

**Before the
Philadelphia Water Commissioner**

In the Matter of the Philadelphia Water :
Department's Proposed Increase in :
Rates for Water and Wastewater : FY 2009-2012
Utility Services :

HEARING OFFICER ORDER NO. 17SW

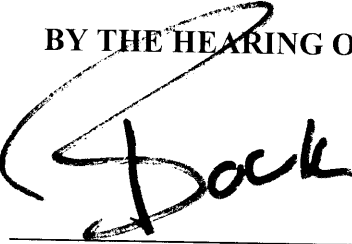
AND NOW, to wit, this 3rd day of November, 2008, after conducting a pre-hearing conference with counsel on this date regarding the stormwater phase of this proceeding, the Hearing Officer hereby **ORDERS** the following:

1. An informal discovery/status tele-conference shall be held on November 6, 2008. Counsel for the Philadelphia Water Department shall make the necessary arrangements for the conference call.
2. Intervenor witness testimony shall be due on December 11, 2008.
3. Rebuttal testimony shall be due on December 23, 2008.
4. The technical hearings shall be conducted on January 8, 2009, with a second hearing on January 14, 2009, if needed. Such hearings shall take place at 10:00 a.m. each day at the Philadelphia Gas Commission (Hearing Room), One Parkway Building, 1515 Arch Street, 18th Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19102.
5. All initial briefs shall be due simultaneously by the close of business on February 10, 2009.
6. All reply briefs shall be due simultaneously by the close of business on February 24, 2009.

7. Oral argument, if requested by the Hearing Officer, is hereby scheduled for March 4, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. at Philadelphia Gas Commission (Hearing Room), One Parkway Building, 1515 Arch Street, 18th Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19102.
8. The Hearing Officer shall issue his recommended decision no later than March 31, 2009.
9. Any and all documents filed shall be filed electronically via email in PDF format, with a hard-copy to be either hand-delivered or sent via overnight delivery.
10. Any and all written discovery requests shall be answered within ten (10) days of receipt of such requests.
11. Any objections to written discovery shall be communicated to the propounding party within three (3) days of receipt of the request. If, after a good faith effort, the parties are unable to resolve the discovery dispute, the objecting party must file with the Hearing Officer a Motion to Compel, which may be in letter format, within five (5) days of the date of service of the objection.
12. At his discretion and in the interest of justice, the Hearing Officer may deviate from the foregoing procedure *sua sponte* or upon a request for leave submitted by any party hereto.
13. Upon request by any party at any time during this proceeding, the Hearing Officer shall make himself available in person or via conference call to address any issues or disputes that may arise.
14. This Order shall be binding upon all present and future parties to this proceeding.

15. All Orders issued by the Hearing Officer shall be construed to effectuate a just and timely resolution of the matter consistent with affording all parties a full and fair opportunity to be heard.

BY THE HEARING OFFICER



HARRIS T. BOCK, ESQ.