

BEFORE THE
PHILADELPHIA WATER, SEWER AND STORMWATER RATE BOARD

In the Matter of the Philadelphia	Fiscal Years 2026 – 2027
Water Department's Proposed :	Rates and Charges to Become Effective
Change in Water, Wastewater, and	September 1, 2025 and September 1, 2026
Stormwater Rates and Related	
Charges	

HAVER SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIONY

1. Not a single sentence entered into testimony at the public hearing was included in the testimony submitted by the Rate Board's advocate
2. Not a single member of the public who attended the public hearings was told that the Rate Board's advocate was advocating for \$108 million dollar rate increase, 80% of what the water department asked for and over 100% of what the water department expects.
3. Not a single person attending the public hearings was told that the Public Advocate did not hire a consultant to look for operational cost savings, nor that Mr. Lafayette K Morgan Jr's statement on page 3 of his testimony, line 14-15 "Roger Colton will present the [rate board's] advocate recommendations regarding policy and/or operations" was at best misleading as Mr. Colton's testimony does not focus or even mention operations of the overall system, at worse purposely dishonest.
4. Out of the 1.65 million people living in Philadelphia, dependent upon fresh water, 31 people testified, .001 percent
5. The Rate Board's Advocate failed to do the necessary outreach to make the hearings meaningful
6. Of the few people who did attend, not a single member of the Public voiced support for a \$108 million dollar rate increase.
7. The Rate Board's advocate failure to inform members of the public that its experts had already agreed to a \$ 108 million dollar increase, made it impossible for the public to hold the Rate Board's advocate accountable for ignoring the public.
8. Not a single witness retained by Rate Board's advocate included in their testimony any facts, quotes or even summaries of the Public Testifiers.

9. Because the outreach to the public was not acceptable, because the public was not informed of the Rate Board's advocate, advocating for \$108 million dollar rate increase, because not a single person's testimony was used in the filings, the process failed to meet the most basic concept of a fair hearing.
10. Without following the proscribed procedures, no rate increase can be warranted.