

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY, INC.) PSC DOCKET NO. 25-0346
FOR AN INCREASE IN WATER BASE)
RATES (FILED APRIL 4, 2025))

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

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

A Hearing Examiner appointed by the Delaware Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) will conduct a hybrid format public comment session concerning the above-captioned case (as further explained below) at the following time and location:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.	
IN PERSON	REMOTE ACCESS
Delaware Public Service Commission Hearing Room 861 Silver Lake Blvd. Cannon Building, Suite 100 Dover, DE 19904	Teleconference: 1-309-205-3325 Zoom VideoConference Link https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87900095327?pwd=XvqpKeXDp17MYEpRTGDChcoblFg8aR.1 Meeting ID: 879 0009 5327 Passcode: 802907

On April 4, 2025, Artesian Water Company, Inc. (“Artesian”) filed an application (the “Application”) with 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 \$10,849,935, or an increase of 12.41% over existing base rates.

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Residential (per 1,000 gallons)			
Rate Tiers	Current Rate	Proposed Rate Tiers	Proposed Rate
First 2,000 Gallons	\$7.973	First 2,000 Gallons	\$8.604
Next 5,000 Gallons	\$8.619	Next 5,000 Gallons	\$9.301
Over 7,000 Gallons	\$10.052	Over 7,000 Gallons	\$10.706

All Other (per 1,000 gallons)			
Rate Tiers	Current Rate	Proposed Rate Tiers	Proposed Rate
First 500,000 Gallons	\$7.456	First 500,000 Gallons	\$8.169
Over 500,000 Gallons	\$8.582	Over 500,000 Gallons	\$9.402

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Current Rate per T.G. \$4.673	Proposed Rate per T.G. \$5.613

Customer Charge (per month)		
Meter Size	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
5/8"	\$15.00	\$18.94
3/4"	\$18.00	\$22.73
1"	\$24.00	\$30.31
1-1/2"	\$48.00	\$60.61
2"	\$63.00	\$79.55
3"	\$96.00	\$121.23
4"	\$138.00	\$174.26
6"	\$240.00	\$303.06
8"	\$360.00	\$454.59
10"	\$570.00	\$719.78

Public Fire Protection Charge (per month)		
Meter Size	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
5/8"	\$4.76	\$5.01
3/4"	\$7.06	\$7.52
1"	\$11.83	\$12.53
1-1/2"	\$23.80	\$25.06
2"	\$38.08	\$40.09
3"	\$71.45	\$75.17
4"	\$119.10	\$125.29

6"	\$238.70	\$251.08
8"	\$380.70	\$400.42
10"	\$608.95	\$640.47

Private Fire Protection Charge (per month)		
Detector Check	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
1-1/2"	\$21.40	\$20.92
2"	\$45.05	\$48.97
4"	\$115.91	\$129.37
6"	\$251.67	\$282.73
8"	\$420.63	\$472.31
10"	\$634.84	\$713.01
12"	\$747.01	\$822.39
Private Hydrant	\$282.73	\$282.73

Wholesale Rates and Charges		
Description	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Middletown	\$2.773 per T.G.	\$3.422
Delaware Correctional Ctr.	\$2.776 per T.G.	\$3.265
New Castle	\$3.531 per T.G.	\$4.450
AWC to AWMD	\$3.850 per T.G.	No Change
Chesapeake	\$4.580 per T.G.	\$5.340
Dagsboro	\$3.593 per T.G.	\$4.078
Selbyville	\$3.593 per T.G.	\$4.078
Sussex County	\$7.456 per T.G.	\$8.169

On April 23, 2025, in Order No. 10680, 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.

On May 14, 2025, in Order No. 10704, the Commission authorized Artesian to place a portion of its proposed increases into effect and reset its DSIC to zero on June 3, 2025, subject to refund with interest, pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* § 306(c).

On November 5, 2025, in Order No. 10865, the Commission authorized Artesian to place the full proposed increase into effect November 6, 2025, subject to refund with interest, pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* § 306(b).

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.

Written comments may be filed **on or before January 9, 2026**, on the Commission's docketing and file management system DelaFile (<https://delafile.delaware.gov>), by mail to Delaware Public Service Commission, 861 Silver Lake Blvd, Suite 100, Dover, DE 19904, or by email to psc@delaware.gov with "Docket No. 25-0346" in the subject line.

You may review Artesian's Application and supporting documents to determine how your interest may be affected by going to DelaFile (<https://delafile.delaware.gov>), the Commission's docketing and file management system, and by searching for Docket No. 25-0346.

If you would like to review documents at the Commission's offices, please contact the Commission Secretary, Crystal Beenick, at (302) 736-7500 or send an email addressed to Crystal.Beenick@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 by visiting this web address: <https://sos.delaware.gov/foia-requests/>. 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. 25-0346” in the subject line.