

# Public Notice NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE AND PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASES

Notice is hereby given that a Pre-Hearing Conference will be held concerning the Philadelphia Water Department's application to increase Water, Sewer, Stormwater, Fire Connection and Miscellaneous Rates and Charges.

Hearing Officer Harris T. Bock, Esquire has been appointed by the Mayor, the President of City Council and the City Controller, pursuant to Philadelphia Water Department regulations governing the rate change process, to preside over the proceeding. The Hearing Officer has scheduled a pre-hearing conference at the date, time and place indicated below. The public is invited to attend and participate.

**Pre-Hearing Conference**  
**Friday, June 6, 2008 at 1:30 PM**  
**Gas Commission Hearing Room**  
**1515 Arch St., 18th floor**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19102**

**Hearing Officer:** Harris T. Bock, 660 Two Logan Square, Philadelphia, PA 19103,  
Ph: 215-656-4374, Fax: 215-656-4089, Bock@DisputeRI.com

**Public Advocate:** Philip A. Bertocci, Esq. and Thu B. Tran, Esq., Community Legal Services,  
1424 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19102, Ph: 215-981-3785, have been appointed to represent the residential customer class.

## PROPOSED INCREASES IN WATER, SEWER AND STORMWATER RATES AND CHARGES

Notice is hereby given that, on May 5, 2008, the Philadelphia Water Department filed proposed regulations with the Department of Records to increase Water, Sewer, Stormwater, Fire Connection and Miscellaneous Rates and Charges.

The proposed changes in water, sewer, stormwater and fire connection charges provide for a four-phase rate increase. The first phase is proposed to become effective July 1, 2008. The second, third and fourth phase will be consecutively implemented on July 1 of 2009, 2010 and 2011. The effect of the proposed increase on a typical residential water and sewer customer would be as follows:

Effective Date	Percentage Increase
July 1, 2008	7.8%
July 1, 2009	6.4%
July 1, 2010	6.6%
July 1, 2011	6.5%

Copies of the proposed regulations and supporting data may be examined at the Department of Records at Room 158 City Hall, as well as at the following locations:

- Philadelphia Water Dept., ARAMARK Tower, 1101 Market Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor (Call 215-685-6300)
- Water Revenue Bureau, Municipal Services Bldg., 15<sup>th</sup> & J. F. Kennedy Blvd., Room 200 (Call 215-686-6880)
- Central Library – 19<sup>th</sup> and Vine Streets
- West Philadelphia Regional Library – 125 South 52<sup>nd</sup> Street
- Northwest Regional Library – 68 West Cheltenham Avenue
- Northeast Regional Library – 2228 Cottman Avenue

The complete rate filing is also available on the Internet at <http://www.phila.gov/water/WRF2008.html>.

**Interested parties may request a hearing on the proposed regulations by writing to the Department of Records, Room 158 City Hall, Philadelphia, PA 19107 by June 3, 2008. After June 3, 2008, please submit any request for a hearing directly to Harris T. Bock, Esq., via fax (215-656-4089) or email (Bock@DisputeRI.com).**

Anyone who needs further information, or has questions concerning the proposed rate change, may call Laura Copeland at the Philadelphia Water Department at 215-685-4902.

