

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
TIDEWATER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, ) PSC DOCKET NO. 11-329WW  
INC. FOR AN INCREASE IN WASTEWATER )  
RATES (FILED JULY 29, 2011) )

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF  
TIDEWATER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.  
FOR A GENERAL RATE INCREASE**

**TO: ALL CUSTOMERS OF TIDEWATER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.:**

On July 29, 2011, Tidewater Environmental Services, Inc. ("TESI") filed an application with the Delaware Public Service Commission ("the Commission") to increase its rates for wastewater service. In its application, TESI seeks an overall increase in annual operating +revenues of approximately \$798,000 or approximately 90.6% over current wastewater revenues.

Below is a comparison of TESI's present and proposed rates for customers with a flat monthly rate charge:

<u>DEVELOPMENT</u>	<u>PRESENT RATE</u>	<u>PROPOSED RATE</u>
The Retreat	\$70.83/month	\$135.23/month
Harts Landing	\$82.91/month	\$158.29/month
Country Grove	\$85.41/month	\$163.07/month
Breeders Crown	\$93.75/month	\$178.99/month
Bay Front	\$80.00/month	\$152.74/month
Bay Pointe	\$80.00/month	\$152.74/month

Below is a comparison of TESI's present and proposed rates for customers of the TESI - Town of Milton wastewater system as follows:

<u>SERVICE CHARGE</u>	<u>PRESENT RATE</u>	<u>PROPOSED RATE</u>
Flat Rate per Quarter	\$40.00	\$76.37
Volumetric	\$3.00 per thousand gallons	\$5.73 per thousand gallons

A typical Town of Milton customer with metered usage of 15,000 gallons of water per quarter would see his quarterly wastewater bill increase from \$85.00 to \$162.32 if the full requested rate increase is approved.

On August 9, 2011, pursuant to 26 Del. C. §306(a)(1), the Commission suspended the effectiveness of the proposed new rates and tariff revisions pending further investigation, public comment sessions, and public evidentiary hearings, which will be held later after further public notice. However, TESI has requested authority to place a portion of its proposed increases into effect under bond and subject to refund sixty (60) days after the initial July 29, 2011 filing date, pursuant to 26 Del. C. §306(c).

The Commission will make its decision on this matter on the basis of the evidence of record taken at public evidentiary hearings. The Commission may approve or reject, in whole or in part, the proposed rate increase and tariff revisions, and may approve a different method for allocating any increase should one be found to be appropriate.

TESI's customers are invited to review the application and supporting documents to determine how their interests may be affected. You may review the documents during normal business hours in the Commission's Dover office at the address listed below or on the Commission's website at [www.state.de.us/delpsc/water.shtml](http://www.state.de.us/delpsc/water.shtml). You may also review copies of the filing at the office of the Division of the Public Advocate located at the Carvel State Office Building, 4th Floor, 820 North French Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801. Please call (302) 577-5077 to arrange for a time to review the documents at that location. If you wish to participate as a party in this docket, with the right to present evidence and be heard by counsel, you must file a petition to intervene under Rule 1001.2.9 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (26 Del. Admin. Code §§1001 et seq. You must file that petition on or before September 16, 2011 at the Commission's office located at:

Delaware Public Service Commission  
861 Silver Lake Boulevard  
Cannon Building  
Suite 100  
Dover, Delaware 19904  
ATTN: PSC Docket No. 11-329WW

Petitions filed thereafter will not be considered except for good cause shown.

If you have a disability and wish to participate in, or to review the materials in, these proceedings, please contact the Commission to discuss any auxiliary aids or services you might need to help you. You may contact the Commission in person, in writing, by telephone (including text telephone), or by Internet e-mail. If you have questions about this matter, please 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 or request information by Internet e-mail addressed to [heidi.wagner@state.de.us](mailto:heidi.wagner@state.de.us).