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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Hon. Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary
Board of Public Utilities
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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 Long Hill, County of Morris
BPU Docket No. WE20020117**

Dear Secretary Camacho-Welch:

On behalf of New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc., (“NJAWC”), please accept this letter for filing as a response to the Division of Rate Counsel’s (“Rate Counsel”) comment letter, which was filed with you on April 28, 2020, in the above-referenced matter.

In its letter, Rate Counsel raised several issues with respect to NJAWC’s petition seeking approval of a municipal consent ordinance granted by the Township of Long Hill allowing NJAWC to provide wastewater services. NJAWC will briefly respond to those comments.

First, Rate Counsel recommends that the Board condition its approval by limiting the municipal consent to provide wastewater services. There is no legal bar to the granting of a municipal consent with an unlimited duration for the provision of wastewater services. Furthermore, such grant is reasonable and prudent for the provision of such services.

Second, NJAWC believes that it has demonstrated that approval of the municipal consent will serve the public convenience and properly service the public interest. NJAWC will address any other issues raised in an appropriate subsequent proceeding before the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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