

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
 OF ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY, INC.) PSC DOCKET NO. 23-0601
 FOR AN INCREASE IN WATER BASE)
 RATES (FILED APRIL 28, 2023))

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR
AN INCREASE IN WATER BASE RATES**

TO: ALL WATER CUSTOMERS OF ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY INC.:

On April 28, 2023, Artesian Water Company, Inc. (“Artesian”) 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, Artesian seeks an increase in annual operating revenues of \$17,541,260, or an increase of 23.84% over existing base rates.

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

Residential (per 1,000 gallons)			
Rate Tiers	Current Rate	Proposed Rate Tiers	Proposed Rate
First 2,000 Gallons	\$6.86	First 2,000 Gallons	\$8.70
Next 5,000 Gallons	\$7.41	Next 5,000 Gallons	\$9.40
Over 7,000 Gallons	\$8.64	Over 7,000 Gallons	\$10.97

All Other (per 1,000 gallons)			
Rate Tiers	Current Rate	Proposed Rate Tiers	Proposed Rate
First 500,000 Gallons	\$6.15	First 500,000 Gallons	\$8.18
Over 500,000 Gallons	\$7.08	Over 500,000 Gallons	\$9.44

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Current Rate per T.G. \$4.05	Proposed Rate per T.G. \$4.66

Customer Charge (per month)		
Meter Size	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
5/8"	\$13.74	\$15.51
3/4"	\$16.49	\$18.61
1"	\$21.99	\$24.81
1-1/2"	\$43.97	\$49.62
2"	\$57.72	\$65.12
3"	\$87.95	\$99.23
4"	\$126.42	\$142.65
6"	\$219.87	\$248.08
8"	\$329.80	\$372.13
10"	\$522.18	\$589.20
Public Fire Protection Charge (per month)		
Meter Size	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
5/8"	\$4.15	\$5.02
3/4"	\$6.15	\$7.53
1"	\$10.30	\$12.55
1-1/2"	\$20.73	\$25.10
2"	\$33.17	\$40.16
3"	\$62.23	\$75.29
4"	\$103.74	\$125.49
6"	\$207.91	\$251.48
8"	\$331.59	\$401.06
10"	\$530.40	\$641.49
Private Fire Protection Charge (per month)		
Detector Check	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
1-1/2"	\$18.64	\$22.36
2"	\$39.24	\$51.44
4"	\$100.96	\$134.67
6"	\$219.21	\$293.39
8"	\$366.37	\$489.54
10"	\$552.95	\$738.60
12"	\$650.65	\$851.07
Private Hydrant	\$219.21	\$293.39

Wholesale Rates and Charges		
Description	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Middletown	\$2.26 per T.G.	\$3.31
Delaware Correctional Ctr.	\$2.26 per T.G.	\$3.31
New Castle	\$3.31 per T.G.	No Change
AWC to AWMD	\$3.78 per T.G.	\$3.26
Chesapeake	\$4.13 per T.G.	\$4.63
Dagsboro	\$3.50 per T.G.	\$3.31

Selbyville	\$3.50 per T.G.	\$3.31
Sussex County	\$6.15 per T.G.	\$8.18

On June 7, 2023, in Order No. 10255, 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.

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 Artesian’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. 23-0601.

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 July 21, 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 July 21, 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. 23-0601" in the subject line.