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MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF RECORDS

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TO: James Leonard, Records Commissioner
FROM: Sonny Popowsky, Chair of the Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board *SP*
DATE: August 5, 2020
RE: Rate Determination of Water Department Rates and Charges Beginning 10/1/2020

On June 22, 2020, 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, seeking to implement the annual adjustment to the Tiered Assistant Program Rate Rider Surcharge Rates (TAP-R) and to revise related water, sewer and fire service connection charges effective October 1, 2019.

In accordance with Section 5-801 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, Section 13-101 of the Philadelphia Code, and the Regulations of the Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board, the Rate Board held one public hearing and one technical hearing on this matter on July 15, 2020. Pursuant to those Regulations, the Rate Board's Hearing Officer held a scheduling conference and supervised discovery among the entities and individuals registered as participants in the rate proceeding.

At the technical hearing, the Hearing Officer accepted documents into the record, including a Joint Petition for Settlement of TAP-R Proceeding filed by the Water Department and the Public Advocate agreeing to the proposed changes in the TAP-R. The Water Department and the Public Advocate filed a joint brief in support of those rates. The Philadelphia Large Users Group stated orally and in writing that it did not oppose the proposed rates. No other participant submitted comments. The Hearing Officer submitted a Report recommending adoption of the proposed rates. The Rate Board deliberated the issues in the proceeding and adopted this Rate Determination in a public meeting held on August 5, 2020. All meetings and hearings were duly noticed.

Pursuant to Section 5-801 of the Charter, Section 13-101 of the Code, and the Rate Board's Regulations, and at the direction of the Rate Board in its public meeting of August 5, 2020, I am forwarding herewith for filing the Rate Determination of the City of Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board on the 2020 TAP Rider Rate Adjustment, 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 has approved changes (reductions) in rates and charges to take effect on October 1, 2020.

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