

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 26-W-0358 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of Liberty Utilities (New York Water) Corp. for Water Service.

NOTICE SOLICITING COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCING
IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS

(Issued October 21, 2026)

Public comment is invited concerning proposed changes in the water delivery rates and practices of Liberty Utilities (New York Water) Corp. (the Company). The Company filed amendments to its water tariff schedule on May 29, 2026, proposing to increase its annual water delivery revenues for the 12-month period ending April 30, 2028. The Company initially proposed to increase its annual revenues by approximately \$24.59 million (or 21.87 percent) for its Service Area (SA) 1, and \$13.52 million (or 30.14 percent) for SA 2. The Company estimated that the requested increase in revenues would result in an average monthly residential bill increase of approximately \$27.77, or 28.3 percent, for customers in SA 1 outside of the New Vernon district; and \$35.47, or 59.35 percent, for SA 1 customers in New Vernon. For SA 2, the increase would result in average monthly residential bill increases of \$26.89, or 29.71 percent, in the Sea Cliff district, and \$21.20, or 36.99 percent, in the Merrick district. The residential bill impacts are based on monthly usage of 8,000 gallons of water per month.

The Company states that its proposed water delivery revenue increases would support capital investments to improve reliability and customer service, and ensure continued provision of safe, reliable, sustainable, and affordable service for its customers. The Company indicates that the primary drivers of

the requested revenue increases are capital investments to address aging infrastructure, increase capacity, and comply with federal drinking water standards for PFAS/PFOA substances. Additional drivers include needed resiliency improvements and lead service line replacement, information technology upgrades, other incremental operations and maintenance expenses, depreciation expenses, and taxes.

The Company's pre-filed testimony and exhibits in this proceeding may be reviewed online at the Department of Public Service (Department) web page, www.dps.ny.gov, by selecting "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files") and entering "26-W-0358" in the "Search by Case Number" field.

Under New York State law, the Public Service Commission (Commission) must consider a utility's rate proposal and may adopt or reject it, in whole or in part, or modify it. In doing so, the Commission will consider changes proposed by the participating parties and the public. Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) are presiding over the gathering of public comments and all evidence relating to the proposals.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that anyone wishing to comment on any aspect of this proceeding will have the opportunity to make a statement on the record before the ALJs at in-person public statement hearings to be held as follows:

DATE: Wednesday, November 18, 2026

TIMES: 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Merrick Public Library Community Room
2279 Merrick Avenue
Merrick, New York 11566

DATE: Wednesday, November 18, 2026
TIMES: 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Lynbrook Library Community Room
56 Eldert Street
Lynbrook, NY 11563

DATE: Thursday, November 19, 2026
TIMES: 12:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Town of Wawarsing, Court Room (2nd floor)
108 Canal Street
Ellenville, NY 12428

DATE: Thursday, November 19, 2026
TIMES: 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Lakeview Manor Community Center
215 Shore Drive
Brewster, NY 10509

It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or to present written material to speak at an in-person hearing. Individuals will be called to speak after completing a request card. Each public statement hearing will be open for at least thirty minutes or until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made to include their comments in the record. If you are submitting written materials, please retain a copy for yourself.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that virtual public statement hearings will be held as follows:

DATE: Wednesday, December 2, 2026
TIME: 1:00 p.m.

Electronic Access: meetny-gov.webex.com
Access Code: 2821 813 4617
Password: Dec2-1pm _

Phone-Only Access: 1-929-251-9612
Access Code: 2821 813 4617
Password: 33220176

DATE: Wednesday, December 2, 2026

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

Electronic Access: meetny-gov.webex.com

Access Code: 2820 840 2831

Password: Dec2-5pm

Phone-Only Access: 1-929-251-9612

Access Code: 2820 840 2831

Password: 33220576

Any person wishing to provide a public statement on the record during the virtual public statement hearings must register to do so by Friday, November 27, 2026, in accordance with the instructions set forth below.

To register and provide a statement electronically:

Participants who would like to provide a statement and will log in to a hearing electronically must register by the date and time indicated above by visiting the Department's website at <https://dps.ny.gov/calendar>, where they should (1) select the "View DPS Calendar Listings" button, (2) scroll to and select the Liberty Water Rates Public Statement Hearings for the particular hearing date, (3) select the "REGISTER FOR THE HEARING" button, (4) select the "Register" button, and (5) provide all requested information and select "Register." After registration is complete, registrants will receive a confirmation email with instructions on how to join the hearing.

When logging in to participate in a virtual hearing on the appropriate date and time, participants will be asked to "select audio system." It is recommended that participants opt to have the system "call me" or "call using computer." The "call me" option will require the entry of the participant's phone number.

To register and provide a statement by phone:

This option is for participants who wish to provide a statement but are not able to log in to a virtual public statement hearing electronically. Call-in participants wishing to make a statement at a virtual public statement hearing must register to do so by the date indicated above by calling **1-800-342-3330**, following the prompts to the appropriate hearing, and then providing their first name and last name, address, and phone number.

On the day and time of the virtual public statement hearing, call-in registrants must dial **1-929-251-9612** and enter the access code and phone-in password provided above.

All participants will be muted upon entry into the virtual public statement hearings. The ALJs will call upon each person who has registered to make a statement and will continue each hearing until everyone who has registered to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements to submit comments into the record have been made. Reasonable time limits may be set for each speaker as necessary to afford all attendees an opportunity to be heard. It is recommended that lengthy comments be submitted in writing and summarized for oral presentation. A verbatim transcript of each public statement hearing will be made for inclusion in the record of this case.

To listen to the hearings without making a statement:

Any interested person may listen to the hearings by calling **1-929-251-9612** and entering the appropriate access code and phone-in password listed above.

Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodation should call the Department's Human Resources Management Office at 1-518-473-9463 as soon as possible. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711. Individuals with

difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Department at 1-800-342-3377 or email languageaccess@dps.ny.gov for free language assistance services regarding this Notice. To request a translator or sign language interpreter so that you can participate at a specific public statement hearing, please contact the Department at least 10 days before the hearing by calling 1-800-342-3377 or emailing your request to languageaccess@dps.ny.gov.

Other Ways to Comment

For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing, there are several other ways to provide your comments. All comments should refer to "Case 26-W-0358 - Liberty Water" and must be received by **December 11, 2026**.

Internet or Mail: Go to www.dps.ny.gov, select "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files"), enter "26-W-0358" in the "Search by Case Number" box, select "Search," and then select "Post Comments" at the top of the page.

Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York, 12223-1350; however, electronic filing of comments is strongly encouraged.

Written comments submitted in accordance with this Notice will be posted on the Department's website. Please be advised that the Commission may not consider untimely comments. Comments may be accessed on the Department's website by searching the case number, as described above, and selecting the "Public Comments" tab.

Toll-Free Opinion Line: Individuals may submit comments by calling the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to receive in-State calls 24 hours

a day. These comments are not transcribed, but a summary is provided to the Commission.

(SIGNED)

MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS
Secretary