

**Before the Philadelphia Water, Sewer  
and Storm Water Rate Board**

**Formal Notice of Proposed Changes in** :  
**Rates and Charges; Annual Adjustment of** :  
**Assistance Program Rate Rider Surcharge** : **FY 2027**  
**Rates (TAP-R); Final Proposed TAP-R** :  
**Reconciliation Statement** :

Haver Discovery Request 1 Served on the Philadelphia Water Department (PWD)

1. What is the total cost of the TAP Program
2. What are the Administrative Cost of the Tap Program?
3. How many consultants were retained to create, file and and answer questions about the filings regarding the TAP program.
4. Please list the consultants retain.
5. Please provide the contracts retaining the consultants.
6. How many non-City of Philadelphia Lawyers were retained to help PWD with the TAP filing, discovery and hearings?
7. Please list the name and if applicable the law firm of the lawyer retain.
8. Please provide the contract specifying the hourly rate each lawyer charges, the total amount the lawyer will charge and the supervisor of each lawyer.
9. Are the lawyers' fees considered costs of the Tap program?
10. Is the Water Department able to accept grants from governments and/or foundations?
11. Provide all letter of inquiries to government and/or foundations seeking funding for the TAP Program.
12. Provide the amount of each grant received over the last three years.
13. Is the sur charge on each person's water bill based on a person's income?
14. Is the sur charge on each person's bill based on a person's ability to pay, if they are not partipants in the tap program?
15. Does a person making \$ 500,000 dollars a year and a person making \$ 50,000 a year, if they have the same water usage, pay the same sur charge?

16. Is the TAP program an anti-poverty program?
17. Is the TAP program similar in purpose to anti-poverty programs?
18. Is the TAP program similar in purpose, helping families afford a basic necessity of life, to the SNAP program?
19. Is the TAP program, similar in purpose to the Fund to help low income SEPTA riders?
20. If the surcharge pays for a public policy, how is it different from a sales tax