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WATER DEPARTMENT
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BERNARD BRUNWASSER
Water Commissioner

May 5, 2008

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Joan T. Decker
Records Commissioner
City Hall, Room 158
Philadelphia, PA 19107

RE: Philadelphia Water Department Proposed Increase in Rates and Charges (FY 2009-2012)

Dear Commissioner Decker:

Pursuant to Sections 8-407 and 5-801 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, enclosed for filing are proposed regulations promulgated by the Philadelphia Water Department to revise existing service and miscellaneous charges as set forth in Chapter 13 of the Philadelphia Code. The following proposed regulations are transmitted herewith:

- Rates and Charges Definitions (Sections 300.0, *et seq.*);
- Water Charges (Sections 302.0, *et seq.*);
- Sewer Charges (Sections 303.0, *et seq.*);
- Stormwater Management Service Charges (Sections 304.0, *et seq.*);
- Billing for Water, Sewer and Stormwater (Sections 305.0, *et seq.*);
- Miscellaneous Water Charges (Sections 306.0, *et seq.*);
- Miscellaneous Sewer Charges (Sections 307.0, *et seq.*):
- Miscellaneous Stormwater Charges (Sections 308.0, *et seq.*) and
- Fire Service Connections (Sections 309.0, *et seq.*).

Please note that each of the attached regulations has been approved by the Philadelphia Law Department as to form and validity.

Also enclosed herewith is supporting documentation for the above proposed regulations, including (a) all pertinent engineering, financial and rate data developed by the rate consulting firm of Black & Veatch; and (b) prepared testimony and exhibits proffered in support of the rate filing.

Please make the aforesaid regulations and supporting documentation available for inspection by the public and advertise the filing of same indicating that any person affected by these proposed regulations may request a hearing consistent with the requirements of Section 8-407 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Joseph S. Clare III

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Deputy Water Commissioner

CALENDAR FOR RATE PROCEEDINGS

Date	Action
April 4	Notice of Proposed Rate Increase Filed with City Council
May 5	Proposed Regulations filed with Department of Records
	Public Advocate Appointed Independent Hearing Officer Appointed
June 4	Pre-hearing conference
	Case Management Order entered creating separate dockets for (A) the determination of reasonableness of the proposed rate increase; and (B) determination of stormwater cost allocation reforms to be implemented
June 5- July 18	Discovery period
July 21-25	Public and technical hearings (rate increase)
September 2	Report of Independent Hearing Officer (rate increase)
September 9-11	Technical hearings concerning stormwater cost allocation reforms
September 19	Decision of Water Commissioner (rate increase)
October 15	Report of Independent Hearing Officer (stormwater cost allocation)
October 30	Decision of Water Commissioner (stormwater cost allocation)