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Crystal Beenick, Secretary
Delaware Public Service Commission
861 Silver Lake Boulevard
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Dover, DE 19904

Re: Application of Tidewater Utilities, Inc. for an Increase in General Rates

Dear Ms. Beenick:

Enclosed please find an Application filed on behalf of Tidewater Utilities, Inc. for an Increase in General Rates. The applicable filing fee has been paid electronically through *Delafile.* The Application is being filed as a public and a confidential version. In support of the confidential treatment of portions of the Application, I attest that the information is not subject to inspection by either the public or by other parties unless an appropriate proprietary agreement is executed.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Pamela J. Scott

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	)	
OF TIDEWATER UTILITIES, INC. FOR A	)	PSC Docket No.
GENERAL INCREASE IN RATES	)	26 - XXXX
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APPLICATION OF TIDEWATER UTILITIES, INC. FOR A GENERAL INCREASE IN RATES

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November 20, 2026

Tidewater Utilities, Inc. ("Tidewater" or the "Company") hereby submits this Application to the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission"), and in support thereof states as follows:

1. The Company's name, mail and email address, telephone and fax numbers are as follows:

Tidewater Utilities, Inc.
1100 South Little Creek Road
Dover, Delaware 19901
Telephone: 732-638-7524
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Email: rcapko@middlesexwater.com

2. The Company seeks approval of a general rate increase pursuant to 26 *Del.C.* §§ 201, 304 and 306 and other sections of the Public Utilities Act of 1974, 26 *Del.C.* §§ 101 et seq. (the "Act") as applicable.

3. The Company's existing rates, as previously authorized and approved by the Commission in PSC Docket No. 24-0991, Order No. 10768, will be affected and modified by the relief sought with this Application.

4. The material facts to be relied upon by the Company in connection with this Application are contained in the pre-filed testimony and exhibits of the Company's representatives and expert(s), and supporting schedules, filed concurrently with this Application in accordance with the Commission's Minimum Filing Requirements for All Regulated Companies Subject to the Jurisdiction of the Commission, codified at 26 *Del. Admin.* C. § 1002, Part A (the "Minimum Filing Requirements").

5. This Application and the Commission's review and approval thereof are authorized by Sections 201, 304 and 306 of the Act, and by the Commission's rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, including Part A of the Minimum Filing Requirements.

6. The Company has, pursuant to Section 304 of the Act, and Section 1. A. of Part A of the Minimum Filing Requirements, filed a Notice of Intent to file a general rate increase. The Notice of Intent was originally filed on September 16, 2026

7. Any information required by the Minimum Filing Requirements but not set forth herein (or attached hereto) is currently on file with the Commission.

8. Based on the foregoing, the Company seeks the Commission's approval of the attached tariff leaves.

9. If the Commission suspends the operation of the rate change proposed in this Application, pursuant to Section 306(a)(1) of the Act, then the Company intends to exercise its right to put increased rates into effect ninety (90) days after the filing of this Application, as and to the extent permitted pursuant to 26 *Del.C.* §306(c), and requests that the Commission waive the requirements that a bond be filed with surety. Tidewater respectfully submits that its long-standing history with the State and its commitment herein to abide with a Commission refund order is sufficient to protect the rights of interested parties who may be entitled to any refunds, if ordered.

WHEREFORE, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission approve the general rate increase and tariff changes as requested in this Application.

Respectfully submitted:

TIDEWATER UTILITIES, INC.

By: _____
Robert J. Capko
Controller

Dated: November 20, 2026

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX)

I, Robert J. Capko, being duly sworn, deposes and says under oath:

1. I am authorized as the Controller of Tidewater Utilities, Inc. ("Tidewater") to provide this verification on behalf of Tidewater in connection with the above-captioned action.

2. I have read the Application for a General Increase in Rates, and I know the contents of such Application. The facts contained in the Application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

TIDEWATER UTILITIES, INC.

By: _____
Robert J. Capko
Controller

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before
Me this 20th day of Nov, 2026.

_____
Notary Public

Printed name: Jenna E. Elsayed
My Commission Expires: 10/6/2029

JENNA ELSAYED
Notary Public, State of New Jersey
Comm. # 50226387
My Commission Expires 10/6/2029

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	)	
TIDEWATER UTILITIES, INC. FOR A	)	PSC DOCKET NO.
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF
TIDEWATER UTILITIES, INC.
FOR A GENERAL RATE INCREASE

TO: ALL CUSTOMERS OF TIDEWATER UTILITIES, INC.:

On November 20, 2026, Tidewater Utilities, Inc. ("Tidewater") filed an 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, Tidewater seeks an overall increase in annual operating revenues of approximately $9,776,277 or approximately 19.56% over existing base rates. The following is a comparison of Tidewater's present rates and proposed new rates for metered water on a monthly basis:

Monthly Metered Residential Consumption	Rate per Thousand Gallons -Present	Rate per Thousand Gallons -Proposed
0 - 2,000 gallons	$ 8.6787	$ 9.9563
2,001 – 7,000 gallons	$ 8.7906	$10.0847
Over 7,000 gallons	$ 8.9039	$10.2147

Metered Consumption – All Other Customers	Rate per Thousand Gallons -Present	Rate per Thousand Gallons -Proposed
All gallons	$ 8.9027	$ 10.2133

The following is a comparison of Tidewater's present rates and proposed new rates for facilities charges per month:

Meter Size	Monthly Present Rates	Monthly Proposed Rates
5/8" – 3/4"	$ 18.00	$ 24.05
1"	29.99	40.07
1-1/2"	54.01	72.17
2"	84.01	112.26
3"	162.02	216.49
4"	252.04	336.78
6"	492.07	657.51
8"	768.11	1,026.37
10"	1,021.39	1,364.80

The following is a comparison of Tidewater's present rates and proposed new rates for public fire hydrant charges per month:

	Monthly Present Rates	Monthly Proposed Rates
Fire Hydrant District Charge	$ 4.46	$ 4.46

The Company is currently including certain charges on its current bills for the Distribution System Improvement Charge ("DSIC") and charges related to Customer Side Lead Service Line Surcharge.

Surcharge Description	Monthly Present Rates	Monthly Proposed Rates
DSIC	2.37%	0.00%
Lead Service Line Surcharge	$1.02	$1.02

A residential customer with public fire protection using a 5/8" water meter with monthly usage of approximately 4,018 gallons of water per month would see their bill increase from $59.94 to $69.79 if the full increase is authorized.

The following is a comparison of Tidewater's present rates and proposed new rates for private fire protection charges per month:

PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION

Meter Size	Monthly Present Rates	Monthly Proposed Rates
1"	$ 8.43	$ 8.43
2"	29.57	29.57
4"	125.43	125.43
6"	280.47	280.47
8"	498.95	498.95

The following is a comparison of Tidewater's present monthly rates and proposed new rates per month for Broadkiln and Wilkerson:

BROADKILN AND WILKERSON

Meter Size	Monthly Present Rates	Monthly Proposed Rates
Broadkiln	$ 39.99	$ 45.31
Wilkerson 5/8"-3/4"	33.84	38.34
Wilkerson 1"	52.30	59.26

Monthly Metered Consumption	Rate per Thousand Gallons -Present	Rate per Thousand Gallons -Proposed
0 - 2,000 gallons	$ 1.2364	$ 4.6574
2,001 – 7,000 gallons	1.2519	4.7180
Over 7,000 gallons	1.2681	4.7788

The following is a comparison of Tidewater's present quarterly rates and proposed monthly new rates for Town of Ocean View:

TOWN OF OCEAN VIEW

	Present Quarterly Rate	Proposed Monthly Rate
Service Availability Charge	$97.66	$42.28

Meter Size	Quarterly Facilities Charge	Proposed Monthly Facilities Charge
5/8" - 3/4"	$ 107.66	$ 46.61
1"	172.78	74.81
1" - 1/2"	303.00	131.19
2"	463.26	200.58
3"	885.20	383.27
4"	1,369.74	593.06
6"	2,664.37	1,153.59
8"	4,151.80	1,797.61

Water Consumption Charge	Rate per Thousand Gallons -Present	Rate per Thousand Gallons -Proposed
per 1,000 gallons	$4.8024	
0 - 2,000 gallons		$6.7959
2,001 – 7,000 gallons		6.8835
Over 7,000 gallons		6.9723

PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION

Size of Meter	Quarterly Facilities Charge	Proposed Monthly Facilities Charge
1"	$ 52.00	$ 17.33
2"	155.00	51.67
4"	725.00	241.67
6"	1,600.00	533.33
8"	2,820.00	940.00

On [Insert Date], ____, 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, Tidewater may request authority to place a portion of its proposed increases into effect and subject to refund ninety (90) days after the initial November 20, 2026, filing date, pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* §306(c).

Any person or group wishing to participate formally as a party in this docket with the right to submit evidence and to be represented by counsel must, in accordance with 26 *Del. Admin. C.* 1001, §2,9, petition the Commission for and be granted leave to intervene in the proceedings in this docket by the Hearing Examiner. To be timely, all such petitions must be filed with the Delaware Public Service Commission at 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Suite 100, Cannon Building, Dover, Delaware 19904 on or before _____, 2026. Petitions received thereafter will not be considered except for good cause shown. Written comments may also be submitted electronically at https://delafile@state.delaware.gov/.

The Hearing Examiner will consider the Application, including any settlement that might be reached by the parties to the proceeding, in hearings to be held at the times and locations to be determined by the Hearing Examiner.

You are invited to review Tidewater's Application and supporting documents to determine how your interests may be affected. You may review documents posted on the Commission's website in the DelaFile E-filing system located at https://delafile.delaware.gov/ using Docket Number 26-XXXX. If you would like to review documents at the Commission's offices, please contact Crystal Beenick at crystal.beenick@delaware.gov to arrange a time for your review.

If you wish to request copies of documents in this matter, please submit a Freedom of information Act Request Form. This form may be found at https://alpha.delaware.gov/foia/. There is also a link to the Freedom of Information Act Request Form on the Commission's website at 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.

Any individual with a disability desiring to participate in these proceedings or to review the filings should contact the Commission to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed. The Commission Staff can also provide additional information about this docket. You may contact the Commission in person, by writing, by telephone (including text telephone), by Internet e-mail 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; include "PSC Docket No. 26-XXXX" as the subject.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, Pamela J. Scott, do hereby certify that the foregoing APPLICATION OF TIDEWATER UTILITIES, INC. FOR A GENERAL INCREASE IN RATES, dated November 20, 2026, together with all exhibits, schedules and other attachments thereto, has been filed electronically with State of Delaware Public Service Commission via Delafile.

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