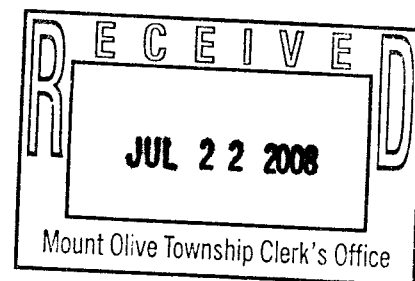




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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

TO ALL MUNICIPAL CLERKS, CLERKS OF THE BOARDS OF CHOSEN
FREEHOLDERS, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, COUNTY
ADMINISTRATORS, SALE FOR RESALE CUSTOMERS

**Re: In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey American Water Company, Inc.
to Change the Level of its Purchased Water Adjustment Clause and
Purchased Sewerage Adjustment Clause
BPU Docket No. WR08050371**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed herewith for service upon you is a Public Notice of the filing of a Petition to increase the levels of purchased water and purchased sewerage treatment adjustment clauses which could result in an increase to existing water and sewer rates. As you will see from the notice, the percentage increase sought by the Company at this time is 0.34%. Please note the dates and times of the public hearings at which hearings members of the public are invited to attend and express their views on the proposed rate increases

Sincerely,

COZEN O'CONNOR

By: 
Ira G. Megdal

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Enclosure

cc: Service List Attached (*via regular mail*)
Department of Law & Public Safety (*via Certified Mail*)
Division of Ratepayer Advocate (*via certified mail*)

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER
COMPANY, INC. TO CHANGE THE LEVELS OF ITS PURCHASED WATER
ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE AND PURCHASED SEWERAGE ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE
BPU DOCKET NO. WR08050371**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

**NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER COMPANY
NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR
APPROVAL TO CHANGE THE LEVEL OF ITS
PURCHASED WATER ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE AND
PURCHASED SEWERAGE TREATMENT ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE
BPU Docket No. WR08050371**

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

Notice is hereby given that on May 30, 2008, New Jersey American Water ("Company") filed with the Board of Public Utilities, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, N.J.A.C. 14:9-7.1 and N.J.A.C. 14:9-8.1, an application seeking to increase rates for water and sewer service through revisions to the Purchased Water and Purchased Sewerage Treatment Adjustment Clauses. The proposed rates would increase annual revenues by \$1,800,000 or 0.34%. The increases in rates proposed provide no profits to the Company. The increases merely represent a pass-through of charges to the Company from purveyors who supply water to the Company and from the cost of wastewater treatment services. Those wastewater treatment services are provided by the Ocean County Utilities Authority, the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority and by Howell Township.

The existing rates for GENERAL METERED, GENERAL SALES FOR RESALE, COMMODITY-DEMAND, OFF-PEAK DEMAND, SERVICE TO OTHER SYSTEMS AND OPTIONAL INDUSTRIAL WHOLESALE WATER CUSTOMERS served throughout the State of New Jersey, are proposed to be adjusted as follows:

PURCHASED WATER ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE (PWAC)

In addition to all other charges for metered service, the following additional charges, per Rate Schedule O-1 of the Company's Tariff B.P.U. No. 8, per 100 gallons, per 1,000 gallons, per

10 cubic feet and per 100 cubic feet for all sales will be made to recover increases in purchased water costs not currently included in the consumption or any other charge:

	<u>Gallons Per Month</u>	<u>Gallons Per Quarter</u>	<u>Rate Per 100 Gallons</u>	<u>Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u>
Non-Exempt	All	All	\$0.03650	\$0.3650
Exempt	All	All	\$0.03148	\$0.3148

	<u>Cubic Feet per Month</u>	<u>Cubic Feet Per Quarter</u>	<u>Rate Per 10 Cubic Feet</u>	<u>Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet</u>
Non-Exempt	All	All	\$0.027302	\$0.27302
Exempt	All	All	\$0.023547	\$0.23547

NOTE: One cubic foot is equal to approximately 7.48 gallons.

The Company also proposes that upon the Board of Public Utilities' issuance of the Orders in BPU Docket WR08010020 and BPU Docket No. WM08010063, the above charges would also apply to the General Metered Service Classes Service Areas SA-1A, SA-1B, and SA-1C.

SET FORTH IN THE CHART BELOW ARE THE PRESENT AND PROPOSED CHARGES FOR THE TYPICAL RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER CONSUMING 7,000 GALLONS PER MONTH AND THE RESULTING INCREASES:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Increase</u>
SA-1	\$44.39	\$44.52	\$0.13	0.29%
SA-2 & SA-3 Main	35.40	35.53	0.13	0.37%
SA-2 Manville	31.82	31.96	0.14	0.44%
SA-3 Southampton	29.06	29.20	0.14	0.48%
SA-3 Homestead	40.38	40.51	0.13	0.32%

PURCHASED SEWERAGE TREATMENT ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE (PSTAC)

For LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP, OCEAN COUNTY, the Company proposes no change.

In addition to all other existing charges for General Metered Sewer Service in OCEAN CITY, CAPE MAY COUNTY the following charges per 100 gallons, per 1,000 gallons, per 10 cubic feet and per 100 cubic feet will be included within the Minimum Service Charge rates as set forth on Rate Schedule 1-A of the Company's Tariff B.P.U. No. 8 – Sewer:

	<u>Gallons Per Month</u>	<u>Gallons Per Quarter</u>	<u>Rate Per 100 Gallons</u>	<u>Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u>
Non-Exempt and Exempt	All	All	\$1.88512	\$18.8512

	<u>Cubic Feet Per Month</u>	<u>Cubic Feet Per Quarter</u>	<u>Rate Per 10 Cubic Feet</u>	<u>Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet</u>
Non-Exempt and Exempt	All	All	\$1.41007	\$14.1007

NOTE: One cubic foot is equal to approximately 7.48 gallons.

THE TYPICAL RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER WITH SUMMER QUARTER USAGE OF 20,000 GALLONS, 44,000 GALLONS ANNUALLY, PRESENTLY PAYING \$46.23 PER MONTH, WOULD PAY \$48.37 PER MONTH UNDER PROPOSED RATES, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF \$2.14 OR 4.6%.

In addition to all other existing charges for General Metered Sewer Service in the Adelpia section of the TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL, MONMOUTH COUNTY the following charges per 100 gallons and per 1,000 gallons will be added to the Sewer Usage Charge rates as set forth on Rate Schedule 3-A of the Company's Tariff B.P.U. No. 8 – Sewer:

	<u>Gallons Per Month</u>	<u>Gallons Per Quarter</u>	<u>Rate Per 100 Gallons</u>	<u>Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u>
Non-Exempt and Exempt	All	All	\$0.48398	\$4.8398

THE TYPICAL RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER WITH USAGE OF 48,000 GALLONS ANNUALLY, PRESENTLY PAYING \$44.47 PER MONTH, WOULD PAY \$43.00 PER MONTH UNDER PROPOSED RATES, WHICH IS A DECREASE OF \$1.47 OR 3.3%.

NO INCREASES ARE PROPOSED FOR PUBLIC OR PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE CUSTOMERS NOR ARE ANY INCREASES PROPOSED FOR ANY OF THE COMPANY'S FIXED SERVICE CHARGES OR DEMAND CHARGES APPLICABLE TO METERED WATER SERVICE.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that public hearings on the Company's Petition have been scheduled for:

August 11, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.
Maplewood Memorial Library
51 Baker Street
Maplewood, NJ 07040

August 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
Memorial Middle School
485 Adelpia Road
Freehold, NJ 07728

August 13, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.
Westfield Memorial Library
550 East Broad Street
Westfield, NJ 07090

August 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
Westampton Municipal Building
710 Rancocas Road
Westampton, NJ 08060

A Hearing Officer designated by the Board of Public Utilities will preside over the public hearings. Hearings will continue, if necessary, on such additional dates and at such locations as determined by the Board of Public Utilities or the Office of Administrative Law. Members of the public are invited to attend and express their views on the proposed rate increase. Such comments will be made a part of the final record in the proceeding. Written comments may be submitted to Kristi Izzo, Secretary of the Board of Public Utilities, Two Gateway Center, Newark, New Jersey 07102 and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel, 31 Clinton Street, 11th Floor, P.O. Box 46005, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Such written comments should contain the Docket Number WR08050371 assigned to this case.

Further information and copies of the Petition may be obtained at the Board Offices located at Two Gateway Center, Newark, New Jersey 07102 or by calling the Company at 856-310-2234.

IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE FULL PARTICIPATION IN THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE SUBMIT ANY REQUESTS FOR NEEDED ACCOMMODATIONS, INCLUDING INTERPRETERS OR MOBILITY ASSISTANCE, 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THIS HEARING.

NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

BY: JOHN BIGELOW, PRESIDENT

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