

American Water Works Company, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
March 09, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 8-K**

**Current Report**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 9, 2011

**American Water Works Company, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 001-34028

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction)

51-0063696  
(IRS Employer)

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of incorporation)

Identification No.)

**1025 Laurel Oak Road**

**Voorhees, NJ 08043**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(856) 346-8200**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure**

In anticipation of meetings that representatives of American Water Works Company, Inc. (the Company) have scheduled to hold with investors during the period of March 10, 2011 through March 23, 2011, the Company is reaffirming its earnings guidance for 2011.

The Company reaffirms its estimate that its 2011 earnings will be in the range of \$1.65 to \$1.75 per share. The Company anticipates that it may reiterate its earnings guidance during the meetings referenced above. Following conclusion of the meetings on March 23, 2011, the earnings guidance should be considered as historical, speaking only as of and prior to March 23, 2011, and not subject to an update by the Company.

**Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements**

The earnings guidance set forth in this report constitutes a forward-looking statement within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These forward-looking statements are predictions based on our current expectations and assumptions regarding our future financial performance, including earnings. Actual results could differ materially because of factors such as the decisions of governmental and regulatory bodies, including decisions to raise or lower rates; the timeliness of regulatory commissions' actions concerning rates; changes in laws, governmental regulations and policies, including environmental, health and water quality and public utility regulations and policies; weather conditions, patterns or events, including drought or abnormally high rainfall; changes in customer demand for, and patterns of use of, water, such as may result from conservation efforts; our ability to appropriately maintain current infrastructure and manage the expansion of our business; our ability to obtain permits for projects; changes in our capital requirements; our ability to control operating expenses and to achieve efficiencies in our operations; our ability to obtain adequate and cost-effective supplies of chemicals, electricity, fuel, water and other raw materials that are required for our operations; our ability to acquire successfully and integrate water and wastewater systems that are complementary to our operations and the growth of our business; cost overruns relating to improvements or the expansion of our operations; changes in general economic, business and financial market conditions; significant changes to our business processes and corresponding technology; access to sufficient capital on satisfactory terms; fluctuations in interest rates; restrictive covenants in or changes to the credit ratings on our current or future debt that could increase our financing costs or affect our ability to borrow, make payments on debt or pay dividends; fluctuations in the value of benefit plan assets and liabilities that could increase our cost and funding requirements; the incurrence of impairment charges; migration of customers into or out of our service territories; difficulty in obtaining insurance at acceptable rates and on acceptable terms and conditions; ability to retain and attract qualified employees; and civil disturbance, labor strikes or terrorist threats or acts or public apprehension about future disturbances or terrorist threats or acts.

For further information regarding risks and uncertainties associated with American Water's business, please refer to American Water's annual, quarterly and periodic SEC filings. Except as explicitly set forth in this report, the Company undertakes no duty to update the forward-looking statement contained in this report.

The information in this Item 7.01 shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any Company filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Signature(s)**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 9, 2011

By: /s/ Ellen C. Wolf  
Ellen C. Wolf  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer