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VIA EMAIL AND REGULAR MAIL

Hon. Irene Kim Asbury, Secretary Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 3rd Floor, Suite 314 Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

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Re:

In The Matter of the Petition of New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. for Approval of a Municipal Consent Granted by the Township of Howell, County of Monmouth

Dear Secretary Asbury:

Enclosed please find an original and eleven (11) copies of a Petition in connection with the above-referenced matter. Kindly file the Petition, stamp as "filed", and advise of the docket number assigned to this case by returning the additional copy of the Petition in the enclosed, selfaddressed, stamped envelope.

By copy of this letter, I am providing the Department of Law & Public Safety and the Division of Rate Counsel each with two (2) copies of the Petition.

Sincerely,

Stephen R. Bishop Corporate Counsel

SRB:dlc Enclosures

cc:

Stefanie Brand, Director, Division of Rate Counsel Division of Law, Department of Law & Public Safety J. Kane

STATE OF NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A MUNICIPAL CONSENT GRANTED BY **PETITION**

BPU DOCKET NO.

THE TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL,

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH



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TO: THE HONORABLE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Petitioner, New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. ("NJAWC" or "Petitioner"), a duly organized and existing public utility corporation of the State of New Jersey, with its principal office at 1025 Laurel Oak Road, Voorhees, New Jersey, 08043, hereby petitions the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") for authorization, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-14, N.J.S.A. 48:3-11 to 15, N.J.S.A. 48:19-17 and 48:19-20 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.5 and such other regulations and statutes as may be deemed applicable and appropriate by the Board, to approve a municipal consent ordinance granted to NJAWC by the Township of Howell (the "Township"). In furtherance of this Petition, NJAWC states as follows:

1. NJAWC is a regulated public utility corporation engaged in the production, treatment and distribution of water and collection of sewage within its defined service territory within the State of New Jersey. Said service territory includes portions of the following counties: Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Essex, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, Union and Warren.

- 2. By this Petition, NJAWC is seeking approval of municipal consent Ordinance No. O-17-29 adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township on September 5, 2017 (the "Ordinance"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Said municipal consent ordinance was introduced and adopted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-14, N.J.S.A. 48:3-11 to 15, N.J.S.A. 48:19-17 and 48:19-20 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.5 to permit New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. to construct, install and maintain sanitary sewer infrastructure facilities to expand NJAWC's existing franchise to provide sanitary sewer service in the Township to Block 135 Lot 26, which shall be subdivided and known as Lot 26.01. (the "Proposed Franchise Area").
- 3. The Township encompasses 61.209 square miles and has a population of approximately 52,245 people. With a population density of 853.55 people per square mile, the Township is largely rural in classification.
- 4. The Proposed Franchise Area encompasses the proposed residential development identified as "Cornerstone at Howell"; Block 135, Lot 26 on the Tax Map of the Township bounded by West Farms Road and Fort Plains Road. Currently, the proposed development includes approximately 72 residential units consisting of 14 one bedroom apartments, 43 two bedroom apartments and 15 three bedroom apartments with a total daily sewer demand of 16,275 gallons per day (gpd).
- 5. NJAWC will construct the proposed gravity sewer mains to connect to mains in its existing franchise service area in the Township to serve the Proposed Franchise Area. The proposed sanitary sewer for the Proposed Franchise Area will be installed on site and tie into an existing manhole in Secretariat Street. The proposed sewer main travels through the site and out to Fort Plains Road and then north to the West Farms Road intersection where it turns west to the

Secretariat Street manhole tie-in.

- 6. The extension of the NJAWC franchise territory is necessary and proper for the public convenience and properly conserves the public interest by permitting the provision of sewer utility service to allow for the Cornerstone at Howell project to proceed. Approval will ensure that sewer service to residents in the Proposed Franchise Area will be provided by an experienced owner/operator under the jurisdiction of the NJDEP and the Board.
- 7. NJAWC has not yet commenced sewer service within the Proposed Franchise Area.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board approve Ordinance No. O-17-29.

Respectfully submitted,

By:

Stephen R. Bishop, Esquire

Corporate Counsel

Attorney for Petitioner,

New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc.

Dated: November 3, 2017

Communications addressed to the Petitioner in this case are to be sent to:

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

SS.

COUNTY OF CAMDEN

- I, FRANK X. SIMPSON, of full age, being duly sworn according to law, upon my oath depose and say:
 - I am the Director of Rates and Regulation, New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc., the Petitioner herein, and am authorized to make this verification on behalf of said Petitioner.
 - 2. I have reviewed the within Petition and the attachments thereto, and the information contained therein is true and accurate according to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

FRANK X. SIMPSON

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of November, 2017.	
Diane Rouleau Notary Public	
My Commission Expires: 7/24/19 State of New Jersey County Of Camber	