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### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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See Instruction

1(b).

Common

Common

Stock

Stock

02/23/2012

02/23/2012

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Lynch Walter			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)		f Earliest T	ransaction	Director	give title	10% Owner Other (specify	
1025 LAUREL OAK ROAD			(Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2012			below)  President,Regulated Operations			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)			Applicable Line)			
VOORHEE					_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative Securities Acc	quired, Dispose	d of, or Benefi	cially Owned	
1.Title of	2. Transaction D	ate 2A. Dee	med	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount o	f 6.	7. Nature of	
Security	(Month/Day/Yea		on Date, if		on(A) or Disposed of (D)	Securities	Ownershi	•	
(Instr. 3)		any		Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	Form: Di	ect Beneficial	

(Instr. 8)

M

F

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

02/23/2012

02/23/2012

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Owned

Following

Reported

20,050

16,133

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(A)

(D)

A

D

Price

\$0

Amount

11,578

3,917

(D) or

Indirect (I)

(Instr. 4)

D

D

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

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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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities Acquired (Instr. 8) (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Am Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A or N
Performance Stock Unit	<u>(2)</u>	02/23/2012	02/23/2012	M		11,578	<u>(1)</u>	12/31/2011	Common Stock	1
Performance Stock Unit	<u>(3)</u>	02/23/2012	02/23/2012	D		141	(3)	12/31/2011	Common Stock	
Performance Stock Unit	<u>(4)</u>	02/23/2012	02/23/2012	A	5,080		<u>(4)</u>	12/31/2014	Common Stock	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.12	02/23/2012	02/23/2012	A	46,514		<u>(5)</u>	12/31/2018	Common Stock	4

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
reporting 6 wher runne, runness	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Lynch Walter 1025 LAUREL OAK ROAD VOORHEES, NJ 08043			President,Regulated Operations			

# **Signatures**

/s/ Karen K. Pettiford-Wilson by Power of Attorney previously 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).
- Represents the earned portion of the TSR performance stock units granted in 2009, which was based on the 30-day average stock price-at (1) 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.
- 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.
- Represents the unearned portion of the TSR performance stock units granted in 2009, which was based on the 30-day average stock (3) 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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