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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Sonny Popowsky, Chair, Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board

**FROM:** Daniel W. Cantú-Hertzler, Senior Attorney *DWCH*

**DATE:** June 21, 2023

**RE:** 2023 General Rate Proceeding – Determination of Water Department General Rates and Charges Beginning 9/1/2023 and 9/1/2024

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I have reviewed the attached Rate Determination of the Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board. Pursuant to Section II.A.2 of the [Rate Board Regulations](#) and [Section 13-101\(7\)](#) of the Philadelphia Code, the Water Department commenced this General Rate Proceeding by filing a [Formal Notice](#) on February 23, 2023 following and incorporating its [Advance Notice](#) of January 24, 2023. The Rate Board concluded this General Rate Proceeding by adopting this Rate Determination on June 21, 2023 at a duly advertised special meeting.

The Rate Board is the independent rate-making body established by [ordinance](#) of City Council pursuant to [Section 5-801](#) of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to fix and regulate rates and charges for water and sewer services. The attached document is the Rate Board's Rate Report under [Section 13-101\(8\)](#) of the Philadelphia Code, and is the Rate Board's Rate Determination pursuant to Sections I(o) and II.A.3 of the [Rate Board Regulations](#). I find the attached Rate Determination to be legal and in proper form.

In accordance with Section 13-101(8) of the Philadelphia Code and Section II.A.3(c) of the Rate Board Regulations, you may forward the Rate Determination to the Department of Records for filing. As stated in the Rate Determination and consistent with Section 13-101(3)(e) of the Code and Section II.A.3(d) of the Rate Board Regulations, the effective dates of the changes in the rates and charges will be September 1, 2023 and September 1, 2024 if the Water Department files its conforming Rates and Charges at least ten days prior to that date.

Attachment

cc (w/att): All Rate Board Members (via E-mail)