

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

**In Re: The Philadelphia Water  
Department's Proposed Change in Water,  
Wastewater and Stormwater Rates and  
Related Charges**

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**Special Rate Filing:  
Reconciliation Proceeding  
for Fiscal Year 2023**

**April 28, 2022**

**PUBLIC ADVOCATE**

**POST-HEARING EXHIBIT**

## PUBLIC ADVOCATE OUTREACH REPORT

Via Community Legal Services social media and direct outreach, the Public Advocate provided widespread notice of the March 23, 2022 Public Input Hearings in this Special Rate Proceeding, as follows:

- Facebook posts on March 18 (shared 20 times) and March 22 (shared 11 times).
- Twitter posts on March 18 and March 22.
- CLS webpage: <https://clsphila.org/utilities/special-rate-proceeding/> (launched March 18)
- Direct distribution of the attached flyer to the following individuals and groups on the dates indicated:

Date	Person/Entity Receiving Outreach
03/16/22	The legislative staff of: Donna Bullock (state rep.), Rick Krajewski (state rep.), Chris Rabb (state rep.), Danillo Burgos (state rep.), Jordan Harris (state rep.), Stephen Kinsey (state rep.) Anthony Williams (state senate), Art Haywood (state senate), Cindy Bass (city council), Cherelle Parker (city council), Curtis Jones (city council), Jamie Gauthier (city council)
03/16/22	Kevin Brown (People's Emergency Center)
03/16/22	Achievability
03/16/22	Philly United Neighbors (community group)
03/16/22	Cobbs Creek Neighbors (community group)
03/16/22	Lawrence Battle and Lenora Evans (Strawberry Mansion NAC)
03/16/22	Charles Lanier (Hunting Park Nac)
03/16/22	Morgan Sasaro and Ali Kenner (The Energy Rights Project)
03/16/22	Benjamin Gamara and Amara Montes (Juntos)
03/16/22	North 10 (community center)
03/16/22	Father David Morris (St. Lukes Episcopal Church)
03/16/22	Face to Face Germantown (community center)
03/17/22	Legislative and/or communications staff for: Helen Gym (city council), Kendra Brooks (city council), Katherine Gilmore Richardson (city council), Derek Green (city council), Nikil Saval (state senate), Sharif Street (state senate), Rick Krajewski (state rep.), Elizabeth Fiedler (state rep.)
03/17/22	Alon Abramson, Katie Bartolotta, Emily Schapira (Philadelphia Energy Authority)
03/17/22	Anthony Giancaterino
03/17/22	Ben Block (Climate Dads)
03/17/22	Brent Groce (All Together Now PA)
03/17/22	Cheyenne Flores (Office of Sustainability)
03/17/22	Cassandra McCrae and Devin McDougall (earthjustice)
03/17/22	David Masur (Penn Environment)
03/17/22	Egina Manachova (Reclaim Philadelphia)
03/17/22	Eileen Flanagan (EQAT)
03/17/22	Logan Welde (Clean Air Council)
03/17/22	Ariella Maron (Lion Advisors)

03/17/22	Joshua McNeil (Conservation PA)
03/17/22	Mitch Chanin (POWER)
03/17/22	Julie Greenberg (POWER)
03/17/22	Lynn Robinson (Neighbors against the Gas Plants)
03/17/22	Shawn Hogan (Philly DSA)
03/17/22	Tom Schuster (Sierra Club)
03/17/22	Catherine Santos and Lorraine Horton (ECA)
03/17/22	Elise Scioscia (Women Against Abuse)
03/17/22	UU House
03/17/22	Eastern Service Workers Alliance
03/17/22	Joanna Jarzebowska (Senior Law Center)
03/17/22	Kelly Gastley (Philly VIP)
03/17/22	Leah Reisman (Puentes de Salud)
03/17/22	HIAS
03/17/22	Phil Lord (TURN)
03/17/22	Paula Umana (CCP)
03/17/22	Rachel Mark (HELP:MLP)
03/17/22	Siana Newman (CBAP)
03/17/22	Stefanie Seldin (Rebuilding Together)



## CLS is working to keep water rates affordable, and we need your help!

CLS represents the interests of Philly residential and small business customers as the 'Public Advocate' in water rate proceedings. Last year, the Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) asked the Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board for a \$141 Million rate increase over two years. **We reached a settlement that saved Philly residents nearly \$84 Million!**

Currently, rates are scheduled to increase by \$34 Million in September 2022. **But we have an opportunity in a Special Rate Proceeding to reduce that rate increase and save even more!** The Board can reduce the rates based on stimulus funding received by PWD or based on its financial performance in FY 2021.

### How can you help in the Special Rate Proceeding?



#### ***Submit comments -***

Anyone can file written comments about the scheduled rate increase! Learn more at [tinyurl.com/Water-Rates-22](https://tinyurl.com/Water-Rates-22)



#### ***Attend a public hearing on March 23rd -***

The Board is holding hearings to take comments from the public about PWD's proposed rate increase. Attend a hearing to submit written or oral comments! There will be two hearings on March 23, one at 1:00pm and one at 6:00pm. Attend a hearing or submit written comments to [WaterRateBoard@phila.gov](mailto:WaterRateBoard@phila.gov)!

Join the 1:00pm meeting: [tinyurl.com/Rate-Hearing-1](https://tinyurl.com/Rate-Hearing-1)  
Meeting ID: 828 3749 1499  
Passcode: 12345

Join the 6:00pm meeting: [tinyurl.com/Rate-Hearing-6](https://tinyurl.com/Rate-Hearing-6)  
Meeting ID: 880 9192 6675  
Passcode: 12345



#### ***Share your concerns -***

We want to hear your questions or concerns about the Special Rate Proceeding! Email us at [publicadvocate@clsphila.org](mailto:publicadvocate@clsphila.org).

*Please do not use this email to get legal help. If you are experiencing a legal problem related to your utilities, please call CLS at (215)981-3700.*