

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
SUSSEX SHORES WATER COMPANY FOR) PSC Docket No. 20-0421
A GENERAL INCREASE IN WATER SERVICE)
RATES AND TO REISSUE ITS GENERAL TARIFF)
(FILED JUNE 28, 2020))

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

TO: ALL WATER CUSTOMERS OF SUSSEX SHORES WATER COMPANY:

A Hearing Examiner appointed by the Delaware Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) will conduct a public comment session concerning the above-captioned case (as further explained below) by teleconference and by live video streaming as follows:

DATE & TIME	ELECTRONIC ACCESS
Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.	Teleconference: toll free 1-800-391-2548; access code #06463427. Live streaming may be accessed using this link: https://dep.sc.delaware.gov/commission-meetings/

* If you wish to provide comments, you must participate in the public comment session via teleconference.

On June 28, 2020, Sussex Shores Water Company (“SSWC” or “the Company”) filed an application with the Commission seeking approval for an increase in its water base rates and certain changes to its general tariff.

In its application, SSWC seeks an increase in annual operating revenues of \$223,332 or an increase of 13.19% over existing base rates.

The following is a breakdown by service classification of SSWC’s proposed increases:

FIXED CUSTOMER CHARGE (Per Quarter)

Meter Size	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
5/8"	\$86.24	\$97.62
3/4"	\$101.92	\$115.38
1"	\$168.00	\$190.16
1 1/2"	\$897.12	\$1,015.45
2"	\$2,241.12	\$2,536.72

Water Usage Charge (per 1,000 gallons)

Gallons Per Quarter	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
0-5,000 Gallons	\$3.60	\$4.07
5001-20,000 Gallons	\$5.13	\$5.81
Over 20,000 Gallons	\$6.53	\$7.39

Public Fire Hydrant Service (Per Quarter)

	Current Charge	Proposed Charge
Per Hydrant	\$127.31	\$144.10

Private Fire Line Service (Per Quarter)

Meter Size	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
1" (New Proposed)		\$25.46
1 1/2"	\$50.61	\$57.29
2"	\$89.15	\$100.91
3"	\$113.67	\$128.66
4"	\$127.70	\$144.54
6"	\$155.18	\$175.65
10"	\$341.00	\$385.98

Miscellaneous Service Charges

	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Turning on Water Service	\$22.00	\$30.00
Turning off Water Service	\$22.00	\$30.00
Turning on Water Service During Non-working hours	\$43.00	\$72.00
Turning off Water Service During Non-working hours	\$43.00	\$72.00
Transfer of Service to a New Customer without a Turn Off	\$26.00	\$42.00
Payment Returned by Bank	\$20.00	\$42.00

On August 19, 2020, in Order No. 9629, the Commission, pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* § 306(a)(1), suspended the effect of the proposed new rates and tariff revisions pending further investigation, a public comment session, and public evidentiary hearings, which will be held later after further public notice. The commission also granted Sussex Shores' petition for authority to place a portion of its proposed increases into effect, subject to refund on August 27, 2020, pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* § 306(c).

The Commission will make its decision on this matter on the basis of the record evidence taken at the public evidentiary hearings, which will be conducted at a later date. The Commission may approve or reject, in whole or in part, the proposed increase and tariff revisions and may apply a different method for allocating any increase that it approves.

Written comments can be submitted *on or before December 1, 2020*. Written comments may be submitted by mail to Delaware Public Service Commission, Docket No. 20-0421, 861 Silver Lake Blvd, Suite 100, Dover, DE 19904 or by email to psc@delaware.gov, ATTN: Docket No. 20-0421.

You may review SSWC's application and supporting documents by going to DelaFile (<http://delafile.delaware.gov>), the Commission's docketing and file management system, and by searching for Docket No. 20-0421. If you would like to review documents at the Commission's

offices, please contact Donna Nickerson at (302) 736-7500 or send an email addressed to donna.nickerson@delaware.gov. You may also review copies of SSWC's application and supporting documents at the offices of the Division of the Public Advocate located at 820 North French Street, 4th Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 and at 29 South State Street, Dover, Delaware 19901. Please call either (302) 577-5077 (Wilmington) or (302) 241-2555 (Dover) to arrange for a time to review the documents at either of those locations.

If you wish to request copies of documents in this matter, please submit a Freedom of Information Act Request Form. The link to this form can be found on the Commission's website, <https://depsec.delaware.gov>, or by visiting this web address: <https://delafile.delaware.gov/Complaints/FOIA.aspx>. The Commission will respond to your request in accordance with the Delaware Freedom of Information Act, 29 *Del. C. ch.* 100.

If you have a disability and wish to participate or to review the materials in this matter, 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 email, 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 regarding this matter by Internet e-mail addressed to psc@delaware.gov with "Docket No. 20-0421" in the subject line.