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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**PROPOSED INCREASE IN WATER AND SEWER RATES AND CHARGES**

Notice is hereby given that, on February 26, 2004, the Philadelphia Water Department filed five proposed regulations with the Department of Records to increase Water and Sewer (Wastewater) Rates and Charges. Proposed revisions to these regulations were re-filed in December 2004. The proposed regulations are as follows:

- General Service Water Rates (Sections 301.0, *et seq.*);
- General Service Sewer Rates (Sections 302.0, *et seq.*);
- Miscellaneous Water Charges (Sections 303.0, *et seq.*);
- Miscellaneous Sewer Charges (Sections 304.0, *et seq.*); and
- General Fire Service Rates (Sections 308.0, *et seq.*).

The proposed General Service Water Regulation and the proposed General Service Sewer Regulation provide for a four-phase rate increase. The first phase is to become effective February 1, 2005. The second, third and fourth phase will be consecutively implemented on July 1 of 2005, 2006 and 2007. The effect of the proposed increase on a typical residential water and sewer customer would be as follows:

<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Percentage Increase</b>
February 1, 2005	15.5%
July 1, 2005	3.2%
July 1, 2006	7.7%
July 1, 2007	7.5%

Copies of the proposed regulations and supporting data may be examined at the Department of Records at Room 158 City Hall, as well as at the following locations:

- Philadelphia Water Dept., ARAMARK Tower, 1101 Market Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
(Call 215-685-6300)
- Water Revenue Bureau, Municipal Services Bldg., 15<sup>th</sup> & J F. Kennedy Blvd., Room 200  
(Call 215-686-6880)
- Central Library – 19<sup>th</sup> and Vine Streets
- West Philadelphia Regional Library – 125 South 52<sup>nd</sup> Street
- Lovett Branch – 6945 Germantown Avenue
- Northeast Regional Library – 2228 Cottman Avenue

In addition, interested parties may attend and participate in a hearing scheduled for January 10, 2005 at 10:00 AM at 1515 Arch Street, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor, Gas Commission Hearing Room.

Henri P. Marcial has been appointed as the independent hearing officer and Community Legal Services has been appointed as the public advocate. Anyone who needs further information, or has questions concerning the proposed rate change, may call Laura Copeland at the Philadelphia Water Department at (215) 685-6019.