
TAP-R Surcharge

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To WaterRateBoard <waterrateboard@Phila.gov>

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As a PWD customer, I want to thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion/concerns to you about the above captioned topic. My comments about this may sound unsympathetic but it's not meant to be that way. It's merely my thoughts & concerns.

Although I'm retired, I have always worked since I was a teenager. As an adult, I made sure I paid myself first & of course made sure I always had enough money to pay my bills. Yes, there were times, although short lived that I was unemployed, but I always made sure my bills were paid. Never asking anyone for assistance by PWD or any other utility company. I'm proud about that. Even now as a senior citizen my bills are paid on time.

I don't think it's fair that as a hard worker my entire life that I should be responsible for paying other people's bills. It's not my problem to deal with their financial issues. And yet, you are burdening families such as mine with higher bills just because there are people who can't pay their own way or refuse to pay. It's simply not right. These assistance programs are paid by increased charges & who pays these increased charges...? I do & other hard working responsible families do. These assistance programs need to stop.

Look, if these people can afford their own expensive cell phone, they have cars, & they nails look very nice, then they can afford to pay their own water bill. PWD should cease providing assistance. You should seriously consider shutting off water supply to those who are in arrears. Stop billing hard working taxpayers for their woes. If they can afford a cell phone, a car, & they fancy nails then they surely can afford to pay their water bill.

I see it quite often at a supermarket where someone uses their welfare card and while at checkout, they are on their cell phone. The worst is when they are with their child & the kid pulls out their own cell phone. Come on people...really!!!! They pay for what they want to pay for. They won't pay for anything they choose not to pay for. And as long as PWD keeps providing assistance, you'll never get them to pay their utility bill.

PWD cannot sustain these give aways forever. I respectfully recommend you begin shutting off water supply to those who refuse to pay their bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich DiGiacomo

Thank you