



MEMORANDUM

TO: James P. Leonard, Commissioner of Records
FROM: Irwin "Sonny" Popowsky, Chair, Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board
Irwin Popowsky
DATE: July 23, 2025
SUBJECT: 2025 TAP-R Reconciliation Proceeding – Determination of Water Department Tiered Assistance Program Rate Rider Surcharge Rates Beginning 9/1/2025

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 July 23, 2025, I am forwarding herewith for filing the Rate Determination on the 2025 TAP-R Reconciliation Proceeding – FY 2026, which constitutes the Rate Report and Rate Determination of the Rate Board; along with a memorandum of approval from the Law Department. The Rate Board hereby authorizes changes in Water Department rates and charges to take effect on September 1, 2025.

On March 31, 2025, following Advance Notice filed with City Council and the Rate Board on February 18, 2025, 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 three individuals registered as participants in the rate proceeding. A public input hearing was held on this matter on May 8, 2025, 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 29, 2025.

On June 18, 2025, the Hearing Officer filed her Report, summarizing the record and making recommendations for the resolution of the proceeding. The record of this proceeding is posted on the Rate Board's website on the 2025 TAP-R Reconciliation page, <https://www.phila.gov/departments/water-sewer-storm-water-rate-board/rate-proceedings/2025-tapr-proceeding/>. The Rate Board then deliberated the issues in a public meeting on July 16, 2025, and adopted the attached Rate Determination at a public meeting on July 23, 2025, by a majority vote of Board Members. 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. A date-stamped copy of this Rate Determination will also be posted on the above site when received from the Department of Records.

Attachments: Law Department Approval Memo
 Rate Determination, 2025 TAP-R Reconciliation Proceeding