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Via Email & First Class Mail

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Re:

I/M/O the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Consideration of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 - BPU Docket No. AX18010001 New Jersey American Water Company Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 ("TCJA") Filing for the Adjustments of Base Rates and Refunds BPU Docket No. WR18030233

Dear Mr. Megdal:

Enclosed please find the Division of Rate Counsel's discovery requests RCR-NJAWC-A-14 through RCR-NJAWC-A-17 in connection with the above referenced matter.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:1-10.4, please respond to the discovery requests and submit copies of the documents requested herein within fifteen (15) days or submit a schedule of reasonable compliance within fifteen (15) days from receipt of this letter.

Please note that all discovery requests are of a continuing nature and should be updated or corrected, if necessary, over the course of the proceeding as soon as the information becomes available. Also, provide a designation on each response identifying the witness sponsoring the answer. Please provide the responses on three-hole punched paper.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Rate Counsel Requests For Information (Accounting)

- RCR-NJAWC-A-14 Please update the attachment to RCR-NJAWC-A-1 with actual data through March 31, 2018.
- RCR-NJAWC-A-15 With regard to the response to RCR-NJAWC-A-2, please provide the actual March 2018 STD rate and the estimated STD rates for April, May and June 2018 based on actual data to date.
- RCR-NJAWC-A-16 In its response to RCR-NJAWC-A-6 the Company states: "The Company has not been able to determine with certainty to this point whether it can use RSGM." In this regard, please provide the following information:
 - Explain why the Company is not certain at this point whether it can use RSGM.
 - b. Provide the approximate amortization period that would result under the assumption that the Company can use RSGM for the flowback of the Protected excess ADIT balance.
- RCR-NJAWC-A-17 In its response to RCR-NJAWC-A-9 the Company states that it does not believe that a true-up mechanism can "fix" a normalization violation. In this regard, please provide the following information:
 - a. Please confirm that a normalization violation exists only in case the flowback rate of the Protected excess ADIT occurs more rapidly or to a greater extent than the rate at which the book/tax temporary differences reverse over the life of the property that gave rise to the excess. If you do not agree, explain your disagreement.
 - b. Can the use of a true-up mechanism be possible when there is <u>no</u> normalization violation in a utility's flowback of the Protected excess ADIT (i.e. when the flowback rate of the Protected excess ADIT is <u>not</u> more rapidly or to a greater extent than the rate at which the book/tax temporary differences reverse over the life of the property that gave rise to the excess)? If not, explain in detail why this cannot be possible.