Chesla Mark Form 4 February 28, 2012

## FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Chesla Mark			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) 1025 LAURE	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2012	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)  Vice President & Controller		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
VOORHEES, NJ 08043				Form filed by More than One Reportin Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ties A	cquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)			Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported		
				or		Transaction(s)			
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/23/2012	02/23/2012	M	2,344	A	\$ 0 (2)	4,772	D	
Common Stock	02/23/2012	02/23/2012	F	875	D	\$ 34.12	3,897	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Securitie Acquire	ive Expiration Date Underlying les (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and ed (A) or ed of (D)		Expiration Date		Securit
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Shar
Performance Stock Unit	(1)	02/23/2012	02/23/2012	M		2,344	(2)	12/31/2011	Common Stock	2,3
Performance Stock Unit	(1)	02/23/2012	02/23/2012	D		30	(3)	12/31/2011	Common Stock	3
Performance Stock Unit	<u>(4)</u>	02/23/2012	02/23/2012	A	940		<u>(4)</u>	12/31/2014	Common Stock	94
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.12	02/23/2012	02/23/2012	A	8,606		<u>(5)</u>	12/31/2018	Common Stock	8,6

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships s						
	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 02/27/2012 filed

> \*\*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 represented a contingent right to receive one share of American Water Works Company, Inc.'s (the (1) "Company") common stock, based on the Company's annual total stockholder return (TSR") relative to the performance of the other companies in the Dow Jones U.S. Utility Index over a three-year performance period.
- Represents the earned portion of the TSR performance stock units granted in 2009, which was based on the 30-day average stock price-at (2) the beginning of the performance period and at the end of the three year performance period (15 business days before 12/31 and 15 days after 12/31). The number of performance stock units earned was 98.8 percent of the target.

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Represents the unearned portion of the TSR performance stock units granted in 2009, which was based on the 30-day average stock price-at the beginning of the performance period and at the end of the three year performance period (15 business days before 12/31 and 15 days after 12/31).

- Each performance stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of American Water's (the "Company") common stock. The actual number of performance stock units that may be earned will be based on the Company's annual total stockholder return ("TSR")
- (4) relative to the performance of the other companies in the Dow Jones U.S. Utility Index over the three-year performance period beginning on January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2014. The number of performance stock units shown in column 5 is equal to the target number of performance stock units that may be earned.
- (5) The options vest in three equal installments on January 1, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

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