

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS PROPOSED RATE INCREASES

PHILADELPHIA WATER DEPARTMENT

Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held on the Philadelphia Water Department's proposal to increase Water and Sewer Rates and Charges. As proposed, the second, third and fourth phases will be consecutively implemented on July 1 of 2005, 2006, and 2007. The effect of the proposed increases on a typical residential water and sewer customer would be as follows:

Effective Date	Additional Monthly Charge	Total Monthly Bill	Percentage Increase
July 1, 2005	\$0.98	\$48.07	2.1%
July 1, 2006	\$3.67	\$51.74	7.6%
July 1, 2007	\$2.78	\$54.52	5.4%

## Public Input Hearings

Five Public Input Hearings have been scheduled for the convenience of ratepayers at different dates and locations throughout the City. These are not technical hearings. These hearings are intended to provide an educational forum and to allow those who wish to make a statement or present evidence, specific to their individual service and circumstances, on the record, but do not wish to otherwise present technical evidence or call or cross-examine witnesses. All hearings are open to all members of the public who are invited to attend and participate:

**Wednesday, March 30, 2005, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**  
William H. Hunter School  
144 W. Dauphin Street  
*There will be a Spanish interpreter present.*

**Saturday, April 2, 2005, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**  
Northeast Philadelphia Regional Library  
2228 Cottman Avenue

**Thursday, March 31, 2005, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**  
Zion Baptist Church Educational Annex  
3601 N. Broad Street

**Wednesday, April 6, 2005, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**  
Lucien Blackwell West Philadelphia Regional Library  
125 S. 52nd Street

**Thursday, April 7, 2005 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**  
Philadelphia Senior Citizens Center  
509 S. Broad Street

## Technical Hearings

Technical Hearings have been scheduled for April 13 through April 15, 2005. These hearings will take place at 1515 Arch Street, 18th Floor, Gas Commission Hearing Room, and will begin at 10:00 a.m. each day. These hearings are technical in nature and will involve participants who wish to present evidence, call witnesses, and/or cross-examine adverse witnesses. All technical hearings are open to the public.

The dates and times of the Technical Hearings are subject to adjustments at the direction of the Hearing Examiner Henri P. Marcial, Esquire, who will preside over all hearings.

Copies of the proposed regulations and significant supporting financial and engineering data may be examined at:

- Department of Records at Room 158 City Hall
- Philadelphia Water Department, ARAMark Tower, 1101 Market St., 3rd Floor (Call 215-685-6300)
- Water Revenue Bureau, Municipal Services Building, 15th & J. F. Kennedy Blvd, Room 200 (Call 215-686-6880)
- Central Library, 19th and Vine Streets
- Lucien Blackwell West Philadelphia Regional Library, 125 S. 52nd Street
- Lovett Branch Library, 6945 Germantown Avenue
- Northeast Philadelphia Regional Library, 2228 Cottman Street

With regard to the first-phase rate change for the current fiscal year from February 1, 2005 to June 30, 2005, a Pre-Hearing Conference was held on December 17, 2004 and the Technical Hearing was held on January 10, 2005. The public was invited to attend and participate at both hearings. For the first-phase of the change in rates, a typical residential customer's monthly bill has been increased to \$47.09, an increase of \$5.33 a month, or a total of 12.8 percent. A Pre-Hearing Conference for the second, third and fourth phase of proposed rate changes was held on February 1, 2005.

All public hearing sites are wheelchair accessible. Any person who needs further information, has questions concerning the hearing schedule and procedures or requires special arrangements for persons with disabilities, may call Laura Copeland at the Philadelphia Water Department at 215-685-6019.

