

American Water Works Company, Inc.
 Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 Strauss Mark F.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 American Water Works Company, Inc. [AWK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1025 LAUREL OAK ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/17/2016

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP, Corp Strategy & Bus. Develop

VOORHEES, NJ 08043

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|-----------------------|---|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2016 | | M | V | \$ 15,467 | A | \$ 27.08 | 47,261 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2016 | | S | | \$ 15,467 | D | 76.08 | 31,794 | D | |

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)

| 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 27.08 | 08/17/2016 | | M | 15,467 | ⁽³⁾ 12/31/2017 | Common Stock | 15,467 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Strauss Mark F. 1025 LAUREL OAK ROAD VOORHEES, NJ 08043 | | | SVP, Corp Strategy & Bus. Develop | |

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey M. Taylor, as attorney-in-fact for Mark F. Strauss
08/19/2016

**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).
- (1) Includes 67 shares purchased under the American Water Works Company, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$76.06 to \$76.16, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to American Water Works Company, Inc., any security holder of American Water Works Company, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth above.
- (3) The option award granted on February 24, 2011 and representing a right to purchase 15,467 shares vested in three equal installments on January 1, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

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