

Strauss Mark F.  
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**FORM 4**

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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)  
02/23/2012

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

VOORHEES, NJ 08043

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

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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/23/2012	02/23/2012	M	3,764	A \$ 0	10,672	D
Common Stock	02/23/2012	02/23/2012	F	1,345	D \$ 34.12	9,327	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Performance Stock Unit	(1)	02/23/2012	02/23/2012	M	3,764	(2) 12/31/2011	Common Stock
Performance Stock Unit	(1)	02/23/2012	02/23/2012	D	48	(3) 12/31/2011	Common Stock
Performance Stock Unit	(4)	02/23/2012	02/23/2012	A	1,421	(4) 12/31/2014	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.12	02/23/2012	02/23/2012	A	13,011	(5) 12/31/2018	Common Stock

## 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/ Karen K. Pettiford-Wilson by Power of Attorney previously filed 02/27/2012

\_\_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) Each performance stock unit represented a contingent right to receive one share of American Water Works Company, Inc.'s (the "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.

(2) Represents the earned 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). The number of performance stock units earned was 98.8 percent of the target.

(3) 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).

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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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