

# Press Release

## Rate Increases for Water and Wastewater Services Proposed by Veolia Water Pennsylvania Suspended for PUC Investigation

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### *Proposed Veolia Water and Wastewater Rate Increases Suspended Until November 2024 for Detailed Analysis and Review*

HARRISBURG – The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) today suspended rate increase requests for [water](#) and [wastewater](#) services proposed by Veolia Water Pennsylvania and Veolia Pennsylvania – Wastewater Division (Veolia) to allow for a detailed investigation and analysis. Veolia serves 69,800 water customers along with 1,600 wastewater customers in 11 counties across Pennsylvania.

The Commission voted 5-0 to [suspend the proposed rate increases](#), which would increase the company's total annual operating revenues for water services by approximately \$15.5 million (26.4%) and increase total annual operating revenues for wastewater services by approximately \$569,000 (34.8%).

Today's action by the Commission suspends the rate change request for up to seven months from the proposed effective date of April 16, 2024, and the case will

now be assigned to the PUC's Office of Administrative Law Judge for an investigation, the scheduling of hearings and the issuance of a recommended decision.

A final decision by the PUC on the rate increase requests is due by November 16, 2024. More information on the [ratemaking process](#) is available on the PUC's website.

### **Veolia Rate Increase Requests**

Under the proposals filed with the PUC by Veolia, the average monthly bill for a residential water customer using 3,500 gallons of water per month would increase from \$49.64 to \$60.79 (22%). For Veolia wastewater customers, the average monthly bill for a residential customer would increase from a flat rate of \$56.20 to \$77.00 (37%).

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