



COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES
OF PHILADELPHIA

May 30, 2008

Joan T. Decker, Commissioner
Department of Records
City of Philadelphia
158 City Hall (South Side)
Philadelphia, PA 19107

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Re: Request for Hearing on Proposed Philadelphia Water Department Increase in Water, Sewer and Stormwater Charges

Dear Commissioner Decker:

Community Legal Services, Inc.(CLS), on behalf of residential customers of the Philadelphia Water Department including but not limited to the low income Philadelphians who are income eligible for our legal services, hereby requests that hearing(s) be scheduled on the Proposed Increases in Water, Sewer and Stormwater Rates and Charges filed by the Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) with the Department of Records on May 5, 2005:

- Rates and Charges Definitions (Sections 300.0 et seq.);
- Water Charges (Sections 302.0, et seq.);
- Sewer Charges (Sections 303.0, et seq.);
- Stormwater Management Service Charges (Sections 304.0, et seq.);
- Billing for Water, Sewer and Stormwater (Sections 305.0, et seq.);
- Miscellaneous Water Charges (Sections 306.0, et seq.);
- Miscellaneous Sewer Charges (Sections 307.0, et seq.);
- Miscellaneous Stormwater Charges (Sections 308.0, et seq.); and
- Fire Service Connections (Sections 309.0, et seq.)

On April 11, 2008, in response to the City's Water Rate Case Public Advocate Request for Proposals (No. 21080327092746), CLS submitted an application to the PWD requesting that CLS be appointed to serve as the Public Advocate to represent the interests of the residential customer class in the above-captioned water/sewer rate case. Under applicable regulations, the Public Advocate must be appointed by the Mayor, the President of City Council and the City Controller. The PWD has informed CLS that it has been appointed as the Public Advocate to represent the residential customer class in this case, and is in the process of formalizing an appropriate contract for the services to be rendered.

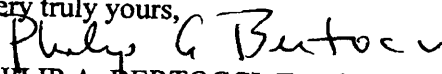
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We are making this formal request for hearings pursuant to Section 8-407 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, and the PWD's published notices regarding these proposed rate increases.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 215-981-3702.

Very truly yours,


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