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MEMORANDUM

TO: James Leonard, Records Commissioner
FROM: Sonny Popowsky, Chair, Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board *SP*
DATE: June 15, 2022
RE: 2022 TAP-R Reconciliation Proceeding – Determination of Water Department Tiered Assistance Program Rate Rider Surcharge Rates Beginning 9/1/2022

Pursuant to Section 5-801 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, Section 13-101 of the Philadelphia Code, and the Regulations of the Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board, and at the direction of the Rate Board in its public meeting of June 15, 2022, I am forwarding herewith for filing the Rate Determination of the Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board on the 2022 TAP-R Reconciliation Proceeding, 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 modified the changes in rates and charges previously set to take effect on September 1, 2022.

On February 25, 2022, following Advance Notice filed with City Council and the Rate Board on January 21, 2022, 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 were held on March 31, 2022, at which one customer spoke. A technical hearing was held on the same day, and the participants added additional documents to the record. The Water Department and Public Advocate filed a Joint Petition for Settlement on April 22, 2022. One participant objected to the settlement, and its parties filed statements in response.

On or about May 12, 2022, the Hearing Officer filed her Report, summarizing the record and making recommendations for the resolution of the proceeding. One participant filed exceptions. The Rate Board then deliberated the issues in its monthly public meeting on June 8, 2022, and adopted this Rate Determination at a special public meeting on June 15, 2022. 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.