

BEFORE THE
PHILADELPHIA WATER, SEWER AND STORM WATER RATE BOARD

Re: Philadelphia Water Department Proposed Changes in Rates and Charges	FY 2026 and FY 2027
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PHILADELPHIA WATER DEPARTMENT TRANSCRIPT RESPONSES

TR-2. PLEASE DESCRIBE PWD WATER TREATMENT CAPACITY AND APPLICABLE LIMITATIONS ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF WATER FROM THE DELAWARE AND SCHUYLKILL RIVERS.

RESPONSE: See, Philadelphia Water Department Official Statement, Series 2024C at page 31. Please see PWD Exhibit 5 for a copy of the above mentioned Official Statement. Also, please see information provided below. The information provided is for 2024. GPD means gallons per day.

Treatment Plant	Water Source	Average Daily Withdrawal (gpd)	Design Capacity (gpd)	Permitted Withdrawal Allocation (gpd)
Baxter	Delaware River	144,330,000	420,000,000	423,000,000
Belmont	Schuylkill River	47,140,000	140,000,000	258,000,000
Queen Lane		66,710,000	108,000,000	
Totals		258,180,000	668,000,000	681,000,000

TR-3. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW OFTEN PWD MEETS WITH THE PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT, WHO ATTENDS THESE MEETINGS AND WHAT IS DISCUSSED.

RESPONSE: PWD meetings with the Procurement Department occur monthly and address a wide range of issues including: (i) processing of bid requisitions, (ii) scheduling bids, (iii) confirming orders, (iv) purchase orders, (v) contract awards, (vi) contract extensions, (vii) vendor name changes, (viii) cooperative purchasing agreements and other procurement matters. The PWD staff attending these meetings varies by meeting but includes staff from the Finance Division (as well as other staff) and members of the City's Central Procurement Team.

TR-4. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW OFTEN PWD MEETS WITH THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT, WHO ATTENDS THESE MEETINGS AND WHAT IS DISCUSSED.

RESPONSE: PWD meetings with the Commerce Department are on an "as needed" basis. The subject matter of the meetings primarily relates to minority business participation in PWD projects. Such meetings are attended by staff from the Finance Division as well as others.

TR-5. PLEASE PROVIDE THE CONTRACT WITH PIDC RELATED TO PUBLIC OUTREACH.

RESPONSE: Please see attached agreement with PIDC related to the “Soak It Up” program. More information regarding the above program can be found here: <https://water.phila.gov/adoption/>. See also, Attachment A for the PIDC agreement.

TR-6. PLEASE DESCRIBE PWD CONTACTS WITH CITY COUNCIL RELATED TO THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE.

RESPONSE: PWD reached out to City Council members to discuss the rate case as well as PWD budget needs and priorities. The meetings are listed below:

March 25, 2025

Councilmember Lozada and staff

PWD attendees: Randy Hayman, Lawrence Yangalay, Glen Abrams, Ben Jewell, Laura Copeland

March 25, 2025

Councilmember Driscoll and staff

PWD attendees: Randy Hayman, Ben Jewell, Lawrence Yangalay, Glen Abrams

March 27, 2025

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson

PWD attendees: Randy Hayman, Lawrence Yangalay, Lawrence Rich, Glen Abrams, Sarah Stevenson

March 28, 2025

Council President Johnson (Helen Loughead, Chief Financial Officer)

PWD attendees: Randy Hayman, Lawrence Yangalay, Lawrence Rich, Glen Abrams

April 1, 2025

Councilmember Squilla

PWD attendees: Randy Hayman, Marc Cammarata, Glen Abrams

Respectfully submitted,

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