



May 14, 2021

Ms. Marlane Chestnut, Hearing Officer  
c/o Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board  
1515 Arch Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19102-1595

RE: Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) Proposed Changes in Rates and Charges –  
Annual Adjustment of Tiered Assistance Program Rate Rider Surcharge Rates (TAP-R)

Hearing Officer Chestnut,

Please be advised that the Public Advocate, together with its witness Lafayette Morgan, Jr., has examined PWD's proposed TAP-R surcharge rates (effective October 1, 2021) and identified one adjustment to which PWD has agreed. PWD and the Public Advocate are preparing a Joint Petition for Settlement regarding the TAP-R surcharge rates, which will be submitted for your recommendation.

In light of the agreement reached, the Public Advocate will not be submitting witness testimony regarding the TAP-R surcharge rates.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Ballenger  
*For the Public Advocate*

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