

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL HEARINGS PROPOSED RATE INCREASES

PHILADELPHIA WATER DEPARTMENT

At the direction of Hearing Officer Harris T. Bock, Esq., and pursuant to Chapter 3, Section 300.8(c)(8) of the Philadelphia Water Department Regulations, notice is hereby given that technical hearings will be held on the Philadelphia Water Department's proposal to increase water, sewer, stormwater, fire connection and miscellaneous charges effective November 1, 2008. The second, third and fourth phases of increases are proposed to be consecutively implemented on July 1 of 2009, 2010 and 2011. The rate increases are designed to produce a total of \$317 million in additional Water Department revenues between November 1, 2008 and June 30, 2012. The effect of the proposed increases on a typical residential water and sewer customer would be as follows:

Effective Date	Total Monthly Bill	Additional Monthly Charge	Percentage Increase
November 1, 2008	\$53.19	\$3.84	7.8%
July 1, 2009	56.57	3.38	6.4%
July 1, 2010	60.30	3.73	6.6%
July 1, 2011	64.21	3.91	6.5%

The technical hearings have been scheduled to begin on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 and continue thereafter at the direction of the Hearing Officer, who will preside over all hearings. These hearings will take place at 1515 Arch Street, 18th Floor, Gas Commission Hearing Room and will begin at 10:00 am. 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 hearing site is wheelchair accessible.

Any person who needs further information, has questions concerning the hearing schedule and procedures, may call Laura Copeland of the Philadelphia Water Department at 215-685-4902

