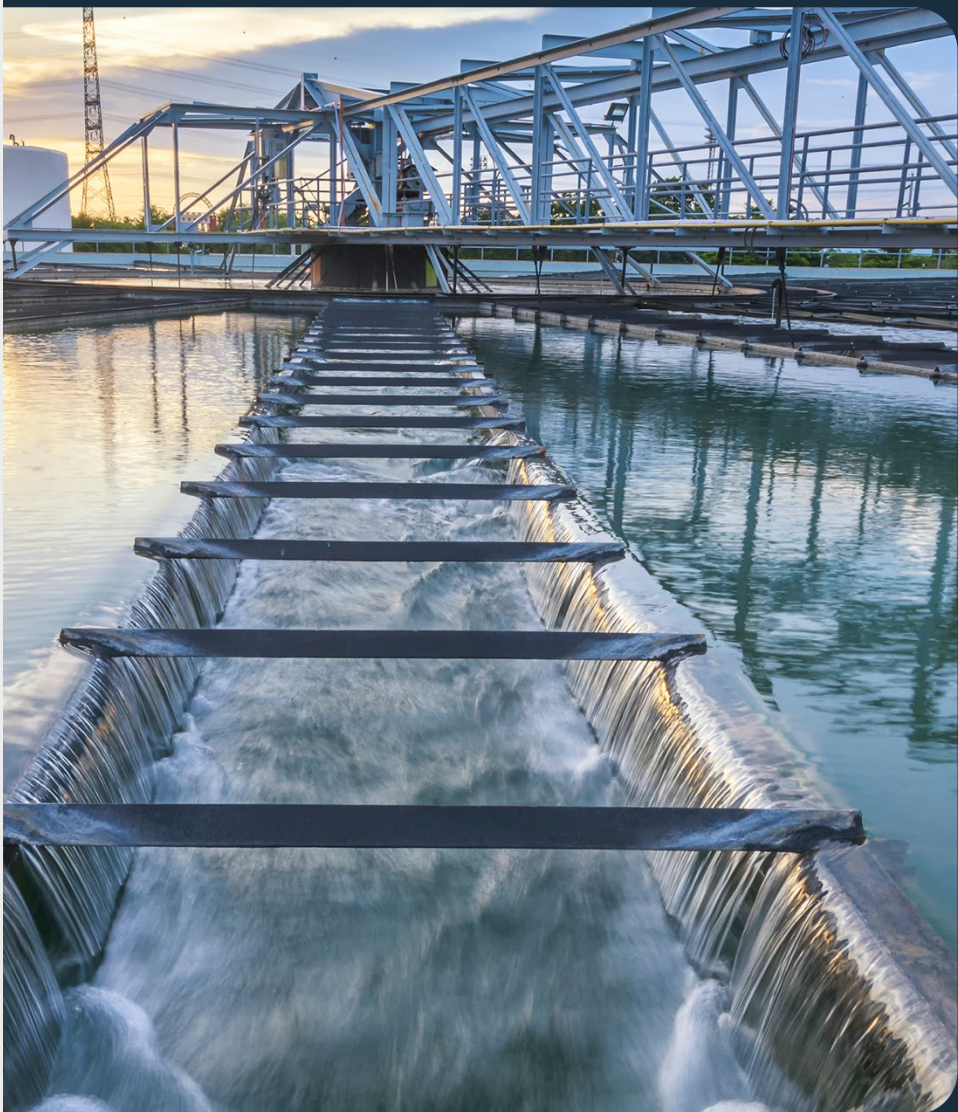




American Water & Essential Utilities Merger

Uniting Two of the Nation's Premier Water Utilities
to Deliver Improved Scale and Long-Term Value

OCTOBER 27, 2025

Forward Looking Statements

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Important Additional Information about the Proposed Merger and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed merger, American Water will file a registration statement on Form S-4, which will include a document that serves as a prospectus of American Water with respect to the shares of American Water’s common stock to be issued in the proposed merger and a joint proxy statement of American Water and Essential Utilities for their respective shareholders (the “joint proxy statement/prospectus”), and each party will file other documents regarding the proposed merger with the SEC. This communication is not a substitute for the registration statement, the joint proxy statement/prospectus or any other document that American Water or Essential Utilities may file with the SEC or mail to their respective shareholders in connection with the proposed merger. BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING OR INVESTMENT DECISION, INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF EACH PARTY ARE URGED TO READ CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT, THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS, ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS THERETO AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. A definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus will be sent to American Water’s and Essential Utilities’ shareholders. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain the registration statement, the joint proxy statement/prospectus and the other documents filed regarding the proposed merger free of charge from the SEC’s website or from American Water or Essential Utilities. The documents filed by American Water with the SEC may be obtained free of charge at American Water’s investor relations website at ir.amwater.com or at the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov. The documents filed by Essential Utilities with the SEC may be obtained free of charge at Essential Utilities website at essential.co or at the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov. The information included on, or accessible through, American Water’s or Essential Utilities’ respective websites is not incorporated by reference into, and does not form a part of, this communication.

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American Water, Essential Utilities and certain of their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from American Water’s and Essential Utilities’ respective shareholders in connection with the proposed merger. Information about the directors and executive officers of American Water, including a description of their direct or indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, is set forth in American Water’s definitive proxy statement for its 2025 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on March 27, 2025, including under the headings “Compensation Discussion and Analysis,” “Director Compensation,” “Equity Compensation Plan Information,” and “Certain Beneficial Ownership Matters.” To the extent holdings of American Water’s common stock by the directors and executive officers of American Water have changed or do change from the amounts of American Water’s common stock held by such persons as reflected therein, such changes have been or will be reflected on Initial Statements of Beneficial Ownership of Securities on Form 3 (“Form 3”), Statements of Changes in Beneficial Ownership on Form 4 (“Form 4”) or Annual Statements of Changes in Beneficial Ownership of Securities on Form 5 (“Form 5”), in each case filed with the SEC. Information about the directors and executive officers of Essential Utilities, including a description of their direct or indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, is set forth in Essential Utilities’ definitive proxy statement for its 2025 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on March 25, 2025, including under the headings “Director Compensation” and “Compensation Discussion and Analysis.” To the extent holdings of Essential Utilities’ common stock by the directors and executive officers of Essential Utilities have changed or do change from the amounts of Essential Utilities’ common stock held by such persons as reflected therein, such changes have been or will be reflected on Forms 3, Forms 4 or Forms 5, in each case filed with the SEC. Additionally, information regarding the respective directors and executive officers of American Water and Essential Utilities and other participants in each respective proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests in the proposed merger, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the registration statement and joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC regarding the proposed merger when such materials become available. Investors and security holders should read the registration statement and joint proxy statement/prospectus carefully when it becomes available before making any voting or investment decisions. Investors may obtain free copies of these documents from American Water and Essential Utilities as indicated above.

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Today's Participants



John Griffith

President & Chief
Executive Officer



David Bowler

Executive Vice
President & Chief
Financial Officer



Cheryl Norton

Executive Vice
President & Chief
Operating Officer



Christopher Franklin

Chairman & Chief
Executive Officer



Daniel Schuller

Executive Vice President
& Chief Financial Officer

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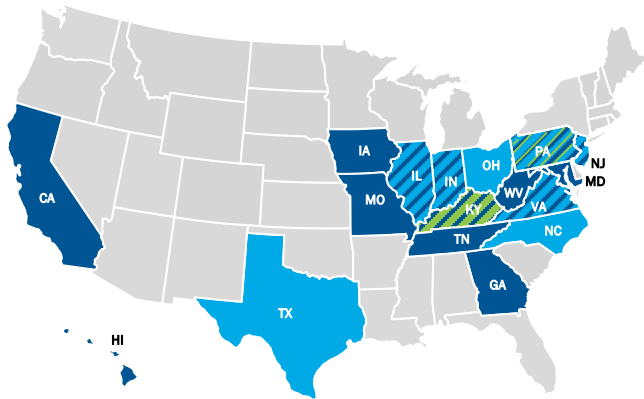
Uniting the Two Leading U.S. Water and Wastewater Utilities

Deal Structure	Tax-Free, All-Stock Merger	Leadership	John Griffith, <i>President & Chief Executive Officer</i>
	\$40B Market Cap ¹		David Bowler, <i>Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer</i>
	\$63B Enterprise Value ¹		Cheryl Norton, <i>Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer</i>
	Fixed Exchange Ratio: 0.305 AWK shares for each WTRG share		Daniel Schuller, <i>Executive Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer</i>
			Colleen Arnold, <i>President, Regulated Operations</i>
			Michael Huwar, <i>President of Peoples Natural Gas</i>
Ownership	AWK Shareholders: 69%	Board Composition	Karl Kurz, <i>Independent Board Chair</i>
	WTRG Shareholders: 31%		Christopher Franklin, <i>Executive Vice Chair & Executive Sponsor of Integration Task Force</i>
Dividend	Maintaining AWK existing dividend policy		Proportional board composition (10 AWK Directors, 5 WTRG Directors)
Growth Target	EPS: 7% - 9%	Timing	Targeting close by the end of Q1 2027
	DPS: 7% - 9%	Name & Headquarters	American Water
			Headquartered in Camden, NJ
			Essential's Bryn Mawr and Pittsburgh offices will each continue to maintain a strong operational presence long term
		Strategic Alternatives Review	Upon closing of the transaction, American Water plans to conduct a review of strategic alternatives for its non-water and non-wastewater businesses

Shared Mission of Safely Delivering Reliable and Affordable Utility Services

		
 U.S. CONNECTIONS	3.5M	1.9M²
 2024A RATE BASE¹	\$22.1B	\$11.5B³
 WATER & WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS	790	227
 EMPLOYEES	6,700	3,300
 YEARS OF SERVING AMERICAN FAMILIES	139	139
 TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION	54,500 mi.	29,500⁴ mi.

AMERICAN WATER
SERVING CUSTOMERS ACROSS
14 REGULATED STATES



ESSENTIAL
SERVING CUSTOMERS ACROSS **9**
REGULATED STATES



Note: Does not include Military Services Group (“MSG”).

1. Includes Net Utility Plant not yet included in rate base, pending rate case filings/outcomes.
 2. Includes ~1.1M water & wastewater connections and ~0.8M gas connections as of 12/31/2024.
 3. Includes \$7.3B water & wastewater rate base and \$4.2B gas rate base.
 4. Includes ~14,500 miles for water & wastewater, and ~15,000 miles for gas.

Combining Two Complementary Platforms to Expand Market Reach and Unlock Efficiencies, Best Practices

Together, the businesses will continue to set the best-in-class standards for water quality, customer experience, and infrastructure replacement and renewal



Best-in-Class Water Quality Provider

- Cements nationwide leadership in water quality best practices, including PFAS and lead remediation, for the benefit of customers
- Scale advantage to address large-scale surface water quality challenges
- Delivering innovative, targeted solutions to address groundwater quality challenges
- Leveraging best practices across industry-leading water quality R&D labs and talent to drive sustainable service enhancements for customers



Premier Partner-of-Choice Water Utility for Municipal Providers

- Solidifies position as a compelling option for communities when considering a sale
- Exciting new geographies with clear paths to organic and business development growth
- Improves long-term customer growth trajectory and long-term customer affordability proposition



Creating a New Top 10 Large-Cap Pure-Play Utility

- Combined equity market cap of \$40B¹ ranks among the top 250 in the S&P500
- Superior TSR potential driven by top-quartile EPS growth, robust dividend trajectory, long-term visible CapEx requirements, and broad regionalization opportunities in a fragmented water industry
- Water and wastewater focused, fully regulated utility
- Unique value proposition in terms of customer affordability and sustainability credentials



Reinforce Commitment to Customers and Communities

- Customer-focused company culture, with eye towards technology-driven improvements
- Merges two companies that each have a legacy of volunteerism and generous support of communities, which will remain central to the combined organization
- Deep industry depth in resiliency planning to uphold reliability of customer service

Compelling Long-Term Growth Outlook in Premier Asset Class

AMERICAN WATER

7% - 9%

Long-Term EPS CAGR Target

RATE BASE GROWTH

8% - 9% (includes acquisitions)

REGULATED ACQUISITIONS

2% Customer Additions

MILITARY SERVICES GROUP

Maximize Service Quality

AMERICAN WATER + ESSENTIAL

7% - 9%

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ORGANIC GROWTH

Expansion of customer base in attractive states

MILITARY SERVICES GROUP

Maximize Service Quality

Other Long-Term Targets and Drivers of Sustainable Shareholder Returns

~100% Regulated and Regulated-Like Earnings¹

7% - 9% Dividend Per Share Growth

55% - 60% Dividend Payout Ratio

<60% Debt to Capital

Customer Affordability +

Sustainability Leadership +

Highly Attractive Footprint with Scale and Scope for Growth

AMERICAN WATER + ESSENTIAL

\$34B¹

2024A Rate Base

\$41B²

2026E Rate Base

\$40B³

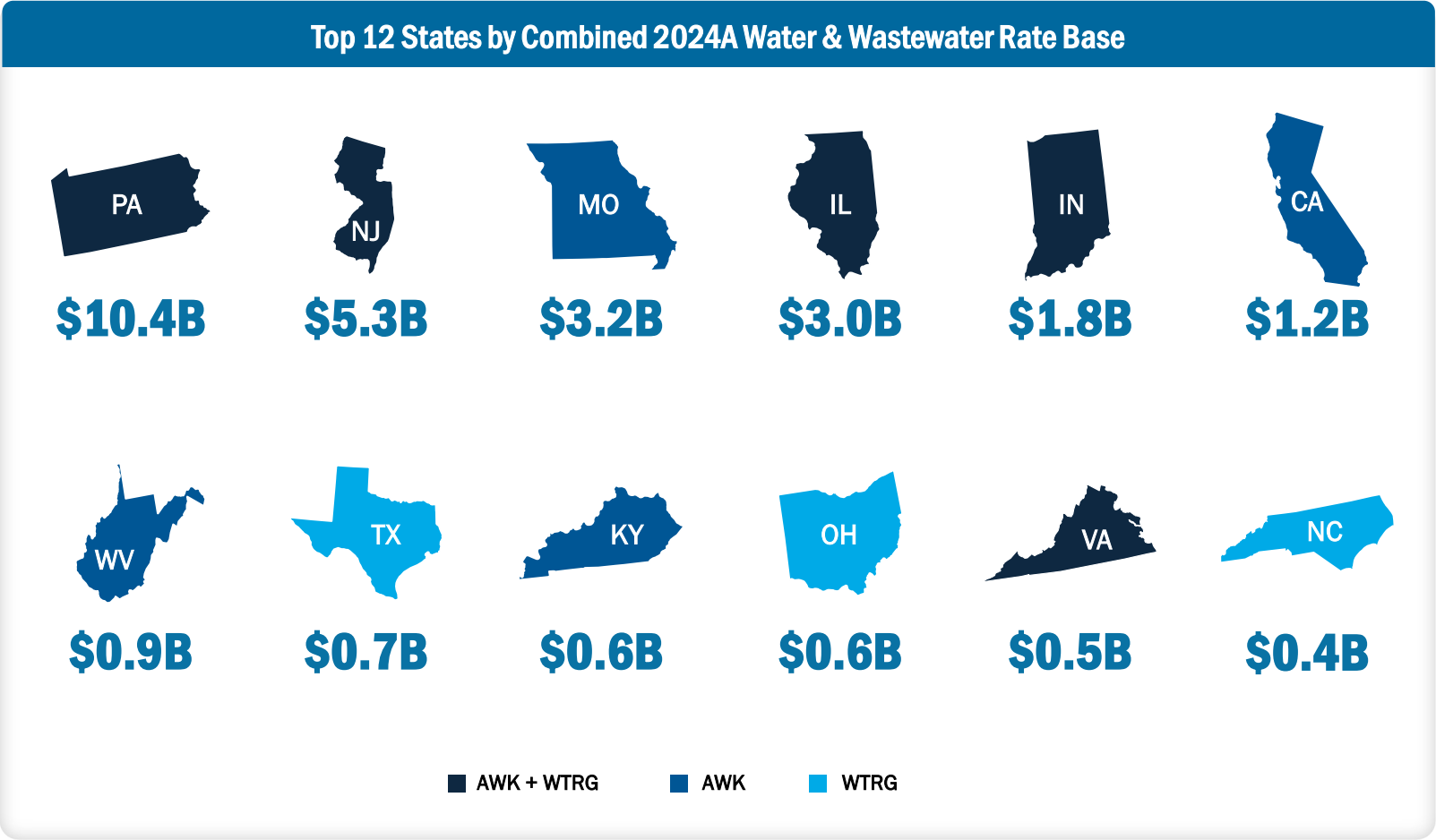
Market Capitalization

5.4M⁴+

U.S. Connections

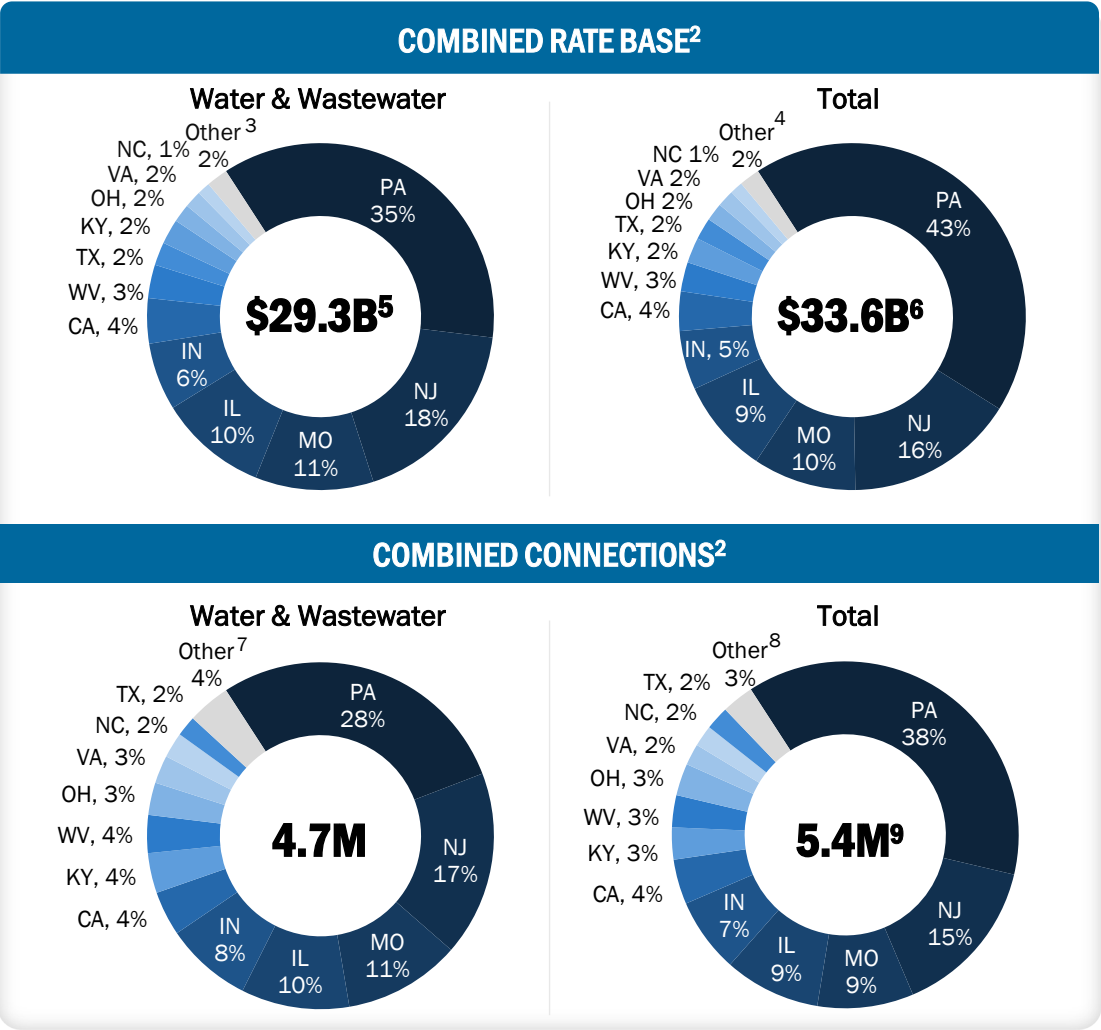
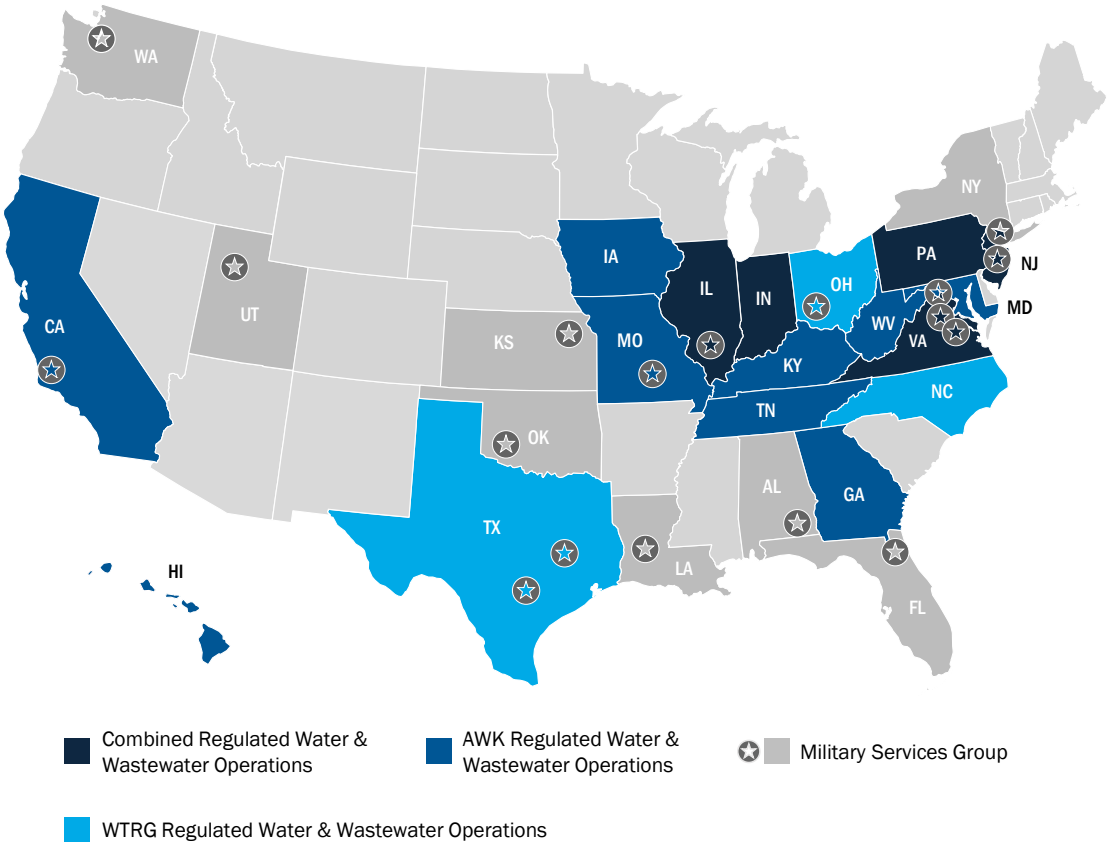
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Regulated States



Diversified Regulated Portfolio Across 17 States

Footprint by State¹



Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding.
 1. Peoples Natural Gas located in Pennsylvania and Kentucky.
 2. As of 12/31/2024.
 3. Other includes TN 1.0%, IA 0.9%, HI 0.2%, MD 0.1%.
 4. Other includes TN 0.8%, IA 0.8%, HI 0.2%, MD 0.1%.

5. Includes Net Utility Plant not yet included in rate base, pending rate case filings/outcomes.
 6. Gas rate base of \$4.2B with 96% in PA and 4% in KY. Includes Net Utility Plant not yet included in rate base, pending rate case filings/outcomes.
 7. Other includes TN 1.9%, IA 1.5%, HI 0.2%, MD 0.1%.
 8. Other includes TN 1.6%, IA 1.3%, HI 0.2%, MD 0.1%.
 9. Includes ~0.8M gas connections with 95% in PA and 5% in KY.

Delivers Expansive Benefits to Key Stakeholders



Continuing superior customer service at affordable rates

- Combined infrastructure and operational efficiencies
- Maintain focus on delivering dependable water and wastewater services
- Commitment to affordable customer rates with strong leverage to manage supply chain costs for customers' benefit



Support communities through unified services

- Sustained investment in philanthropic initiatives
- Expanded presence in overlapping and new service territories
- Coordinated services for local employees to efficiently meet local needs



Increased career growth opportunity for employees

- Strengthens position as a top employer of choice; Recognized on the Forbes America's Best Employers for Company Culture 2025 list
- Attracting top talent through reputation and expanded opportunities
- Broader career advancement prospects across the organization



Value creation for shareholders

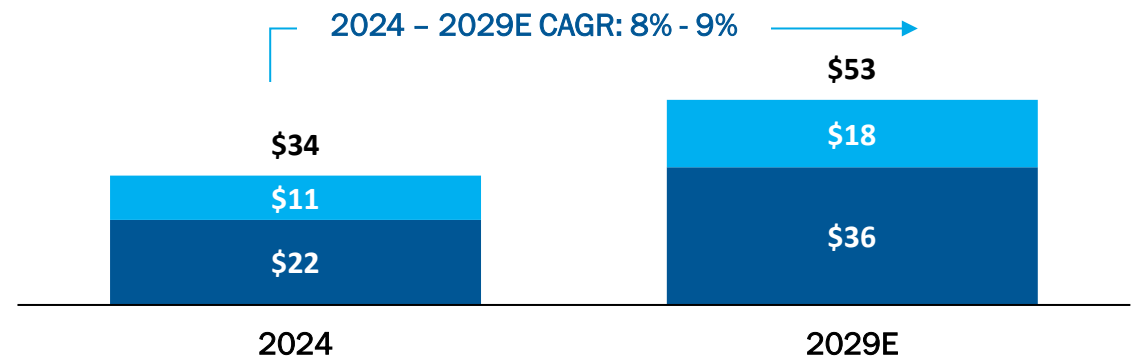
- Enhanced stake in a larger regulated utility platform
- Access to broader geographic and regulatory exposure
- Participation in long-term value creation



Capital Investments to Drive Rate Base Growth

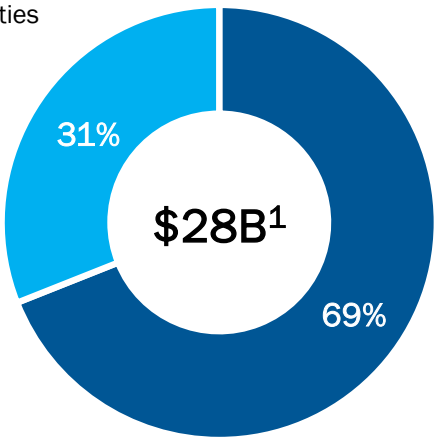
COMBINED RATE BASE

American Water
Essential Utilities



5-YEAR COMBINED CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN

American Water
Essential Utilities



- The combined company's enhanced scale will support continued investment in critical infrastructure, enabling the company to continue to provide superior customer service at affordable rates

Focus Areas of Investment

Infrastructure Renewal

Accounts for additional replacement of mains, hydrants, services (lead service lines), meters, and gas pipelines

Water Quality, including PFAS

Treatment plant and system upgrades including lead pipe replacement and PFAS mitigation

Resiliency

Treatment plant hardening for resiliency, including for weather variability

Operational Efficiency, Technological Innovation

Infrastructure advancements to drive streamlined operations and long-term performance improvements

Delivering Top Quartile Total Shareholder Return

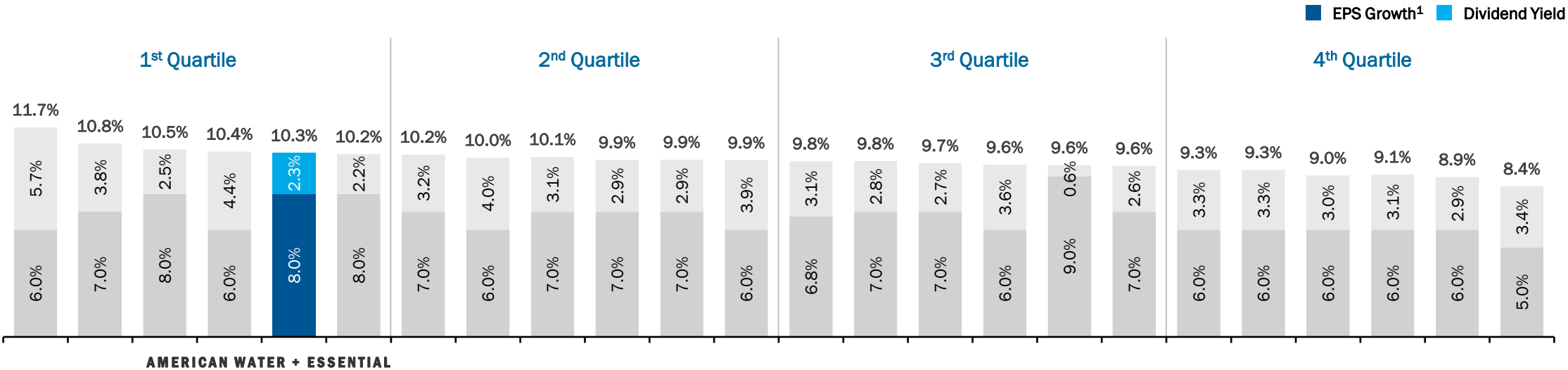
Pro Forma EPS and Dividend Outlook

- Transaction EPS accretive in first year after transaction close
- Expect to maintain American Water’s 7% - 9% long-term EPS and DPS growth targets
- Expect to adopt American Water’s current dividend policy and 55% - 60% payout target, supporting reinvestment in accretive rate base growth

Highly Durable, Low Risk Capital Investment Plan

- Decades of pipe replacement needed in aging water systems
 - March 2025 ASCE Infrastructure Report Card graded U.S. Drinking Water and Wastewater systems as a C- and D+, respectively
- Significant water quality and resiliency investments needed, including PFAS and lead remediation
- Regionalization of extremely fragmented water and wastewater systems in the U.S. offers unique opportunity to grow
- Customer affordability remains a core focus, underpinning growth

TOTAL RETURN COMPARISON VS LARGE CAP REGULATED UTILITY PEERS



Continuing Commitment to a Strong Balance Sheet & Credit Ratings

The combination creates a stronger, more resilient utility with improved credit quality, balanced capital structure, and stable cash flow to support long-term growth and reliable service

Credit Strength and Benefits

- All-stock transaction; no debt issuance related to the transaction
- Credit profile comfortably within current A/Baa1 ratings bands for S&P and Moody's, respectively
- Regulated, essential water/wastewater asset class combined with robust risk management underpin a strong financial profile and low business risk
- Preserved diversification across service territories:
 - Spreads exposure across distinct regulators while increasing presence in Pennsylvania
 - Broadens customer and revenue base

S&P / MOODY'S RATINGS

A / Baa1

AMERICAN WATER

A- / Baa2

ESSENTIAL

Path to Close

Approvals and Timeline

Q4 2025 – Q1 2026

File Regulatory Applications

Required approvals include Hart-Scott-Rodino and certain public utility commissions

Q1 2026

Special Shareholder Meetings

Required special AWK and WTRG shareholders meetings are held

Q3 2026 – Q1 2027

Obtain Regulatory Approvals

Approvals from state regulators include PA, NJ, TX and VA, among others

Q1 2027

Transaction Close

Transaction expected to close by end of Q1 2027

Key Takeaways

Merger Unlocks Compelling Growth and Value Potential for Both Companies

Results in a Leading U.S. Water & Wastewater Utility

Solidifies position as a premier public water & wastewater utility with an expanded footprint across 17 states and on 18 military installations, 4.7M water & wastewater connections, and increased ability to help solve water & wastewater challenges across the United States

Strengthens Platform for Superior Customer Experience

Leverages operational and financial expertise and efficiencies from complementary platforms to drive high quality, affordable service

Unites two industry leaders with a shared mission to deliver safe, clean, reliable, and affordable water and wastewater services, while elevating customer experience through operational excellence

Presents Inorganic & Organic Growth Opportunities

Retains American Water's 7% - 9% long-term EPS and dividend per share growth rate targets, driven by both strategic acquisitions and core business expansion

Enhances Financial Strength, Expands Low Risk Foundation

Highly stable and supportive cash flows and strengthened balance sheet form foundation for continued infrastructure investments