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THE YORK WATER COMPANY  
130 EAST MARKET STREET  
YORK, PENNSYLVANIA 17401

March 30, 2001

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE YORK WATER COMPANY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of The York Water Company will be held at the Filter Plant of the Company, Grantley Road Extended, York County, Pennsylvania, on Monday, May 7, 2001 at 1:00 P.M. for the purpose of taking action upon the following proposals:

- (1) To elect three (3) Directors to three-year terms of office;
- (2) To appoint independent accountants to audit the financial statements of the Company for the year 2001; and
- (3) To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 15, 2001 as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting, and at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

You are cordially invited to attend the meeting. In the event you will be unable to attend, you are respectfully requested to sign, date and return the enclosed proxy at your earliest convenience in the enclosed stamped return envelope. Returning your proxy does not deprive you of the right to attend the meeting and vote your shares in person.

By order of the Board of Directors,

JEFFREY S. OSMAN  
Secretary

THE YORK WATER COMPANY  
130 EAST MARKET STREET  
YORK, PENNSYLVANIA 17401

March 30, 2001

PROXY STATEMENT

This Proxy Statement and the accompanying form of proxy are

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being furnished to the shareholders of The York Water Company (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors of the Company, whereby shareholders would appoint George Hay Kain, III, John L. Finlayson, and Chloe R. Eichelberger, and each of them, as Proxies on behalf of the shareholders, to be used at the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company to be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Filter Plant of the Company on Monday, May 7, 2001 (the "Annual Meeting") and at any adjournment thereof.

Solicitation of proxies will be primarily by mail. Proxies may also be solicited personally and by telephone by regular employees of the Company. The expenses of the solicitation will be borne by the Company. Such expenses may also include ordinary charges and expenses of brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees and other fiduciaries for forwarding documents to shareholders. This Proxy Statement has been mailed to shareholders of the Company on or about March 30, 2001.

A shareholder who completes and forwards the enclosed proxy to the Company's transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, is not precluded from attending the Annual Meeting and voting his or her shares in person, and may revoke the proxy by delivering a later dated proxy or by written notification to the Company or to the transfer agent, at any time before the proxy is exercised.

### PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

At the Annual Meeting, shareholders of the Company will consider and vote upon proposals: (i) to elect three (3) Directors to serve for a term of three (3) years; and (ii) to ratify the appointment of Stambaugh Ness, P.C. as independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2001. Shareholders may also consider and vote upon such other matters as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

### VOTING AT THE MEETING

The outstanding securities of the Company entitled to vote at the meeting consist of 3,042,731 shares of Common Stock. The presence at the Annual Meeting in person or by proxy of shareholders entitled to cast a majority of the votes which all shareholders are entitled to cast will constitute a quorum for the Annual Meeting.

The record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof was the close of business on March 15, 2001. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each share on all matters coming before the meeting, except that shareholders have cumulative voting rights with respect to the election of Directors. Cumulative voting rights permit each shareholder to cast as many votes in the election of each class of Directors to be elected as shall equal the number of such shareholder's shares of Common Stock multiplied by the number of Directors to be elected in such class of Directors, and each shareholder may cast all such votes for a single nominee or distribute such votes among two or more nominees in such class as

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the shareholder may see fit. Discretionary authority to cumulate votes is not being solicited.

In accordance with Pennsylvania law, a shareholder can withhold authority to vote for all nominees for directors or can withhold authority to vote for certain nominees for directors. Directors will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast. Votes that are withheld will be excluded from the vote and will have no effect.

Any votes that are withheld on the proposal to ratify the selection of the independent accountants will have the effect of a negative vote because this proposal requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present at the meeting in person or represented by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote.

Brokers who have received no voting instructions from their customers will have discretion to vote with respect to election of directors and the proposal to ratify the Company's auditors.

### VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS THEREOF

No person, so far as known to the Company, beneficially owns five (5) percent or more of the Company's outstanding Common Stock as of March 15, 2001.

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the beneficial ownership of our common stock as of January 31, 2001 by (1) each director and other director nominee of the Company, (2) each executive officer named in the summary compensation table included elsewhere herein and (3) all executive officers and directors as a group.

The information appearing in the following table with respect to principal occupation and beneficial ownership of Common Stock of the Company has been furnished to the Company by the three nominees and the six directors continuing in office as of January 31, 2001.

| Name | Age | Principal Occupation During<br>Last Five Years | Director<br>or Officer<br>Since | Fu<br>Ben |
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