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RANDY E. HAYMAN, Esq.
Water Commissioner

March 31, 2025

James P. Leonard, Esquire
Records Commissioner
City Hall, Room 158
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Re: Formal Notice of Proposed Changes in Rates and Charges; Annual Adjustment of Tiered Assistance Program Rate Rider Surcharge Rates (TAP-R); Final Proposed TAP-R Reconciliation Statement

Dear Commissioner Leonard:

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide formal notice of changes in rates and charges proposed by the Philadelphia Water Department (“Department” or “PWD”) to implement the annual adjustment to the Tiered Assistance Program Rate Rider Surcharge Rates (“TAP-R”) and to revise related water, sewer and fire service connection quantity charges. The proposed changes in rates and charges, if approved by the Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board (“Rate Board” or “Board”), will take effect on September 1, 2025. The following rates and charges will be impacted by the new TAP-R:

<u>Rate/Charge</u>	<u>Rates and Charges Section Reference</u>
Total Water Quantity Charges	Section 2.1(c)(l)
Total Sewer Quantity Charges	Section 3.3(b)(l)
Total Fire Service Quantity Charges	Section 9.1 (d)(l)
TAP-R Surcharge Rates	Section 10.3

The Formal Notice filing is provided via the enclosed USB flash drive and is available at the Dropbox website below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/bi5mgs0uedgoe2iwhljmc/AH21fdQ0oWjnbsAM03zj7N8?rlkey=enocgukg2tyx9t5f09gq11a7d&st=ha4l5kgo&dl=0>.

No password is needed to access the above website.

The aforesaid filing will also be made available at the Rate Board's website: <https://www.phila.gov/departments/water-sewer-storm-water-rate-board/rate-proceedings/>. Once the rate filing is available on the Rate Board's website, the Dropbox website will not be needed and will expire.

The filing includes the proposed rates and charges, which are subject to review and authorization by the Rate Board.¹ The Board will schedule public hearings on the proposed rates and charges, as required by Section 13-101(3)(f) of the Philadelphia Code ("Code").

This notice is submitted in accordance with the ratemaking authority and procedural requirements specified in Sections 5-801 and 8-407 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter ("Charter"), Sections 13-101 and 21-1703 of the Code, Sections II.A.2(b) and 11.C.1 of the Rate Board's regulations, and the Rate Board's 2018 Rate Determination. The Department's Final Proposed TAP-R Reconciliation Statement with the accompanying exhibits is enclosed, along with a memorandum from the Law Department approving these documents as to form.

Please make the aforesaid documentation, together with the Department's proposed changes in rates and charges, available for inspection and arrange for advertising in accordance with Section 8-407 of the Charter and Section 21-1703 of the Code.² The text for the public notice to be published in the newspapers is attached. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Randy E. Hayman, Esq.
Water Commissioner

cc: Rate Board
The Public Advocate and all Participants in the 2024 TAP-R Rate Proceedings (w/ enc.)

¹ The proposed rates and charges will be fully vetted as part of the rate process before the Rate Board.

² See Rate Board Regulations at Section II.A.2 and II.C.1.