

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF SUSSEX SHORES WATER COMPANY
FOR AN INCREASE IN WATER BASE RATES

TO: ALL WATER CUSTOMERS OF SUSSEX SHORES WATER COMPANY:

On August 11, 2026, Sussex Shores Water Company ("Sussex Shores") filed an application (the "Application") with the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission") seeking approval for an increase in its water base rates.

In its Application, Sussex Shores seeks an increase in annual operating revenues of \$644,896, or an increase of 29.66% over existing base rates.

The following is a breakdown by service classification of Sussex Shores's proposed increases:

Fixed Service Charge (Per Quarter)

Rate Classifications	Existing Charge	Proposed Charge
5/8"	\$ 95.14	\$ 123.46
3/4"	\$ 112.44	\$ 145.80
1"	\$ 185.34	\$ 240.32
1 1/2"	\$ 989.71	\$ 1,283.32
2"	\$ 2,472.43	\$ 3,205.90

Water Usage Charge (Gallons per Quarter)

Existing Charge Proposed Charge

Gallons per Quarter	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
0-5,000 Gallons	\$ 3.97	\$ 5.15
5,001-20,000 Gallons	\$ 5.66	\$ 7.34
over 20,000 Gallons	\$ 7.20	\$ 9.34

Public Fire Hydrant Service (Quarterly Charge)

Per Hydrant	Existing Charge	Proposed Charge
	\$ 140.45	\$ 182.11

Private Fire Protection (Quarterly Charge)

Size of Meter	Existing Charge	Proposed Charge
1"	\$ 24.81	\$ 32.17
1 1/2"	\$ 55.83	\$ 72.39
2"	\$ 98.35	\$ 127.52
3"	\$ 125.40	\$ 162.59
4"	\$ 140.88	\$ 182.67
6"	\$ 171.20	\$ 221.98
10"	\$ 376.19	\$ 487.77

On September 2, 2026, in Order No. 11089 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 at a later date after further public notice. Sussex Shores intends to petition the Commission for authority to place a portion of its proposed increase in effect, subject to refund, no less than ninety (90) days after the August 11, 2026 filing date, pursuant to 26 Del. C. § 306(c).

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 Sussex Shores'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. 26-0814.

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 October 15, 2026**. 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 October 15, 2026, will not be considered except for good cause shown.

If you would like to review documents at the Commission's offices, please contact 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. 26-0814" in the subject line.