

RESPONSE TO
PUBLIC ADVOCATE'S INTERROGATORIES
AND
REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS
QUESTIONS 1-2

Dated: March 2025

1 **PA-VI-1.** PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THE SERVICES PROVIDED TO AND THE BILLS
2 PREPARED FOR A HAND BILLED CUSTOMER DIFFER FROM THE
3 SERVICES PROVIDED TO AND THE BILLS PREPARED FOR A TYPICAL
4 GENERAL WATER CUSTOMER. THAT IS, PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY HAND
5 BILLED IS A SEPARATE CUSTOMER CLASS.
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7 **RESPONSE:**

8 The Hand Billed customer line consists of customers coded “H” in the billing
9 System. The "H" type accounts are for surcharge and sewer credit accounts, reference
10 Regulation Section 303.4 and 303.5. These accounts can also be referred to as “special
11 handling” accounts.
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13 Please also see responses to PA-EXE-91 and PA-EXE-168 from the 2016 Rate Proceeding
14 and PA-VII-21 from the 2018 Rate Proceeding.
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PA-VI-2. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHETHER THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA IS ASSESSED THE WATER DEPARTMENT'S CHARGES FOR PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE. IF NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN TO WHO OR WHAT ENTITY THE CHARGES ARE ASSESSED.

RESPONSE:

The City of Philadelphia is assessed the Water Department's charges for Public Fire Protection Services in accordance with the existing and proposed rate schedules. Please note the following references:

- Schedule BV-2, Table 3-6 Line 6: Projected Fire Protection Revenue under existing rates of \$8,248,000 consistent with the 2023 Rate Compliance Filing (Table C-11) FY 2025 Annual Charge for Public Fire Protection.
- Schedule BV-2 Section 3.1.4 Water Revenue (page 3-3): "Public Fire Protection – An annual charge assessed to the City based on the annual cost of service to recover a portion of the Water System costs related to providing public fire protection;"
- Schedule BV-1 Table C-11 and Schedule BV-2 Table 5-2 (page 5-2) Proposed Rates for Fire Protection, Public Fire Protection Annual Charge for FY 2026 and FY 2027.

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