

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF SUEZ WATER DELAWARE INC. FOR A )  
GENERAL INCREASE IN ITS RATES ) PSC DOCKET NO. 16-0163  
AND FOR A REVISION TO ITS GENERAL )  
TARIFF - PHASE II )  
(FILED FEBRAURY 5, 2016) )

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC EVIDENTIARY HEARING**

**TO: ALL WATER CUSTOMERS OF SUEZ WATER DELAWARE INC. AND OTHER  
INTERESTED PERSONS**

The Delaware Public Service Commission ("the Commission") will conduct a public evidentiary hearing concerning the above-captioned case (as further explained below) at the following time and location:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Tuesday, August 29, 2017	10:00 a.m.	Carvel State Office Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room 820 North French Street Wilmington, Delaware 19801

This public evidentiary hearing is being held in accordance with 26 Del. C. §503 and 29 Del. C. §§10122, 10124, and 10125.

On February 5, 2016, SUEZ Water Delaware Inc. ("SWDE") filed an Application (the "Application") with the Commission seeking approval of: (1) an increase in its water service rates of \$4,943,665, which is a 19.96% increase over existing rates; and (2) various changes to its water tariff as described in the Application.

On February 23, 2017, the parties executed a Settlement Agreement resolving a majority of the issues raised in this Docket, which the Commission approved on February 23, 2017 (See, PSC Order 9027). As part of the approved settlement, it was agreed that the docket would remain open for the limited purpose of conducting a Phase II proceeding for the purpose of conducting a review of the shared services provided to SUEZ Water Inc.'s business units by SUEZ Water Management & Services Inc. ("M&S") under a standardized bi-lateral contract ("M&S Agreement").

On June 29, 2017 starting at 10:00 a.m., the Hearing Examiner previously appointed by the Commission to preside over this docket (See, PSC Order No. 8861) conducted an evidentiary hearing to introduce evidence into the record and to make available for cross-examination the parties' witness testimony as it relates to the appropriateness of the cost allocations under the M&S Agreement. That hearing was continued until August 29, 2017 at the request of the parties. If a settlement agreement is reached, the evidentiary hearing will address whether it is in the public interest for the Commission to approve the settlement agreement.

The evidentiary hearing will be held at the Carvel State Office Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room, located at 820 North French Street Wilmington, Delaware 19801. Members of the public are invited to attend the evidentiary hearings as observers, but only the parties are

permitted to present or cross-examine witnesses. In accordance with 26 Del. C. §305 and 29 Del. C. §10128, the Commission will make its decision concerning this matter on the basis of the record evidence presented at the public evidentiary hearing.

Anyone who plans to attend the evidentiary hearing is cautioned to consult the Commission's website on the day of the hearing for cancellation of or changes in the time, place or date of the event. You may also review documents pertaining to this matter on the Commission's website at <http://dep.sc.delaware.gov>. If you would like to review the documents related to this matter at the Commission's office, please contact the Public Service Commission at [p.sc@state.de.us](mailto:p.sc@state.de.us) to arrange a time for your review during normal business hours. You may also review copies of these documents at the office of the Division of the Public Advocate located at the Carvel State Office Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 820 North French Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801. Please call (302) 577-5077 to arrange for a time to review the documents at that location.

If you wish to request copies of documents in this matter, please submit a Freedom of Information Act Request Form. This form may be found at <http://smu.portal.delaware.gov/cgi-bin/mail.php?foia-request&sub=DOS>. There is also a link to the Freedom of Information Act Request Form on the Commission's website, <http://sos.delaware.gov/foia-requests>. The Commission will respond to your request in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 29 Del. C. ch. 100.

If you have a disability and wish to participate, or to review the materials, in these proceedings, please contact the Commission to discuss any auxiliary aids or services you might need to help you. You may contact the Commission in person, by writing, by telephone (including text telephone), by Internet e-mail, or other means.

If you have questions about this matter, you may call the Commission at 1-800-282-8574 (toll-free in Delaware) or (302) 736-7500 (voice and text telephone). You may also send questions by Internet e-mail addressed to [psc@state.de.us](mailto:psc@state.de.us) ; include "PSC Docket No. 16-0163" as the subject.