

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF VEOLIA WATER DELAWARE, INC.)	PSC DOCKET NO. 23-0598
FOR AN INCREASE IN WATER BASE)	
RATES (FILED APRIL 27, 2023))	

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF VEOLIA WATER DELAWARE, INC. FOR
AN INCREASE IN WATER BASE RATES**

TO: WATER CUSTOMERS OF VEOLIA WATER DELAWARE INC.:

On April 27, 2023, Veolia Water Delaware, Inc. (“Veolia”) filed an application (the “Application”) with the Delaware Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) seeking approval for an increase in its water base rates and certain changes to its water tariff.

In its Application, Veolia seeks an increase in annual operating revenues of \$6,083,443, or an increase of 18.98% over existing base rates. Veolia’s proposed increase in base rates includes \$1,751,000 of revenues currently recovered through its Distribution System Improvement Charge (“DSIC”), which it proposes to be transferred into base rates.

The following is a breakdown by service classification of Veolia’s proposed increases, which include the existing revenues from the DSIC (note that there is no proposed change to Public and Private fire protection charges):

Residential (per 1,000 gallons)		
Rate Tiers	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
0-2,000 Gallons	\$5.1787	\$6.2144
2001-7,000 Gallons	\$6.2612	\$7.5134
Over 7,000 Gallons	\$8.7735	\$10.5282

Commercial (per 1,000 gallons)		
Rate Tiers	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
All Consumption	\$4.8580	\$6.0834

Industrial (per 1,000 gallons)		
Rate Tiers	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
0-1,400,000 Gallons	\$4.7335	\$5.9275
Over 1,400,000 Gallons	\$3.5324	\$4.4234

Public Authority (per 1,000 gallons)		
Rate Tiers	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
All Consumption	\$4.4546	\$5.5783

Sales for Resale (per 1,000 gallons)		
Rate Tiers	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
All Consumption	\$4.4656	\$5.5920

Fixed Customer Charge (per month)		
Meter Size	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
5/8"	\$14.25	\$16.60
3/4"	\$17.21	\$21.39
1"	\$22.78	\$28.11
1-1/4"	\$26.72	\$28.11
1-1/2"	\$33.21	\$41.80
2"	\$49.35	\$60.84
3"	\$125.40	\$91.86
4"	\$167.99	\$134.18
6"	\$269.29	\$246.51
8"	\$386.54	\$378.23
10"	\$502.71	\$528.78

On May 17, 2023, in Order No. 10238, the Commission, pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* § 306(a)(1), suspended the effect of the proposed new rates, tariff revisions and other requested relief pending further investigation, public comment sessions, and public evidentiary hearings, which will be held

later after further public notice. Veolia intends to petition the Commission for authority to place a portion of its proposed increased in effect, subject to refund, no less than sixty (60) days after the April 27, 2023 filing date, 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. 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.

You are invited to review Veolia's Application and supporting documents to determine how your interest may be affected by going to DelaFile (<http://delafile.delaware.gov>), the Commission's docketing and file management system, and by searching for Docket No. 23-0598.

If you wish to formally participate as a party in this matter, with the right to present evidence and be represented by counsel, you must file with the Commission a petition asking for leave to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* (26 Del. Admin. C. §1001-2.9) **on or before Friday, June 30, 2023**. All such petitions should be filed in DelaFile according to the Commission's rules (26 Del. Admin. C. §1001-1.6.4). Petitions filed after the deadline of June 30, 2023, will not be considered except for good cause shown.

If you would like to review documents at the Commission's offices, please contact Naomi Steele at (302) 736-7500 or send an email addressed to Naomi.Steele@delaware.gov. 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. 23-0598” in the subject line.