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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** James P. Leonard, Commissioner of Records

**FROM:** Irwin "Sonny" Popowsky, Chair *Irwin Popowsky*  
Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board

**DATE:** June 26, 2024

**RE:** 2024 TAP-R Reconciliation Proceeding – Determination of Water Department Tiered Assistance Program Rate Rider Surcharge Rates Beginning 9/1/2024

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Pursuant to Section 13-101 of the Philadelphia Code and the Regulations of the Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board (Rate Board), and at the direction of the Rate Board in its public meeting of June 26, 2024, I am forwarding herewith for filing the Rate Determination on the 2024 TAP-R Reconciliation Proceeding – FY 2025, which constitutes the Rate Report and Rate Determination of the Rate Board; along with a memorandum of approval from the Law Department. The changes in Water Department rates and charges are to take effect on September 1, 2024.

On April 1, 2024, following Advance Notice filed with City Council and the Rate Board on February 28, 2024, the Water Department filed a "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," commencing a TAP-R Reconciliation Proceeding as defined in Section I(v) of the Rate Board's Regulations.

In accordance with the Charter, Code, and Regulations noted above, the Rate Board's Hearing Officer held a procedural conference and supervised discovery among the four entities and two individuals registered as participants in the rate proceeding. A public hearing was held on this matter on May 10, 2024, and a technical hearing was held on the same day. The Water Department and Public Advocate filed a Joint Petition for Settlement of TAP-R Proceeding on May 20, 2024, including a statement of nonobjection by a further participant. One participant objected to the settlement, and its parties filed a brief and a letter supporting it.

On or about May 29, 2024, the Hearing Officer filed her Report, summarizing the record and making recommendations for the resolution of the proceeding. Two participants filed exceptions. The Rate Board then deliberated the issues in its monthly public meeting on June 12, 2024, and adopted the attached Rate Determination at a special public meeting on June 26, 2024 by vote of 3-0. All meetings and hearings were duly noticed.

We expect that the Water Department will timely file Rates and Charges in conformance with the Rate Determination.

Attachments: Law Department Approval Memo  
Rate Determination, 2024 TAP-R Reconciliation Proceeding