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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Chesla Mark Issuer Symbol American Water Works Company, (Check all applicable) Inc. [AWK] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1025 LAUREL OAK ROAD 02/20/2009 Vice President & Controller (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

VOORHEES, NJ 08043

(State)

(Zip)

(City) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s)

Person

or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 2,398.5335 D Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amoun or Numbe of Shar |
| Performance Stock Unit | <u>(1)</u> | 02/20/2009 | 02/20/2009 | A | 2,374 | <u>(1)</u> | 12/31/2011 | Common Stock | 2,374 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 20.7 | 02/20/2009 | 02/20/2009 | A | 13,253 | (2) | 12/31/2015 | Common Stock | 13,25 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |

Chesla Mark 1025 LAUREL OAK ROAD VOORHEES, NJ 08043

Vice President & Controller

Signatures

/s/ Karen K. Pettiford-Wilson by Power of Attorney previously filed 02/24/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Each performance stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock. The actual number of performance stock units that may be earned will be based on the Issuer's annual total stockholder return ("TSR") relative to the performance of the Dow Jones Utility Index over the three-year performance period beginning on January 1, 2009 and ending December

- (1) 31, 2011. Threshold (50% of the units earned if target levels of performance are achieved), target and maximum (150% of target) amounts of performance units will be earned if the Issuer's TSR relative to the Dow Jones Utility Index is 25%, 50% and 75%, respectively. The number of performance stock units shown in column 5 is equal to the maximum number of performance stock units that may be earned.
- (2) The options vest in three equal installments on January 1, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

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