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My name is Tomi , I am the sole occupant of my residence, and my water bill is averaging out to more than \$70 per month. To give context, I work traditional hours in which I commute to work, I would consider myself a minimal water user. Raising the prices on an already high water bill is not sustainable.

On Wed, Mar 15, 2023 at 4:17 PM Philadelphia Water Department <[PWD@watermail.phila.gov](mailto:PWD@watermail.phila.gov)> wrote:

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## **Public Hearings set for Proposed Water, Sewer and Stormwater Rate Increases**

**The virtual hearings will take place on March 22 and March 23.**

The Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board will hold public hearings in the 2023 General Rate Proceeding on the following dates and times:

- **Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 3 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 6 p.m.**
- **Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 3 p.m.**
- **Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 6 p.m.**

All hearings are open to the public and will be conducted remotely via Zoom (internet or phone).

The Philadelphia Water Department filed Formal Notice on **February 23, 2023**, proposing to raise and otherwise modify rates on **September 1, 2023** and again **September 1, 2024**. In this proceeding, the Rate Board will determine the appropriate rates and charges.

### **Let your voice be heard:**

Anyone wanting to testify is encouraged to email [WaterRateBoard@phila.gov](mailto:WaterRateBoard@phila.gov) by **March 21**, identifying the hearing and stating your name and call-in phone number.

You may email written comments by **April 25**, including your name.

Documents filed in this proceeding are on the [2023 General Rate Proceeding](#) page on the same site.

### **Tune in:**

**You may listen or participate via Zoom.**

- To call in, dial (267) 831-0333. If requested, please enter the meeting ID 2562489871, and use the password 12345.
- For a video connection, use the link and other information [on the Rate Board's website](#).

### **More Resources:**

For further information, questions about the hearing schedule and procedures, or special assistance for disabilities, please email [WaterRateBoard@phila.gov](mailto:WaterRateBoard@phila.gov).

Community Legal Services, as Public Advocate, offers free resources to support public input, including assistance for those who may have difficulty participating in virtual or telephonic hearings.

Email [publicadvocate@clsphila.org](mailto:publicadvocate@clsphila.org) or call (215) 227-9988 for information or assistance.

For more information and some tips on participating, [check out the Water Department's Public Input hearings blog](#).

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