

**NOTICE OF  
AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC.  
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPPORTUNITY  
FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**In the Matter of the Petition of Aqua New Jersey, Inc. for Approval of an Increase in Rates  
for Water and Wastewater Service and Other Tariff Changes**

**OAL Docket No. PUC 04320-2026S  
BPU Docket No. WR26010017**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that, on January 30, 2026, Aqua New Jersey, Inc. (“Aqua” or “Company”), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and other relevant statutes and regulations, filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) seeking approval of: (i) a proposed increase in its base rates for water and wastewater service; (ii) a reset of its current Distribution System Improvement Charge (“DSIC”) to zero and approval of a new DSIC Foundational Filing and associated DSIC; (iii) a reset to zero of any Resiliency and Environmental System Investment Charge (“RESIC”) that may be implemented during the pendency of this proceeding and approval of a new RESIC Foundational Filing and associated RESIC; (iv) continuation of the Company’s recovery of customer-side lead service line replacement (“LSLR”) costs through an LSLRC surcharge; (v) a review and reset, as appropriate, of the Company’s current Purchased Sewerage Treatment Adjustment Clause (“PSTAC”); (vi) approval of a one (1)-time customer bill credit to refund to customers certain overcharges related to the State’s overcollection of the Gross Receipts, Excise and Franchise Taxes; and (vii) revision of the Company’s water and wastewater tariffs to reflect the proposed rate increase and the resolution of the issues raised in this proceeding (“Petition”).

If the Company’s requests are approved as proposed, the request would increase the annual water service revenues of the Company by approximately \$6,015,030, or approximately 10.9% above the adjusted annual level of revenues for the test year period ending April 30, 2026, and increase wastewater service revenues by approximately \$1,870,503, or approximately 28.8% above the adjusted annual level of revenues for the test year period ending April 30, 2026. According to the Company, the requested rate increases are due to increases in operating expenses and investments in plant and equipment made since the Company last increased its base rates for water service in 2024 and wastewater service in 2021. The Company stated that the proposed increases are necessary for it to continue to provide safe, adequate and proper service to its customers and to prevent the impairment of its financial integrity.

As noted above, the Company requested approval of a Foundational Filing to implement a DSIC pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:9-10.1 et seq. A DSIC is a rate recovery mechanism to encourage and support accelerated rehabilitation and replacement of certain non-revenue producing, critical water distribution components. Its purpose is to enhance safety, reliability, water quality, systems flows and pressure, and/or conservation. A DSIC rate is interim, subject to refund, until the subsequent base rate case.

The Company further requested approval of a Foundational Filing to implement a RESIC pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:19-29 et seq. A RESIC is a regulatory mechanism that enables timely cost recovery of investment in certain non-revenue producing water and wastewater system components that:

are in direct or indirect compliance with requirements addressing existing or emerging requirements; enhance water and wastewater system resiliency, and the health, safety or environmental protection of customers, employees, or the public. A RESIC rate is interim, subject to refund, until the Company's subsequent base rate case.

The proposed water and wastewater rates provide for increases to all classes of customers. The proposed rates for all customers are contained in the tariff sheets and Petition filed with the Board. The present and proposed base rates for monthly billing for General Metered Service (Water), Flat Rate Unmetered Water Service, Other Water Services and General Sewer Service are as follows:

**COMPARISON OF PRESENT AND PROPOSED WATER RATES**

Monthly service charges and consumption charges for General Metered Service have been revised as follows:

**General Metered Service**

**Fixed Monthly Service Charges For All General Metered Service Customers:**

Size of Meter	Present Fixed Rates	Proposed Fixed Rates	Proposed Fixed Rate Increase
5/8"	\$20.17	\$26.20	\$6.03
3/4"	\$30.26	\$39.31	\$9.05
1"	\$50.43	\$65.51	\$15.08
1-1/2"	\$100.85	\$131.00	\$30.15
2"	\$161.36	\$209.60	\$48.24
3"	\$302.55	\$393.00	\$90.45
4"	\$504.25	\$655.00	\$150.75
6"	\$1,008.50	\$1,310.00	\$301.50
8"	\$1,613.60	\$2,096.00	\$482.40
10"	\$2,319.55	\$3,013.00	\$693.45
12"	\$4,336.55	\$5,633.00	\$1,296.45
Bulk Water Customers	\$37.92	\$49.26	\$11.34

**Consumption Charges**

Consumption charges vary by service territory as noted below:

**General Metered Service Customers** (Excluding Wallkill, Byram and Seaview Harbor):

<u>All Consumption</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>
	\$6.7300/per	\$7.7030/per	\$0.9730/per
	Thous. Gals.	Thous. Gals.	Thous. Gals.

**Wallkill Customers Only:**

<u>All Consumption</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>
	\$5.7210/per	\$6.9330/per	\$1.212/per
	Thous. Gals.	Thous. Gals.	Thous. Gals.

**Byram Township and Seaview Harbor Customers Only:**

<u>All Consumption</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>
	\$10.1000/per	\$10.6300/per	\$0.5300/per
	Thous. Gals.	Thous. Gals.	Thous. Gals.

Billing for each period shall be based on the volume of water consumed plus all applicable fixed charges, including the fixed monthly service charge and any authorized surcharges in effect at that time.

**ILLUSTRATIVE BILL IMPACT CALCULATIONS**

A **GENERAL METERED SERVICE RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER** WITH A 5/8” METER USING 5,270 GALLONS OF WATER PER MONTH WILL SEE HIS/HER TOTAL CURRENT MONTHLY BILL INCREASE FROM \$63.36 TO \$71.58, AN INCREASE OF \$8.22 PER MONTH, OR APPROXIMATELY 13%. THE COMPONENTS OF THIS RATE IMPACT CALCULATION ARE IDENTIFIED IN THE TABLE BELOW. PLEASE NOTE THE TABLE DOES NOT REFLECT THE INCLUSION IN PROPOSED RATES OF A DSIC OR RESIC SURCHARGE WHICH MAY BE APPROVED IN THE FUTURE.

General Metered Service Customer  
Illustrative Rate Impact Calculation

	Present Rate	Proposed Rate
5/8” Meter Fixed Monthly Charge	\$20.17	\$26.20
Volumetric Charge	\$35.47	\$40.59
DSIC	\$2.93	\$0.00
RESIC	\$0.00	\$0.00
LSLRC	\$4.79	\$4.79
<b>TOTAL CHARGE</b>	<b>\$63.36</b>	<b>\$71.58</b>

A **WALLKILL RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER** WITH A 5/8” METER USING 5,270 GALLONS OF WATER PER MONTH WILL SEE HIS/HER TOTAL CURRENT MONTHLY BILL INCREASE FROM \$58.04 TO \$67.53, AN INCREASE OF \$9.49 PER MONTH, OR APPROXIMATELY 16%. THE COMPONENTS OF THIS RATE IMPACT CALCULATION ARE IDENTIFIED IN THE TABLE BELOW. PLEASE NOTE THE TABLE DOES NOT REFLECT THE INCLUSION IN PROPOSED RATES OF A DSIC OR RESIC SURCHARGE WHICH MAY BE APPROVED IN THE FUTURE.

Wallkill Customer  
Illustrative Rate Impact Calculation

	Present Rate	Proposed Rate
5/8" Meter Fixed Monthly Charge	\$20.17	\$26.20
Volumetric Charge	\$30.15	\$36.54
DSIC	\$2.93	\$0.00
RESIC	\$0.00	\$0.00
LSLRC	\$4.79	\$4.79
<b>TOTAL CHARGE</b>	<b>\$58.04</b>	<b>\$67.53</b>

**BYRAM TOWNSHIP AND SEAVIEW HARBOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS WITH A 5/8" METER USING 5,270 GALLONS OF WATER PER MONTH WILL SEE THEIR TOTAL CURRENT MONTHLY BILL INCREASE FROM \$81.12 TO \$87.01, AN INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY \$5.89 PER MONTH, OR APPROXIMATELY 7%. THE COMPONENTS OF THIS RATE IMPACT CALCULATION ARE IDENTIFIED IN THE TABLE BELOW. PLEASE NOTE THE TABLE DOES NOT REFLECT THE INCLUSION IN PROPOSED RATES OF A DSIC OR RESIC SURCHARGE WHICH MAY BE APPROVED IN THE FUTURE.**

Byram Township and Seaview Harbor Customer  
Illustrative Rate Impact Calculation

	Present Rate	Proposed Rate
5/8" Meter Fixed Monthly Charge	\$20.17	\$26.20
Volumetric Charge	\$53.23	\$56.02
DSIC	\$2.93	\$0.00
RESIC	\$0.00	\$0.00
LSLRC	\$4.79	\$4.79
<b>TOTAL CHARGE</b>	<b>\$81.12</b>	<b>\$87.01</b>

The maximum proposed monthly DSIC rates are set forth below.

Size of Meter	Current Rate	Maximum Proposed Rate	Proposed Rate Increase Over Present Rates
5/8"	\$2.93	\$3.61	\$0.68
3/4"	\$4.40	\$5.42	\$1.02
1"	\$7.33	\$9.03	\$1.70
1-1/2"	\$14.65	\$18.05	\$3.40
2"	\$23.44	\$28.88	\$5.44
3"	\$43.95	\$54.15	\$10.20
4"	\$73.25	\$90.25	\$17.00
6"	\$146.50	\$180.50	\$34.00
8"	\$234.40	\$288.80	\$54.40
10"	\$336.95	\$415.15	\$78.20
12"	\$629.95	\$776.15	\$146.20

The maximum proposed monthly RESIC rates are set forth below.

Size of Meter	Present Rate	Maximum Proposed Rate	Proposed Increase Over Present Rates
5/8"	\$00.00	\$1.81	\$1.81
3/4"	\$00.00	\$2.71	\$2.71
1"	\$00.00	\$4.51	\$4.51
1-1/2"	\$00.00	\$9.03	\$9.03
2"	\$00.00	\$14.44	\$14.44
3"	\$00.00	\$27.08	\$27.08
4"	\$00.00	\$45.13	\$45.13
6"	\$00.00	\$90.25	\$90.25
8"	\$00.00	\$144.40	\$144.40
10"	\$00.00	\$207.58	\$207.58
12"	\$00.00	\$388.08	\$388.08

**Other Water Service Rates**

Flat Rate Unmetered Customers will see their flat monthly rates change as indicated below:

Unmetered Flat Rate Service-Residential Customer  
Illustrative Rate Impact Calculation

	Present Rate	Proposed Rate
Fixed Monthly Charge	\$54.91	\$66.63
DSIC	\$2.93	\$0.00
RESIC	\$0.00	\$0.00
LSLRC	\$4.79	\$4.79
<b>TOTAL CHARGE</b>	\$62.63	\$71.42

Unmetered Flat Rate Service-Commercial, Industrial, Other  
Water Utility and/or Public Customer  
Illustrative Rate Impact Calculation

	Present Rate	Proposed Rate
Fixed Monthly Charge	\$85.17	\$105.94
DSIC	\$2.93	\$0.00
RESIC	\$0.00	\$0.00
LSLRC	\$4.79	\$4.79
<b>TOTAL CHARGE</b>	\$92.89	\$110.73

The Company has also proposed to increase rates for the following services:

Service	Present Rate	Proposed Rate
Sale of Non-Potable Water	\$1.346 per thousand gallons	\$1.541 per thousand gallons

Sale of Water for Resale	\$6.72 per thousand gallons	\$7.963 per thousand gallons
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**COMPARISON OF PRESENT AND PROPOSED SEWER RATES**

Monthly service and treatment charges have been revised as follows:

**Rate Schedule No. 1**  
**General Sewer Service**  
**Serving All Customers (Other than Wallkill)**

For General Sewer Service residential customers, the Rate Schedule No. 1 rate is a fixed monthly charge. For non-residential and multi-family customers, Rate Schedule No. 1 is based on the size of the water meter serving the customer. The Company has proposed to increase fixed monthly charges and to continue to charge a fixed monthly PSTAC rate (pursuant to Proposed Rate Schedule No. 2) as follows:

Present and Proposed Monthly Fixed & PSTAC Charges

<b>Category / Size of Meter</b>	<b>Present Total Rate (including PSTAC)</b>	<b>Proposed Fixed Rate- Rate Sched. No. 1</b>	<b>Proposed PSTAC Rate- Rate Sched. No. 2</b>	<b>Proposed Total Rate</b>	<b>\$ Increase / (Decrease)</b>
<b>Residential, Single Family</b>	\$ 66.78	\$ 57.06	\$ 28.43	\$ 85.49	\$18.71
<b>Non-Residential &amp; Multi-Family</b>					
5/8"	66.78	57.06	28.43	85.49	18.71
3/4"	80.14	68.50	34.12	102.62	22.48
1"	160.27	136.90	68.23	205.13	44.86
1.5"	333.90	285.30	142.15	427.45	93.55
2"	494.17	422.20	210.38	632.58	138.41
3"	1001.70	855.90	426.45	1,282.35	280.65
4"	1,335.61	1,141.20	568.61	1,709.81	374.20
6"	1,917.50	2,853.00	-----	2,853.00	935.50
8"	5,342.41	4,564.80	2,274.41	6,839.21	1,496.80

A RATE SCHEDULE NO. 1 RESIDENTIAL SEWER SERVICE CUSTOMER WILL SEE HIS/HER MONTHLY BILL INCREASE FROM \$66.78 TO \$85.49, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF \$18.71, OR APPROXIMATELY 28% PER MONTH.

**Rate Schedule No. 1**  
**General Sewer Service**  
**Serving Wallkill Customers Only**

For Wallkill residential customers, the Rate Schedule No. 1 rate is a fixed monthly charge. For non-residential and multi-family customers, the Rate Schedule No. 1 rate is based on the size of

the water meter serving the customer. The Company has proposed to increase fixed monthly charges and to continue to charge a fixed monthly PSTAC rate (pursuant to Proposed Rate Schedule No. 2) as follows:

Present and Proposed Monthly Fixed & PSTAC Charges

Category / Size of Meter	Present Total Rate (including PSTAC)	Proposed Fixed Rate-Rate Sched. No. 1	Proposed PSTAC Rate-Rate Sched. No. 2	Proposed Total Rate	\$ Increase / (Decrease)
<b>Residential, Single Family</b>	\$45.66	\$37.20	\$28.43	\$65.63	\$19.97
<b>Non-Residential &amp; Multi-Family</b>					
5/8"	45.66	37.20	28.43	65.63	19.97
3/4"	54.80	44.60	34.12	78.72	23.92
1"	109.58	89.30	68.23	157.53	47.95
1.5"	228.30	186.00	142.15	328.15	99.85
2"	337.88	275.30	210.38	485.68	147.80
3"	684.90	558.00	426.45	984.45	299.55
4"	913.21	744.00	568.61	1,312.61	399.40
6"	861.50	1,860.00	-----	1,860.00	998.50
8"	3,652.81	2,976.00	2,274.41	5,250.41	1,597.60

A WALLKILL RATE SCHEDULE NO. 1 RESIDENTIAL SEWER SERVICE CUSTOMER WILL SEE HIS/HER MONTHLY BILL INCREASE FROM \$45.66 TO \$65.63, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF \$19.97 OR APPROXIMATELY 43.7% PER MONTH.

Any relief determined by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board to any class or classes of customers of the Company in such manner and, in such amounts or percentages, as the Board may deem appropriate. The Board may choose to impose a greater portion of the increase on any present or future class or classes, group or groups of customers, may exclude from any increase any of the foregoing, or may vary the amount of percentage increase applicable to any of the foregoing.

The Company intends to implement, on an interim basis, subject to any refunds that may be ordered by the Board, the proposed tariffs for water and wastewater service on and after October 30, 2026 if the Board has not finally determined just and reasonable tariff schedules prior to that date.

The tariffs for the proposed rates are part of the Petition, which was served upon the Director of the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel") and the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety. A copy of this Notice of Public Hearings is being served on the clerk, executive or administrator of each municipality and county within the Company's service areas. The Petition and this Notice have been sent to Rate Counsel, who will represent the interests of all Aqua customers in this proceeding. Copies of the Petition and this Notice are posted on the Company's website at [www.aquawater.com](http://www.aquawater.com). Copies of the Petition are also available to review

online at the Board's website, <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us/> where you can search by the above-captioned docket number, WR26010017.

The Board transmitted the Company's Petition to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") for the purpose of conducting public and evidentiary hearings in this matter. The Petition has been docketed as OAL Docket No. PUC 04320-2026S.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the OAL has scheduled virtual public comment hearings before an Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") on the following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Petition:

**Date:** July 9, 2026

**Times:** 4:30 PM and 5:30 PM

**Link:** <https://oal-nj-gov.zoomgov.com/j/1658916137?pwd=GvUsU1sw9GhM2bmZhtzDte6rbQiv9.1>

**Dial-in:** (551) 285-1373

**Meeting ID:** 165 891 6137

**Passcode:** 848893

Representatives from the Company, Board Staff, and Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearings. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the link or dial-in information above to express their views on the Petition. All comments will be made a part of the final record in this proceeding. Whether or not you participate in the virtual public hearings, written comments may be submitted to the Hon. Jacob Gertsman, Administrative Law Judge, Office of Administrative Law, P.O. Box 049, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0049 and the Hon. Sherri Lewis, Secretary of the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350, or emailed to [board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov). Please include OAL Docket No. PUC 04320-2026S and BPU Docket No. WR26010017 in your written comments.

All comments are considered "public documents" for purposes of the State's Open Public Records Act. Commenters may identify information that they seek to keep confidential by submitting them in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3. 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" 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/>. Any members of the public who wish to inspect the Petition at the Board should contact the Board's Division of Case Management at 609-292-2338 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 needed accommodations, such as interpreters or listening assistance, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the above hearing to Natalie Chesko, by email at [nchesko@aquawater.com](mailto:nchesko@aquawater.com) or by calling 609-587-4080.

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