

**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 2 Served on the Rate Board's appointed Advocate

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 Community Meetings did the Rate Board's appointed advocate meet with before its testimony was created? Before the testimony was filed? Please list the name(s) and any and all community and civic groups the rate board's advocate met with before filing its testimony.
7. Please provide the contract specifying the hourly rate each lawyer charges, the total amount the lawyer will charge and the supervisor of each lawyer.
8. Are the lawyers' fees considered costs of the Tap program?
9. Is the Water Department able to accept grants from governments and/or foundations?
10. Provide all requests that the rate board's advocate made asking PWD to seek funds to pay for TAP? If the rate board did not make any attempt to help PWD find other sources of funds, other than struggling rate payers, please explain why?
11. Is the TAP payment based on a person and/or family income?
12. Is the sur charge on each person's water bill based on a person and or family's income?
13. 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?
14. 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?

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