

**BEFORE THE
PHILADELPHIA WATER, SEWER AND STORM WATER RATE BOARD**

In the Matter of the Philadelphia Water Department's 2022 Special Rate Proceeding :
: Fiscal Year 2023
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PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER

A prehearing conference to address preliminary procedural issues was held via zoom in this proceeding on March 9, 2022. Participating either pro se or through counsel were the Philadelphia Water Department (PWD or the Department), the Public Advocate, the Philadelphia Water Revenue Bureau (WRB) and the Philadelphia Large Users Group (Large Users Group), All participants to the filing were invited to attend; in addition, notice of the prehearing conference was posted on the Rate Board's website at [Meetings & Hearings | Water, Sewer & Storm Water Rate Board | City of Philadelphia](#).

The following determinations were made:

1. **SCHEDULE:** After review and discussion, the following schedule was adopted for use in this proceeding:

Activity	Date
Advance Notice	1/21/22
Formal Notice	2/25/22
Participation deadline	3/4/22
PHC	3/9/22
Public input hearings	3/23/22 (1:00, 6:00)
PA/other participant direct testimony	4/5/22
Rebuttal testimony	4/19/22
Discovery end	4/22/22
Settlement discussions	4/25/22
Technical hearings	4/26-4/29/22

Last day for Transcript responses	5/2/22
Briefs/settlement petition	5/10/22
Hearing officer report	5/27/22
Exceptions	6/2/22
Board deliberation	6/8/22
Board determination	6/15/22

All hearings will be conducted virtually or telephonically. The Department and the Public Advocate will work together to ensure that outreach is conducted so as to ensure maximum notice of the scheduled hearings is provided to the public.

2. **DISCOVERY:** Participants will use their best efforts to be reasonable and accommodating when propounding or responding to information requests.

3. **SETTLEMENT:** Participants are expected to settle or stipulate to any matter they reasonably can to expedite this proceeding,

Marlane R. Chestnut
Hearing Officer

March 9, 2022