



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

May 22, 2013

Via E-mail

Jeffrey Sterba
President and Chief Executive Officer
American Water Works Company, Inc.
1025 Laurel Oak Road
Voorhees, New Jersey 08043

**Re: American Water Works Company, Inc.
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2012
Filed March 1, 2013
Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A
Filed March 28, 2013
File No. 001-34028**

Dear Mr. Sterba:

We have completed our review of your filings. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filings and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filings to be certain that the filings include the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Andrew D. Mew

Andrew D. Mew
Accounting Branch Chief