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VIA E-MAIL

Hearing Officer Kathryn Sophy
Philadelphia Water, Sewer, and Storm Water Rate Board

RE: 2026 TAP-R Reconciliation Proceeding / Philadelphia Water, Sewer, and Storm Water Rate Board

Dear Hearing Officer Sophy,

The Philadelphia Large Users Group (“PLUG”) submits this brief letter in response to the Joint Petition for Settlement (“Joint Petition”) filed by the Philadelphia Water Department (“PWD”) on June 3, 2026, in the above-referenced proceeding.

PLUG writes to express that it had an opportunity to discuss the proposed settlement with PWD and the Public Advocate and does not oppose the Joint Petition. PLUG recognizes that PWD and the Public Advocate developed the Joint Petition as a compromise, ultimately proposing a rate that is lower than PWD’s initial proposal and higher than the Public Advocate’s initial proposal.

While not opposing the Joint Petition, PLUG continues to note that the rapid escalation of Tiered Assistance Program (“TAP”) costs is placing additional strain on Philadelphia’s water customers, including some of the City’s largest institutions and employers. While PLUG acknowledges the important purpose of the TAP, PLUG urges the Philadelphia Water, Sewer, and Storm Water Rate Board to take a proactive approach in PWD’s next base rate proceeding to ensure the TAP does not impose unreasonable costs on the customers responsible for funding the program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adeolu A. Bakare'.

Adeolu A. Bakare
Matthew L. Garber

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c: Philadelphia Water, Sewer, and Storm Water Rate Board
Sonny Popowsky, Chairman