

SUMMARY FACT SHEET



2022 Proceedings – FY 2023 Water, Sewer and Stormwater Rates

2022 Special Rate Proceeding

On January 21, 2022, the Philadelphia Water Department (“Department” or “PWD”) initiated its 2022 Special Rate Proceeding with the Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board (“Rate Board”) for reconciliation of FY 2023 water, sewer and stormwater rates. FY 2022-2023 rates were the subject of the Joint Petition for Partial Settlement between the Department and Public Advocate (“Settlement”) which was approved by the Rate Board in its Rate Determination dated June 16, 2021 (“2021 Rate Determination”). As a part of the 2021 Rate Determination and Settlement, PWD was required to initiate a Special Proceeding to evaluate whether two potential adjustments in FY 2023 approved rates were warranted before implementation. The two potential adjustments to FY 2023 approved rates are specifically defined in the Settlement and relate to federal stimulus funding (above \$2 million) received by the Department between July 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021 and/or PWD financial performance in FY 2021. After confirming that no federal stimulus funding (as defined in the Settlement) was directly received by PWD during the above period and evaluating its financial performance in 2021, the Department maintains that no adjustments to FY 2023 approved rates are warranted.

If FY 2023 approved rates are implemented, the total monthly bill for a residential customer using 5 hundred cubic feet (“ccf”) of water per month would increase by 6.4% on September 1, 2022. Non-residential increases vary widely based on meter size, the amount of water consumed and the gross and impervious areas of each parcel. A sample monthly bill for a small business customer with a 5/8-inch meter and using 6 ccf of water per month and having a 5,500 square foot lot with 4,000 square feet of impervious area will increase by 6.9% on September 1, 2022. Examples of changes in customer bills are shown below:

Table 1: Typical Monthly Bill Impacts

Customer Type	Current Typical Monthly Bill	FY 2023 Monthly Bill (Sept. 1, 2022)
Residential (5/8” meter, 500 cubic feet)	\$69.15	\$73.60
Senior Citizen with Discount (5/8” meter, 300 cubic feet)	\$39.80	\$42.32
Small Business (5/8” meter, 600 cubic feet)	\$111.59	\$119.29

The 2022 Special Proceeding is being undertaken consistent with the requirements set forth in the 2021 Rate Determination and Settlement.

TAP-R Annual Adjustment

In addition to setting general rates, the Department also filed its annual TAP-R reconciliation on January 21, 2022. The nominal adjustments resulting from the TAP Reconciliation are included in the typical monthly bill impacts shown above.

Please note that the subject rates and charges and the supporting documentation may be viewed by visiting the Rate Board’s website at: <https://www.phila.gov/departments/water-sewer-storm-water-rate-board/rate-proceedings>