



July 25, 2023

**VIA EMAIL & REGULAR MAIL**

Kevin Sluka, Clerk-Administrator  
Somerville Borough  
Borough Hall  
25 West End Ave  
Somerville, NJ 08876

**Re: In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. for  
Approval of a Municipal Consent Granted by the Borough of Somerville,  
Somerset County  
BPU Docket No. WE23030197**

Dear Mr. Sluka:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 enclosed herewith for service upon you is the Notice of Municipal Consent Hearing in the referenced matter.

Please note the following date and time of the virtual public hearing at which members of the public are invited to attend and express their views on the Company's petition:

**August 23, 2023 at 10 AM**

By phone:  
Call in number: 862-294-2638  
Meeting ID: 264 860 592#

By video conference:  
<https://bit.ly/3YfpXYZ>

Additional details and further instructions for submitting written comments can be found in the enclosed Public Notice and posted on the Company's website at <https://www.amwater.com/njaw/>.

Very truly yours,

Christopher M. Arfaa  
Director, Corporate Counsel

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Enc.

cc: Sherry Golden, Secretary of the BPU (via email)  
Pamela Owen, DAG, Department of Law & Public Safety (via email)  
Brian O. Lipman, Director, Division of Rate Counsel (via email)

**NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE  
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 BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE, SOMERSET COUNTY**

**BPU DOCKET NO. WE23030197**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on March 29, 2023, New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. (“NJAWC”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-14 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.5, and such other applicable regulations and statutes, to approve a municipal consent ordinance (“Ordinance 2694-23-0221”) granted to NJAWC by the Borough of Somerville (“Borough”).

Ordinance 2694-23-0221 was adopted by the Borough on March 30, 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, pipes, and appurtenances throughout the geographical area of the Borough and to provide wastewater services to the Borough and its residents, businesses, and government buildings. NJAWC already provides water service to the Borough by virtue of previous ordinances adopted by the Borough and municipal consent petitions approved by the Board.

**NO INCREASE IN RATES WILL RESULT FROM THE PETITION.** If the petition is approved, NJAWC will adopt and implement the Borough’s wastewater service rates for these customers.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that a virtual hearing on the petition has been scheduled for **August 23, 2023 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 by going to **<https://bit.ly/3YfpxYZ>** via the internet at the designated time or dialing **1-862-294-2638** and entering the conference ID: **264 860 592#**. Such comments will be made a part of the final record in the proceeding.

Copies of the petition are available for inspection at the offices of NJAWC located at 1 Water Street, Camden, New Jersey 08102, or on NJAWC’s website at [www.newjerseyamwater.com](http://www.newjerseyamwater.com). Copies may also be obtained by calling NJAWC at 856-955-4001. Members of the public are invited to attend the hearing. Written comments may also be submitted to the attention of the Honorable Sherri Golden, Secretary at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350, or via email to [board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov). Persons submitting written comments should include Docket No. WE23030197 in their submissions.

A copy of this Notice is being served upon the Clerk of the Borough of Somerville. Further information and copies of the petition may also be obtained at the Board's Offices located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov).

In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for special accommodation at least 72 hours prior to the hearing to Denise Venuti-Free at 856-955-4001.

**NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC.  
1 Water Street  
Camden, NJ 08102**

**By: Mark McDonough, President**