

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

In the Matter of the Philadelphia Water	:	
Department's Proposed Changes in Water and	:	2023 TAP-R Reconciliation
Sewer Rates and Related Charges	:	Proceeding
	:	

PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER

A prehearing conference to address preliminary procedural issues was held via zoom in this proceeding on March 7, 2023. Participating either pro se or through counsel were the City of Philadelphia Water Department (PWD or the Department), the Public Advocate, the City of Philadelphia Department of Revenue 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 [Rate proceedings | Water, Sewer & Storm Water Rate Board | City of Philadelphia](#).¹

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	January 24, 2023
Formal Notice	February 23, 2023
Participation deadline	March 3, 2023
Prehearing conference	March 7, 2023
PA/other participant direct testimony	March 21, 2023
Rebuttal testimony (all participants)	April 7, 2023
Last day for information requests	April 10, 2023
Public/Technical hearings	April 11, 2023 (public hearing to be continued into a technical hearing)

¹ <https://www.phila.gov/departments/water-sewer-storm-water-rate-board/rate-proceedings/>

Last day for Transcript responses	April 17, 2023
Briefs/settlement petition	April 20, 2023
Hearing officer report	May 11, 2023
Exceptions	May 16, 2023
Board deliberation	June 14, 2023
Board determination	June 21, 2023
Effective date new rates	September 1, 2023

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. **INFORMATION REQUESTS:** 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 7, 2023