 through 48:3-15, granting municipal consent to NJAWC to construct, lay, maintain and operate the necessary water mains, pipes and appurtenances through the portion of the Township formerly served by Hopewell Borough ("Proposed Franchise Area") and to provide water services to the Proposed Franchise Area.

NO INCREASE IN RATES WILL RESULT FROM APPROVAL OF THE PETITION. The ratemaking treatment relative to the acquisition was approved by the Board in Docket No. WM25040191. Pursuant to the Board's June 18, 2025 Order, NJAWC will bill Township residents for general metered water service in accordance with its Rate Schedule A-1, including all applicable tariff schedules and surcharges, which include NJAWC's Distribution System Improvement Charge, Purchased Water Adjustment Clause, Special Program Charge, Lead Service Line Replacement Charge and Resiliency and Environmental System Investment Charge. NJAWC will bill Township private fire customers in accordance with its Rate Schedule L-13 and Township public fire customers in accordance with Rate Schedule M-12.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a virtual public hearing on the Petition has been scheduled for **November 12, 2026 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:	**November 12, 2026**
Time:	**10:00 am**
Link:	**https://bit.ly/3THrjUR**
Dial-In Number:	**1-862-294-2638**
Phone Conference ID:	**170 889 145#**

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. Lewis. Please include "Confidential Information" and the docket number 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. Lewis, Secretary of the Board
44 South Clinton Ave., 1st Floor
P.O. 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. Further information and copies of the Petition may be obtained at the Board's Offices located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, Trenton, NJ 08625. The Petition is also available for inspection at the offices of NJAWC located at 1 Water Street, Camden, NJ 08102 or can be viewed on the Company's website at https://www.amwater.com/njaw/Customer-Service-Billing/Your-Water-and-Wastewater-Rates/regulatory-proceedings. 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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