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HELD BEFORE:

Nancy Brockway, Hearing Officer Sonny Popowsky, Chairman

ALSO PRESENT:

Andre Dasent, Esquire Robert Ballenger, Esquire Stephanie Wein Michael Skiendzielewski Debra McCarty Angel Rodriguez Melissa Labuda

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2	MS. BROCKWAY: Good morning. My name is
3	Nancy Brockway. I'm the hearing officer in
4	this case of the Philadelphia Water Rate
5	Board. This is the continuation of technical
6	hearings in the quest of the Philadelphia
7	Water Department for rates for fiscal '19
8	through '21. I we have, this morning, two
9	witnesses. Land Bank and Penn Environment.
10	And we have some housekeeping that Mr. Dasent
11	has brought to my attention. And then we
12	have the presentation of an examination by
13	Mr. Skiendzielewski.
14	MS. BROCKWAY: So let's do the
15	housekeeping first. Mr. Dasent.
16	MR. DASENT: Thank you, madam hearing
17	officer. We have responses to transcript
18	request TR2. I would like to hand those up.
19	And we would also send them to the parties
20	electronically so they can be posted.
21	MS. BROCKWAY: While he's circulating
22	those, I would also like to say that when
23	we're done I want to have us go over the
24	deadlines for the post technical hearing

steps that will be coming up. 1 2 MR. DASENT: If Your Honor pleases, this 3 particular transcript request dealt with providing the rates designated impact for the 4 5 proposed TAP Rider. And there are two scenarios, one for the public advocate and 6 7 one for the Department. And they are all a part of this exhibit, or this TR response 8 9 that we just handed up. 10 MS. BROCKWAY: Can you help us identify 11 which is which? 12 MR. DASENT: Well, at the top left 13 corner of the attachment, if you look at 14 Table C4, for example, you'll see PWD TAP 15 Rider Proposal. MS. BROCKWAY: And then Public Advocate. 16 17 MR. DASENT: And then Public Advocate 18 right behind it. 19 MS. BROCKWAY: Thank you. 20 MR. DASENT: We also have to hand up 21 this morning the response to transcript 22 response 19. And that dealt with providing 23 a schedule for GAAP Financial Statements

detailing equity in the treasurer's account.

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provide a list of the assumptions made in the dashboard that have to be put in by the operator. So in other words, try to get such and such a RSF, trying to get to such and such a coverage ratio and so forth.

MR. DASENT: Well, I would have to talk with Black and Veatch about how to customize the response for your Honor's direction now. But what we have and we can introduce is the updated C1. We will have it later today, perhaps, that will deal with the sort of impact from the Department's proposal on the TAP Rider.

MS. BROCKWAY: The reason that I'm -I'm sorry to take the time, but I think it's
extremely important. The reason I'm asking
about that is because I had gotten the
impression, through the testimony, that one
could do a number of iterations that took,
for example, all of Mr. Morgan's proposed
adjustments and come up with different
results, depending upon what assumptions were
made in the dashboard. Is that accurate?

MR. DASENT: Well, Black & Veatch speak

to that. But I think it's not a, if I get it
right, the plug and chug model, push and
pull, one input and everything else changes.

You have to go through and make the various
adjustments for the assumptions you want to
input into the model.

MS. BROCKWAY: Right.

MR. DASENT: That's a layman's understanding of it. But Black & Veatch can best explain that if you wanted a more detailed response.

MS. BROCKWAY: Well, let -- I think this is so important, and I apologize to everyone. We're going to wait until we get a little further on this issue. I'm remembering Mr. Jagt's testimony. And he was pointing out a run done, I think, by the department which showed that the residual fund was negative in certain years. And others said this is a bad thing.

What wasn't clear was whether or not other adjustments could be made in the model that would rebalance where funds were going so that you wouldn't have a negative residual

fund. You might have a lower coverage ratio.

2 You might have a lower RSF, or whatever. So

I'm trying to figure out how we can get a

4 sense of is it possible to do Mr. Morgan's

5 adjustments without getting into trouble. He

6 claims it is, but -- and the thing is, you

guys are running the model. So if anybody

has any ideas of how to solve that problem,

I'm open to --

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10 MR. DASENT: When you identify scenarios
11 that you want us to run, we can run them.

12 And that way you would have a basis of

comparison. The Department's proposal versus

scenarios that he might run that would

indicate, you know, various assumptions. For

16 example, we have agreed upon adjustments. We

17 can input those. If there are any additional

18 adjustments, we can input those. And the TAP

Rider impacts also would be reflected.

And so that run that you direct us to perform at some point in the proceeding, and perhaps we can even leave it as a TR Response. Run the model and we will

identify the assumptions to run.

1 MS. BROCKWAY: Yes. Mr. Ballenger.

MR. BALLENGER: Yes. I think what Mr.

the Rate Stabilization Fund.

Dasent said is important. And I think it's also important that the Board specify, you know, in running the model, you know, how the — how they should make adjustments. So, for example, in our use of the model for purpose of preparing testimony, we did not alter any of the assumptions regarding the results from

So if you look at Schedule Ultimatum 1 and you see 1.30 times coverage, part of that coverage reflects the original assumption of an 11-plus million dollar withdraw from the Rate Stabilization Fund. Which, you know, you could eliminate that assumption and reduce coverage by, you know .03, or whatever the number would be and basis points on the coverage metric.

So I just say that to point out that, and I think you were referring to actually an example from our Exhibit 7, where the residual fund declined each year. That, again, was just a result of not making any

adjustments to the withdraws from the Rate Stabilization Fund, or the amounts that were going to the construction fund and the residual fund or otherwise.

So when the Board identifies the run that it wants the Department to conduct, I think the Board needs to specify that the Department should maximize, you know, withdraws from the Rate Stabilization Fund, or minimize withdraws from the Rate Stabilization Fund, or, you know, at least dish out a couple of scenarios for the department to run for comparison purposes.

MS. BROCKWAY: That's what I was sort of suggesting. Although, I was going more in the direction of let the runs not violate any covenants. And then in Mr. Morgan's case, he has ideas about the Rate Stabilization Fund, for example. So let his run reflect that.

And I -- but beyond that, you see, the other thing is, it's like a bologna. You can squeeze it on one place on the coverage and you can lower rates. Or you could keep coverage and increase rates, depending upon

how things shake out. Go off the record. 1 2 3 (Whereupon, a discussion off the record 4 was held.) 5 MS. BROCKWAY: We've had a discussion 6 7 about what would be most helpful to the Board. And at this point we're going to wait 8 9 until the end of today's proceedings and then 10 return to this topic. 11 MR. DASENT: Well, before -- before we 12 leave we can run the model with any scenarios 13 that you want to see. 14 MS. BROCKWAY: That's right. 15 MR. DASENT: Give a side by side 16 comparison if you want to look at Mr. 17 Morgan's versus ours. 18 MS. BROCKWAY: Right. And we're just having a question in our own minds what to 19 20 ask you about, so. But let's -- is there 21 any more housekeeping? 22 MR. DASENT: We also talked to Robin 23 about TR20 in discussing the wording. You indicated to do that off the record. And 24

that has to do with trying to -- to get our
basic escalation factors and other
adjustments sort of aligned in one table so
you can see which adjustments were applied
where. And we're working on that and
hopefully by the end of the day we'll have
that.

MS. BROCKWAY: Great.

MR. DASENT: Now, one suggestion I was going to make in rather we wait till the end of the day is to add another transcript request for the TAP Rider so we can add additional areas in agreement. For example, if we agree on the interest rate or their narrowing various disagreements on the use of estimated data. Those are things that I thought would help sort of move that discussion along.

I would like to boil it down to maybe one or two areas that we haven't necessarily agreed on, and then the Board can sort of just focus on that as opposed to the whole model (inaudible) issues.

MS. BROCKWAY: Yes, that would be very

helpful. 1 2 MR. BALLENGER: Would that be a joint 3 request of the Department and Public Advocate to issue one response showing exactly where 4 5 we agree and subject to discussion off line in case there are other areas? 6 7 MR. DASENT: Yes. MR. BALLENGER: Okay. 8 9 MR. DASENT: Just trying to make sure we 10 have an avenue to move closer (inaudible.) 11 MR. BALLENGER: The Public Advocate is 12 agreeable to that. 13 MS. BROCKWAY: If we're holding TR20 for 14 the wording issue, then we're at TR21, right? 15 MR. DASENT: Yes. 16 MS. BROCKWAY: You were also mentioning 17 that there was some testimony that you wanted to make sure were reflected in the record. 18 19 MR. DASENT: Yes. I know that PLUG 20 isn't here today, so PLUG's statement one, 21 which is Richard Baudino and his intended 22 exhibits or attached exhibits to that 23 testimony, I would stipulate as to the 24 authentication of that testimony and I hope

1	Mr. Ballenger would agree.
2	MR. BALLENGER: Likewise. No objection.
3	MR. DASENT: And I move for its
4	admission. I also want to reiterate, I
5	believe, PWD Statement 1 through 9, and 9A
6	for the Department. It's our direct case.
7	And move it into the record with the
8	associated errata sheets, assuming no
9	objection.
10	MR. BALLENGER: Just to no objection.
11	But I thought it was 9A and 9B, just to be
12	clear.
13	MR. DASENT: That's correct. Yes. And
14	PWD Rebuttal Statement 1 through 5, which
15	we've already marked for identification, and
16	the associated errata sheets. Two on those.
17	We would like to make sure those are moved
18	into the record. Is that also without
19	objection?
20	MR. BALLENGER: No objection.
21	MR. DASENT: And we have PWD hearing
22	exhibits 1 through 4 which we've marked over
23	the days of the hearing and we would like
24	those marked and moved into the record as

well. 1 2 MS. BROCKWAY: All hearing exhibits that have not been excluded are in the record. 3 All filings and rebuttals and other testimony 4 5 that have not been stricken are in the record. 6 7 MR. DASENT: I think that's acceptable. The Public Advocate, I want to make sure he's 8 9 on board. 10 MS. BROCKWAY: He's already said he's on 11 board. 12 MR. BALLENGER: Yes, I have no objection and assume the same for our statements and 13 14 exhibits from Mr. Dasent, with the one 15 exception I think being that we're going to brief the issues Mr. Dasent raised in the 16 Motion in Limine. 17 18 MS. BROCKWAY: That's right. 19 MR. BALLENGER: But other than that, 20 assuming we're in the same position, and Mr. 21 Dasent has no objections to all of the 22 statements and exhibits that we've moved to 23 date, which I think we're revisiting old

areas, but just to make sure.

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1	MR. DASENT: Yes. No objection.
2	MS. BROCKWAY: Those documents are
3	admitted to the record. Let's go off the
4	record.
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6	(Whereupon, a discussion off the record
7	was held.)
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9	MS. BROCKWAY: We have with us two
10	gentlemen from Land Bank who wish to present
11	their testimony.
12	MR. RODRIGUEZ: Good morning, madam
13	hearing officer. We've submitted written
14	testimony. I just want to authenticate the
15	testimony and state to my knowledge,
16	information and belief that the testimony
17	I've given is true and correct. Also for the
18	record, any reference in my testimony to
19	vacant property acquired, or to be acquired,
20	by Land Bank means that the property is
21	unoccupied.
22	MS. BROCKWAY: And you'll state your
23	name for the record.
24	MR. RODRIGUEZ: My name is Angel

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1	Rodriguez. I'm the Executive Director of the
2	Philadelphia Land Bank.
3	MS. BROCKWAY: Are there any questions
4	of Mr. Rodriguez?
5	MR. DASENT: We have no questions and we
6	certainly stipulate to the authentication of
7	his testimony. And we're pleased he's here.
8	MR. BALLENGER: The Public Advocate has
9	no questions for Mr. Rodriguez and we also
10	agree to stipulate to the authenticity of his
11	statement and support his conclusion on the
12	record in this case.
13	MS. BROCKWAY: Any other participant?
14	Seeing none.
15	MR. POPOWSKY: I just want to note,
16	there's also an errata sheet that goes with
17	the testimony. So if there is no objection,
18	obviously we would like to see Mr.
19	Rodriguez's testimony and the errata sheet
20	admitted into the record.
21	MR. DASENT: Thank you. No objection.
22	MR. BALLENGER: No objection.
23	MS. BROCKWAY: It will be done. Sorry
24	to bring you all the way here and not ask you

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1	any questions, but you must have written very
2	compelling testimony. So with our thanks, we
3	will move to the next order of business.
4	MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you for your time.
5	MS. BROCKWAY: Next we have cross
6	examination of Penn Environment. Good
7	morning.
8	MS. WEIN: Good morning.
9	MS. BROCKWAY: Why don't you identify
10	yourself and then we'll start and see if
11	people have cross examination.
12	MS. WEIN: My name is Stephanie Wein and
13	I'm the Clean Water Conservation Advocate for
14	Penn Environment.
15	MS. BROCKWAY: And you prefiled
16	testimony, is that correct?
17	MS. WEIN: I did, yes.
18	MS. BROCKWAY: I assume you want that
19	entered into the record?
20	MS. WEIN: Yes, please.
21	MS. BROCKWAY: Is there any objection?
22	MR. BALLENGER: No objection.
23	MR. DASENT: No objection.
24	MS. BROCKWAY: It is so entered. I

- think we're ready for cross examination.
- 2 MR. DASENT: I just have a couple
- 3 questions.
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- 5 CROSS EXAMINATION
- 6 \* \* \*
- 7 BY MR. DASENT:
- 8 Q. It's my understanding that Penn Environment's
- 9 submission is to protect clean water, clean air and
- 10 open spaces?
- 11 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 12 Q. And from reading your testimony, is it part
- 13 of your admission you investigate problems, craft
- 14 solutions and educate the public in decision making to
- 15 help the public make their voices heard, am I right?
- 16 A. That is correct.
- 17 Q. And is your participation of this proceeding
- 18 a logical extension of Penn Environment specialty?
- 19 A. It is.
- 20 Q. And your focusing in this instance is SMIP
- 21 GARP?
- 22 A. It is.
- 23 Q. And is it your testimony that these programs
- 24 are effective in furthering storm water management

- 1 objectives?
- 2 A. That is our testimony.
- 3 Q. Are you proffering your testimony as a rate
- 4 analyst or a rate expert?
- 5 A. I am not proffering my testimony as a rate
- 6 analyst or a rate expert, but as a someone who has more
- 7 expertise in areas of clean water policy and a
- 8 representative of many other folks who feel so.
- 9 Q. That's all I have.
- 10 A. Thank you.
- MS. BROCKWAY: Mr.
- 12 Ballenger.
- MR. BALLENGER: Okay.
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- 15 CROSS EXAMINATION
- 16 \* \* \*
- 17 BY MR. BALLENGER:
- 18 Q. Good morning, Ms. Wein. Thank you
- 19 for joining us here today. I just had a couple of
- 20 questions about your direct testimony and I just wanted
- 21 to get a little understanding of just a couple
- 22 statements. And I don't think -- I don't think we'll
- 23 need more than a few moments of your time. Do you have
- 24 a copy of your statement?

- 1 A. Actually, no. First time in this sort of
- 2 hearing.
- 3 Q. Understood. Understood. I wanted to start
- 4 with page four of your testimony. At lines 19 through
- 5 20 you state that, "Five years into the program", and I
- 6 assume you mean the Green City Clean Waters Program?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Okay. You state that "Combined sewage
- 9 overflows have been reduced by 1.5 billion gallons
- 10 annually." And I just wanted to make sure that I
- 11 understood that the source of that statement was from
- 12 the Water Department's Philly Watersheds website, is
- 13 that right?
- 14 A. We did use the Philadelphia Watersheds own --
- 15 sorry, the Philadelphia Water Department's self
- 16 reported data. Whenever we're investigating any member
- 17 or any entity that's combined with a consent order with
- 18 either the DEP or EPA, it's traditional that these
- 19 entities are self reporting for MP's permits. But I
- 20 would say that that number should actually be updated
- 21 to 1.7 billion, given the 2017 information.
- 22 Q. Okay. And so that's based on the Water
- 23 Department's own reporting. And do you happen to know,
- 24 is there -- is that calculated on the basis of the name

- 1 of Green Acres as opposed to actual measure of
- 2 infiltration and inflows?
- 3 A. I know that at least one of the methodologies
- 4 used is with the calculation based on Green Acres,
- 5 which is, from my understanding, fairly standard when
- 6 looking at modeling these things nationwide.
- 7 Q. Okay. Thank you. And, so, I'd asked you, a
- 8 little bit in discovery, about this statement and I
- 9 just wanted to make sure. You don't attribute that 1.5
- 10 billion of 1.7 billion exclusive to the SMIP and GARP
- 11 projects, do you?
- 12 A. No, not exclusively.
- 13 Q. Okay. So there are other projects going on
- 14 that, as you clarified earlier, your focus is really on
- 15 SMIP and GARP in this case?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Can I ask you to just turn to page five. And
- 18 I'm looking at lines four through six. And your
- 19 testimony states, "By seeking matching funds from
- 20 property owners, the programs", and there, again, I'm
- 21 assuming you're referring to SMIP and GARP?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Thank you. (Continued) "reduce the cost of
- 24 the taxpayer when compared to retrofitting a similar

- 1 amount of impermeable acreage on publicly owned land."
- 2 That's your statement there?
- 3 A. That is.
- 4 Q. Okay. And I'd like to understand that a
- 5 little bit, because I -- I was not familiar with and
- 6 would like to hear whether or not I'm -- I'm
- 7 misunderstanding what you're stating here. Are there
- 8 -- are there currently -- have you identified cost to
- 9 taxpayers for the SMIP and GARP programs, or are you
- 10 talking about rate payers in that statement?
- 11 A. That was a term I should have clarified. I
- 12 had been referring to rate payers, not tax payers.
- 13 Q. Yeah, I thought that was the case, but I
- 14 would love to hear it if there was some tax revenues
- 15 going to SMIP and GARP. But there aren't, is that
- 16 correct?
- 17 A. That is correct.
- 18 Q. Would you support the City's funding of green
- 19 infrastructure efforts from any source of revenues? Or
- 20 would you just support the funding of those green
- 21 infrastructure projects from Water Department revenues?
- 22 A. I support the funding of green infrastructure
- 23 via revenues as our governing bodies see fit. And I
- 24 know that this is the sort of set of solutions that

- 1 have been put before us to -- to analyze and so I can
- 2 really only speak to sort of the plans that have been
- 3 proposed.
- 4 Q. Okay. And I think -- I think Mr. Dasent
- 5 covered a couple of the other things that I was going
- 6 to ask you. Am I correct in assuming this is the first
- 7 time you've testified in a proceeding like this, a rate
- 8 proceeding?
- 9 A. A rate proceeding, yes.
- 10 Q. Well, I'd like to thank you for coming and
- 11 for speaking with us today.
- MR. BALLENGER: With that, and with your
- 13 blessing, madam hearing officer, I'd like to
- simply -- at this point, I think we've
- 15 addressed most of what I had in my discovery
- 16 request from Penn Environment and I don't
- think further paper response would
- 18 necessarily add to the record. So at this
- 19 point, in consideration of Ms. Wein's
- 20 testimony, I would simply withdraw those
- 21 requests, if that is acceptable.
- MS. BROCKWAY: Is there an identifying
- 23 number?
- 24 MR. BALLENGER: Yes. They were

identified as Public Advocate Interrogatories 1 2 in Request for Production of Documents of 3 Penn Environment Research and Policy Center. They were designated as PA-PE1 through 4 5 PA-PE9. MS. BROCKWAY: Without objections, any 6 7 other parties wishing to cross examine? Seeing none? Questions from the Board? 8 9 MR. POPOWSKY: No, thank you. 10 MS. BROCKWAY: I've got a couple of questions, Ms. Wein. One of them is I 11 12 presume that Penn Environment would be happy 13 with a different program design if it got the 14 same number of acreage at a lower rate payer 15 cost, or more acreage at the same rate payer 16 cost? 17 THE WITNESS: Both of those sound great. 18 But, you know, we have yet to see -- we've 19 yet to see alternatives to, you know, what is 20 already being implemented here and what's 21 being proposed. Our concern, mostly, is the 22 number of acres being arranged so that we can 23 comply with our consent agreement. 24 And so we want to make sure all the

benchmarks are being hit by the Philadelphia
Water Department. And of course we are
concerned if those benchmarks aren't hit,
then the number of -- then there could be
fines that are passed on to rate payers. So
our concern is to make sure that these
benchmarks are being hit. And because SMIP
and GARP is such a large portion of the
number of green acres added, then we want to
make sure it has a dedicated funding source.

MS. BROCKWAY: I should know this, so I apologize to everybody in the room for asking you, because you're the last witness on this topic. Do you have any idea how the ten million, five million were chosen? The amount of money, I might have the numbers wrong too, the amount of money in addition to what has been spent in the past.

THE WITNESS: What I know is that there are escalating green acres requirements for each year, based on the Consent Order

Agreement. And so my -- my best guess, from what I have read and from what I know, is that the increases are based on the metrics

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1	that we need to (inaudible). But that is
2	exactly that, a conjecture.
3	MS. BROCKWAY: I think we had testimony
4	to that effect earlier.
5	THE WITNESS: Yeah, I'm not a rate
6	expert.
7	MS. BROCKWAY: Well, as a green acres
8	expert, did you work with the department
9	before they determined their number for this
10	rate case?
11	THE WITNESS: Not me personally. I
12	joined Penn Environment in 2012. But I do
13	know that our organization, I believe, had
14	made some recommendations, and we have a long
15	history of advocating for green
16	infrastructure generally.
17	MS. BROCKWAY: Okay. Those were my
18	questions. Any other questions based on my
19	questions?
20	MR. BALLENGER: No further questions of
21	this witness.
22	MR. DASENT: No further questions of
23	this witness. I should note, also, Erin
24	Williams is in the room if you have other

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1	questions that you want to ask concerning		
2	SMIP, GARP, grants or structure and why		
3	they're escalating.		
4	MS. BROCKWAY: You're always ahead of		
5	me, Mr. Dasent. I don't need that		
6	information. We got it I think yesterday.		
7	And my questions really go to a different		
8	point. But thank you.		
9	MR. DASENT: Okay.		
10	MR. BALLENGER: Nothing further from me		
11	for this witness.		
12	MS. BROCKWAY: There being no further		
13	questions, Ms Wein, thank you for coming		
14	today and giving your presentation and		
15	sponsoring your testimony.		
16	THE WITNESS: Thank you for having me.		
17	MS. BROCKWAY: Off the record.		
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19	(Whereupon, a discussion off the record		
20	was held.)		
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22	MS. BROCKWAY: Just to make a note for		
23	the record, you hadn't filed any pre filed		
24	testimony, so no one can cross examine you on	<u> </u>	

your pre filed testimony. You have asked for
a chance to make an opening statement and
closing statement and you have asked to cross
examine witnesses for the department, is that
correct?

MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: I have, but I understand the ones I asked for weren't provided.

MS. BROCKWAY: Well -- off the record.

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11 (Whereupon, a discussion off the record was held.)

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14 MS. BROCKWAY: You e-mailed me last 15 night renewing your complaint that Ms. Stephenson would not be made available and 16 17 giving me another reason why she should be made available. And I haven't e-mailed you 18 back about the further reason, but the reason 19 20 is what she did in her former capacity with 21 regard to your specific property is not 22 relevant to what needs to be done, what 23 revenue amount the Department needs in order to fulfill its service now. 24

1 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: I strongly and

2 vehemently disagree, because hers is not a

3 single discount or removal of expenses. And

4 just because I, or any individual customer,

5 can't get access to the information does not

make it an unimportant concern for water

7 rates.

And as I mentioned last night, the comments of the public, whether it's the last time I made comments two years ago, or when you listened to people make comments at the public hearings, based on your protocol, none of them would really be appropriate for this forum, because they don't go across a whole spectrum. Okay. You don't provide enough information.

And as I mentioned last night, for a department, whether it's my request or other requests, to say that it's burdensome, inappropriate, for a department of this size and magnitude and speciality, not to have the methodology to retrieve information processes, procedures by name, HELP Loan, purging. Those -- if you can't retrieve

them, I mean, that's sad if they can't 1 2 retrieve it. Or if they can, they're denying it, it's disingenuous. So that's the purpose 3 for my --4 5 MS. BROCKWAY: Mr. Skiendzielewski, I want to strike that last remark about 6 7 disingenuous. Do you have any proof that the Department has this ability and has denied 8 9 you the information? 10 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: They have the 11 information. 12 MS. BROCKWAY: But they haven't been 13 denying it to you by being disingenuous, have 14 they? 15 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: They can retrieve 16 it. You can strike it. You do whatever, 17 because you're the hearing officer. You can 18 do what you want. 19 MS. BROCKWAY: I'm going to strike your 20 suggestion that it might have been as a 21 result of being disingenuous, because you 22 have no evidence of that. But I interrupted 23 you. Please go ahead. MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: I do have other 24

things in front of you, madam hearing

officer, that still have not been responded

to and then they're offered. But those -
those form part of the entire parcel of my

understanding or judgment of a process that's

really not being representative of the

customers they serve.

If it's very narrow and restricted how an individual like myself or others, and God bless the next hearing, you should have 2,000 pro se interveners. If it's very restricted, and it really came out in your just denial of discovery 20 hours before the final thing, that -- that you really don't have the basis for it. It's in good faith, or suspects that this is the case.

I -- I'm unable to get access to the information I need to build a case. And what can be said? Processes like these exist for the organizations and the bureaucracies that create them. I come from a police department. I came from Internal Affairs. I know how internal review processes work. And that's probably to many people's dismay here

while I talk -- can't even bring it up. 1 2 afraid. First Amendment. There seems to be a disconnect here with 3 4 attorneys and even non attorneys in this 5 process. And I'll stop my screed. there's a difference between promise and 6 7 threat. And all I can say about that with regard to the First Amendment is, back here 8 9 in this own City when that was drawn up over 10 200 years ago, do you think that First 11 Amendment was offered as a promise or 12 a threat? MS. BROCKWAY: The what was offered as a 13 14 promise? 15 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: First Amendment, 16

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MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: First Amendment, right to protest, to publicize, to share information in public. But I've had at least four now statesmen from City officials when I with regard to public factual documenting information in these issues, prior to and now, that's a threat.

One thing here is extremely difficult, it's extremely difficult, is the insinuation, or really the

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1	claim, that I my I'm trying to use this
2	process to somehow gain access or gain
3	advantage in some kind of attempted
4	settlement with the City. Who could possibly
5	use this process to gain any advantage?
6	MS. BROCKWAY: Agreed.
7	MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: Last, and I'm
8	finished. To describe only my efforts as
9	pecuniary and personal could we have a
10	show of hands who's
11	MS. BROCKWAY: No, we can not have a
12	show of hands.
13	MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: Okay.
14	MS. BROCKWAY: This is a hearing. This
15	is not
16	MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: Please. I
17	understand. That was rhetorical. So there
18	are reasons I'm not claiming unfairness.
19	I'm claiming a process. Could I ask you
20	something? I was trying to read the
21	regulations. Where in the regulations is it,
22	I'm trying to be objective here, does it say
23	it can only be restricted to affairs that can
24	be shown to be broad based or can affect

water rates? Is it in the regulation about 1 2 that? 3 MS. BROCKWAY: Yes. Because the entire 4 purpose of the Water Rate Board is to set 5 rates. MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: I was trying to 6 7 read it. There wasn't that much detail about that. I didn't see that it restricted it to 8 9 that. 10 MS. BROCKWAY: Actually, there have been 11 disputes about the extent to which the Board 12 can go further than rates. And generally we 13 can't. 14 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: I -- we know that. 15 And that's why there is no -- there is very 16 little -- so we can -- there's really not --17 I'd just really like to proceed with this stuff, because, as I said before, I have two 18 critical issues above and beyond this in 19 20 reference to my -- my being sanctioned for 21 some of my actions. There need -- if you use the word 22 23 sanction you have to refer to the statement 24 made by counsel of the board to this

intervener last week in attempt to block my

access to City government to readdress across

all City agencies. If you talk about

sanctions, please include that.

And the other thing, in terms of the safety issue. The safety issue with this equipment, clear and beyond any judgment, professionally, standards, manufacturing thing, there was unsafe operation in front of my house, and on the record, the highest level of this department has said it's not a safety issue. And if anything moves me forward, that will move me forward. Let's just do this.

MS. BROCKWAY: Well, I need to say a couple of things about that.

MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: Okay.

MS. BROCKWAY: I was not pleased to see the footnote to the -- which was trying to characterize your purpose in being here. I had said it in an earlier decision, I think if you remember, that I did not like ad hominem complaints or criticisms. The discussion of your -- of your data request

came in very late in the proceeding. 1 2 In fact, all of the late data requests that I denied last night could have been 3 denied just because they weren't in on time. 4 5 And one of the reasons we have these on time is so that people can prepare for these 6 7 hearings. You have to be able to prepare in advance. Second thing. In your 8 9 correspondence you have often said, "Don't 10 you see this? Don't you see that?" Or "I talked to a City attorney", or I talked to 11 12 somebody else. You must understand, I had no 13 idea what happened in your case. 14 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: What happened 15 what? 16 MS. BROCKWAY: In your particular case. 17 I only know, and we only know, what has been presented to us in the record. And it's been 18 19 very difficult, because you missed your 20 opportunity to put your case forward earlier. 21 I think it was April 20th, is that the 22 deadline? 23 MR. DASENT: Yes. 24 MS. BROCKWAY: So that I could

understand. So please understand that I 1 2 don't understand a lot of what you're saying, because you make references that have not 3 been put forth on the record yet. 4 5 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: And you understand that I've made plenty of admissions of 6 7 mistakes and stumbles along the way. MS. BROCKWAY: I don't think it's a 8 9 mistake, on my part. Anyway. But you're 10 right, as a pro se intervener, it is well to give you an opportunity to present your 11 12 information in the way that you like and we 13 have put aside the rest of the morning for that purpose. So if you have -- I see you 14 15 have a pile of documents and I told you to 16 make copies. 17 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: As you told me 18 when you responded, you said I would need four or five copies. And then I 19 (inaudible.) --20 21 MS. BROCKWAY: Wait. Go off the record. 22 23 (Whereupon, a discussion off the record 24 was held.)

1 2 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: The first thing I would like to look at, obviously, is the 3 first request. Is that how this is done? 4 5 You take a look at the first discovery 6 request? 7 MS. BROCKWAY: No. MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: What do we do? 8 9 MS. BROCKWAY: We're making a special 10 proceeding for you. 11 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: Questions? 12 MS. BROCKWAY: No. Let me finish. 13 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: Um-hum. 14 MS. BROCKWAY: Because you did not file 15 or pre file direct testimony. MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: Which means? 16 MS. BROCKWAY: Well, if you had gone 17 back and looked at the rules of the case you 18 would know, but what it means is you tell 19 20 everybody what your position is and why it's 21 your position and you write -- you put down 22 what evidence you have to support your 23 position. And that should have been done on 24 April 20th. So we don't know, again, what

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1	your position is. And we are		
2	MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: I have no I		
3	have no way of saying anything here at the		
4	hearing, is that what you're saying?		
5	MS. BROCKWAY: I could do that to you,		
6	but I'm not.		
7	MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: You can please		
8	do what you do as a professional and		
9	objectively, because I would expect and		
10	demand nothing less.		
11	MS. BROCKWAY: Yes.		
12	MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: Period.		
13	MS. BROCKWAY: Okay. So		
14	MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: You could just		
15	MS. BROCKWAY: Would you please you		
16	had said you wanted to make an opening		
17	statement. Would you make your opening		
18	statement?		
19	MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: Okay. Maybe		
20	that's all I'll get to do. I don't know. I		
21	had I thought I was going to be able to		
22	proceed and ask questions about the policy of		
23	laterals. Who enforces and how (inaudible.)		
24	So I'm not going to be able to ask those		

questions? 1 2 MS. BROCKWAY: Wait a minute. You told 3 -- you told me that you wanted to make an 4 opening statement and a closing statement. 5 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: I understand, but T --6 7 MS. BROCKWAY: So let's do that part first. 8 9 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: Okay. Well, 10 there's -- I really made some of those things 11 on my comments about the process. 12 comments were about things that maybe you're 13 going to say I'm not allowed to talk to. 14 mean --15 MS. BROCKWAY: I'm going to allow you to 16 say anything you want as long as it's not 17 scurrilous. 18 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: Oh, yeah. thing here, if we focus on the stuff that's 19 20 supposed to be for the good or for the 21 positive for the Water Department, my 22 exchange, my working with them, and, please, 23 if there's somebody in here who's talking a matter of a 6, \$7,000 by now, they're 24

1 obviously sadly mistaken.

As I mentioned over and over, I've had an opportunity in many forms, testified in Federal court, protested in Harrisburg. I'm not new to this, and the facts are on my side. You just better get with the program. And it's not a legal matter. They keep telling me that I appeal different things from the Tax Review Board.

Just even look at the Tax Review Board. They don't hear evidence. I can't get access to evidence. Yes, they turned me down. But for the Water Department to use that as the basis for which I have no standing is -- is humorous. It's laughable.

We have these construct -- well, take
the Tax Review Board just by itself. They
failed to notify this petitioner, as well as
probably hundreds of petitioners, of their
small available review to petition a Tax
Review Board within 30 days. They never
notified them. It's right in the
regulations. They never notified them.

So I went on a tear for six months or a

year asking the inspector general, Office of 1 2 Chief In -- all of these people why haven't they previously notified rejected Tax Review 3 Board complainants of the small things and go 4 5 back to the Board. They don't have to hear it, but it can be rejected. They do tell 6 7 them to go to Common Pleas Court and bring 8 their money with them for the attorney fees, 9 but they don't tell them that. 10 So lo and behold, finally I find out indirectly from your counsel to the Water 11 12 Rate Board, oh, they added that to the --13 they added that to the conditions. 14 MS. BROCKWAY: Which counsel are you 15 disclosing? 16 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: I'm referring to 17 Daniel Cantu-Hertzler. MS. BROCKWAY: I believe that when he 18 19 was discussing matters with you he has told us that -- we have not talked with him about 20 21 those matters. We do not know what he has 22 said to you and what you have agreed to. And 23 he --MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: He has said to me 24

1	directly, after discussing a ton of issues,
2	and clearly stating that the City has no
3	liability, has no liability in water lateral
4	issues. Has none. It's all on the
5	homeowner. He said to me, an officer of the
6	court, the City's correspondence with you is
7	over, as are any and all City investigations
8	at your behest. That was said by an
9	attorney.
10	MS. BROCKWAY: Yes. But not through the
11	Water Rate Board.
12	MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: I didn't say that.
13	I just said
14	MS. BROCKWAY: You said your attorney in
15	this.
16	MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: As the attorney to
17	the Water Rate Board. As an attorney in any
18	public office.
19	MS. BROCKWAY: He's not the attorney
20	we asked him specific questions and we have
21	never asked him anything
22	MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: I'm not trying
23	I'm not fine tuning that here. And yet here
24	everybody is so critical of my actions,

steps, you know. And I'm sorry that you're not going to like where I send the information, who I share it with. Doesn't matter to me. I will be, and I have in the past, when I was in the police department, leaving the police department, there was corruption issues that I wasn't involved in but it impacted my employment. Nobody would act on them.

I probably send 3,000, 4,000 faxes over the course of a year. You have to get used to the fact if you make decisions in the public sector, you must be comfortable and made public. You have to be comfortable.

And if you're not comfortable, you are in the wrong profession. And that means neighborhoods, associations, professional groups. And the sky is the limit, according to the First Amendment. Promise. I just rambled.

But for this person -- and here's the thing. This person, Mr. Cantu-Hertzler, as well as the Commissioner, a while ago, at least a year and a half or maybe two years

ago, said, if you have additional details 1 2 that might make your case relevant to your next door neighbor's, where he got a 55 3 percent discount, and the loan shows that he 4 5 was given the discount by Sara Stephenson, the Assistant City Solicitor at the time, who 6 7 was in charge of government affairs and public policy, they encouraged me to do that. 8 I did all of the stuff with Mr. 9 Cantu-Hertzler simultaneous to this. 10 wasn't something I was seeking. It was 11 12 something -- I was going back to his gesture. 13 But it's clear, it is clear that he had no intention -- he had no intention, regardless 14 15 if I showed him a PE report. MS. BROCKWAY: I will strike that 16 17 remark. You have no idea what his intention 18 And I will not hear you claim what his intention was without having proof of it. 19 20 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: But he knew way 21 back then this would get into liability. 22 MS. BROCKWAY: It is also irrelevant to 23 our business. 24 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: Okay. But

anyhow, in the sense that if we -- if we
begin to look at the kinds of behavior, or

conduct, or steps, or actions or -- you know,

let's make sure we get -- take a look at

everything. Let's make sure we take a look

at everything. For the -- just for the

simple fact of the safety.

Oh my goodness gracious, when they have backhoes and outriggers, and they put the stabilizers down, check with any professional engineer association. This is the best to have this on record. They have to be on stable, flat, supported ground.

Even without my photos, which no one in City government, not even the Water

Department, asked for to do an investigation.

Even without my photos, the damage that was done shows -- the damage shows, that they were going to pay for, shows that they were used improperly.

And as I said, you're welcome to a piece of document that I shared at the hearing.

For someone to allow something like that to go unacknowledged -- how do I know they are

unacknowledged? I do know that risk 1 2 management people told me it was referred to 3 the Safety and Water Department. I talked to Mr. Feeley. Matt, he never had any referral 4 5 for 516 Parkhollow Lane. Yes, you shouldn't use disingenuous, or 6 7 whatever the words are, but you have to -you have to recognize that I'm tenacious. 8 9 will, and thank God, I will check, I will 10 follow up, and I will be there. MS. BROCKWAY: Mr. Skiendzielewski, 11 12 you're old enough to remember this. Just the 13 facts, ma'am. 14 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: Just the facts. 15 But the fact that you can't walk away from 16 The Salvation Army collapse, the City 17 Department was constantly notified they were taking it down wrong. The pier collapse, 18 there was cracks in the floor. 19 Those people 20 were killed. I'm sorry if that thing -- and 21 it's all washed out. 22 Where they were putting that against the 23 curb on an angle, that's all washed out

If that had broken through, the thing

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there.

1 would tip, Water Department employees are at

2 risk. Passersby are at risk. I get no -- no

acknowledgement, no response, no thank you.

Let's -- nothing. Nothing. Sad. Sad. Sad.

5 Sad behavior.

You can hate me all you want. You can think I'm a pain in the neck. But you have to take care of your employees and your citizens. And this thing here from the Law Department's attorney. For me to be speechless it takes a lot. "The City's correspondence with you is over, as are any and all City investigations."

I asked questions. And well, did he send out notifications to all these different departments that any inquiry I make will be turned away? And of course a little tongue in cheek, I said, well, did you send it to Internal Affairs of the police department?

Because when I was there, you had to take the Complaint whether the person — no matter how unstable the person was. No matter how many arrests they had, you take the complaint.

How dare Mr. Cantu-Hertzler say he's going to

1 block my access to government.

2 MS. BROCKWAY: This is outside the scope 3 of what we have.

MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: I understand. But it's going to be on record. And he knows it. Oh wait. He's the same one when we had a discussion a couple years ago about -- there was a case where somebody in the City government was sharing my correspondence to them. It got over here. He said, no, this is very clear. Your correspondence to us is confidential, but anything sent from any City employee is public record. Thank you, Dan.

It's so clear when people have not had to account and justify and document their actions. It is so obvious. And they get -- and it's just -- I can't use adjectives.

Guess what, I came from a career we had to document, justify, explain and corroborate your actions every single minute. If you're in a profession that doesn't do that, tough. Because this one here, and the safety issue will be accounted for. I can promise you on the record and not part of this -- part of

this forum. 1 2 So if I don't have any standing based on I didn't file the questions, I'm fine. 3 Because this is here. Even -- you talk about 4 5 the long lateral policy. Have we heard of Monroe Street lately? Have we heard of 6 7 Monroe Street? Have we heard of Monroe Street? 8 9 MS. BROCKWAY: That means nothing to me 10 at the moment. MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: What? Maybe the 11 12 Commission can fill you in on the long 13 running -- Oh, God. 14 MR. BALLENGER: Madam hearing officer, 15 if I may just interject. There was some 16 public input testimony about Monroe Street 17 and the condition of the street there, I believe. 18 19 MS. BROCKWAY: Thanks for reminding me. 20 I do recall it. 21 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: I'm not here to 22 cause trouble. I'm not here to make life 23 difficult. I am here to stand up and take 24 action where it needs to take action.

all the stuff, I was just highlighting these 1 2 types of things what Mr. Dasent said on some 3 of these things. I mean, you got to be kidding me. It's not even -- it's not even 4 5 -- it's just -- it's just sad. It's sad. Those statements are sad. Now, that's a 6 7 safe adjective. Those statements are sad. 8 MS. BROCKWAY: You can say that. You're 9 not trying to demean his person. 10 MR. BALLENGER: They're sad. And I had -- I had -- let's see if I can go with what I 11 12 asked you in the interim. But this is what 13 it is. You know, the three words, I probably 14 have used them several hundred times. 15 Documents, whether I sent it to the Water 16 Department, the City Council people, I've 17 sent it to the Delaware Planning Commission. MS. BROCKWAY: Wait. She can't 18 19 understand --20 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: I'm sorry. I said 21 my correspondence contains three words. 22 only ever asked to be treated fair, equitably 23 and reasonably when compared to my neighbor 24 or who had similar collapses of the lateral

and was given a 55 percent discount, okay?

As -- let me just share with you my last Tax

Board -- Tax Review Board Hearing, January

12th, 2017, I'm there for a \$12,000 help

loan, okay, with these details.

I subsequently asked them for a new hearing with my PE report, which says these petrified clay things were not installed properly. It wasn't supported. Those kind of things documenting the reasons for the failure. I asked the Tax Review Board for a new hearing with new factual information. They said no. We're not going to give you one.

But back to the January 12th hearing.

When I had that hearing, who showed up from
the Water Department to testify? The person
that was in charge of a billion dollars. The
Water Commissioner. And Ski stays silent.

MS. BROCKWAY: Mr. Skiendzielewski, I had said that you -- let's say this is concluding your opening statement, but I had said that you might produce documents even at this late date. And I see you have a pile of

documents. Do you want to distribute them? 1 2 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: Well, it has to do 3 with -- Yes, I do. 4 MS. BROCKWAY: We'll go off the record. 5 (Whereupon, a discussion off the record 6 7 was held.) 8 9 MS. BROCKWAY: Mr. Ballenger is kindly 10 distributing some of the documents that Mr. 11 Skiendzielewski had provided. 12 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: The first two 13 things, there's the meeting at 5th and 14 Huntingdon where I attended. Made my 15 presentation in the front of the room. And 16 The page I selected was Ms. McCarty's 17 response regarding a HELP Loan. Money --18 take the tax payers' money seriously. If 19 somebody says I'm going to pay this loan 20 back, we expect that would occur unless there 21 is some installation issues on the plumber's 22 part where he did not do it in our standards 23 and it failed. But that would not be the

case with that particular property.

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Then safety is very important to us and
we investigated the claims, followed and
found no issue really. So it really has a
statement about the long laterals. Some
small statement about the policy. And it
also has a declaration that there was no

safety issue.

The other one was from the City Council chambers. It has to do with Monroe Street, where Ms. McCarty's responding. It says, "Mr. Becker has contacted me this past weekend, and there is a meeting set up. His concern was customer service, which, again, we always want to improve. But the Department cannot pay for private laterals. This is not what we're allowed to do. If that were to occur, we would charge in doing that, it would be a larger rate increase."

Well, even though she states clearly the Department cannot pay for private laterals, the Department paid for 55 percent of my neighbor's private laterals. The -- do you have the thing from the modified loan agreement?

MS. BROCKWAY: Modified which agreement? 1 2 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: There is a loan agreement. Did I give that out? 3 4 MS. BROCKWAY: Off the record. 5 (Whereupon, a discussion off the record 6 7 was held.) 8 9 MS. BROCKWAY: We have a copy of part of 10 the transcript from the City Council Chambers 11 Public Input Hearing. We don't have copies 12 to circulate of the other Rate Board Input 13 Hearing, but Mr. Skiendzielewski has kindly 14 shared with us -- reminded us what was on 15 that. So we don't need further copies. 16 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: There's two pieces 17 of paper that I passed out. One is a 18 modified loan agreement between the Water 19 Department, the homeowner, and Sarah 20 Stevenson, the Assistant City Solicitor for 21 the Water Department, who -- who, despite the 22 fact that Mr. Cantu-Hertzler would not 23 release the name of the Integrity officer for

the Philadelphia Water Department, that

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1 Integrity officer is Sarah Stevenson, the one 2 who signed the modified loan agreement.

MS. BROCKWAY: We're getting pretty close to ad hominem complaints.

MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: I didn't add the part that -- no. That's not an ad hominem complaint. That's just the fact that -- here's the -- here's her responses, on the second page e-mails. And it says right there at the bottom, "As I stated previously, I am no longer in possession of Mr. Cain's Tax Review Board case file", which is the adjoining property.

"I've been informed the Water Law
Division is also no longer in possession of
Mr. Cain's file. I cannot speak to the
specifics of the reasoning behind modifying
Mr. Cain's HELP loan. Regardless, as with
any bill adjustment before the TFB, I can
assure you it was deemed in the best interest
of the Water Department at that time."

Don't have the records, but can make that judgment. That sounds like the kinds of innuendos that I'm being chastised for. So

that -- that -- and the other two things are 1 2 really the -- the -- there's two -- I think there's two memos from Mr. Cantu-Hertzler 3 during our conversation over the past month 4 5 and a half. And the italicized sections --MS. BROCKWAY: I've got one from August 6 29th, 2017? 7 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: Yeah. 8 "I hope you 9 can explain clearly why the responsibility 10 should be that of the Water Department. Perhaps you should begin your presentation as 11 12 if I knew nothing about the issue, but can 13 learn it for myself if you show me what is 14 what and point me in the right direction. 15 From what I have understood to date, the 16 problems have been with laterals or other 17 things for which the property owner is responsible." 18 MS. BROCKWAY: And the other one that 19 20 you handed up is one dated -- starting with 21 May 10th, 2018. 22 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: You know, it's pretty clear from what he said in the thing, 23 24 and we don't need to go into that again, that

the City has no liability. The City just has
no liability responsibility for homeowners
who are on laterals. But that is not as easy
as it sounds, because as we see in Monroe

Street, and you could make a case -- begin to
make a case, but of course it's on the

homeowners to sue and present a case.

In our development of 27 new homes in the year 2000, at least three of the long laterals have failed. It's alongside

Pennypack Park and they always suspected there was water running in the street. So -- and there is still depression in people's property.

So, yes, it's my understanding that on Monroe Street right now, despite collapsing streets, they're holding individuals responsible. There is no consistent policy, regardless of whether I'm able to bring it up or not able to bring it up. And work is going to be done in the media and other places to bring this to the focus it needs to be. I'm sorry.

This was so easily solvable in the

beginning. But as it is with many 1 2 situations, personalities rule. And that's a That's a real shame. I mean, I had 3 shame. 4 -- I sent a ten page letter to the Mayor with 5 Tax Review Board issues, the water issue, These things. Four days later I get a two 6 7 paragraph response from the Inspector General. City Government. The historians 8 9 who study this say democracies last about 200 10 We don't have -- we don't have the response. We don't have (inaudible.) 11 12 MS. BROCKWAY: We don't what? 13 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: We don't have the 14 responsiveness. We don't have the service. 15 We don't have the ability to listen to 16 people's complaints. Do what's in their best 17 interest. Organizations have their goals and 18 objectives. And very, very rarely do they coincide with the goals and objectives of 19 20 what's in the people they serve. 21 I know that from working with disability 22 organizations. I know that with working with 23 service providers. And they have to be. 24 Organizations have to be tapped on their

shoulders once in a while, or hit with, you
know, something to say, hey, this is the way
you are supposed to operate. This is what
you're supposed to do for people. That's all
I've done. That's all I've been attempting
to do here. And yet no one will respond.

Sadly. I have to go home.

I mean, so, that's basically my
beginning, opening and end. There's no
reason to go through this. And even there -you know, I was -- if I can add, which I
will, I was told one time in one of my
e-mails from Ms. McCarty, to go check with -this is an interesting twist. To go check
with the contractor, Excel Plumbing, who did
my lateral work for approximately \$12,000.
It might have been a problem.

Well, when I contacted him, he said, and in the second discovery request there is a list of approved contractors and I'm going to call them all, what is the details? What happened down there? What is the problem? Did something crack? Whatever. I can't talk with you. I cannot share any information

with you, because I will lose my approved
private contractor status with the City.

My contact was with me and the Water

Department. Your loan is between you and

that company. Go contact them and see what

the problem is. Mr. Excel said, "Ain't

talking." I'll have to find out. I can

only -- the best I can do is go talk to all

of these people, which I will. Of course my

wife says I waste my time. And see if they

say the same thing.

MS. BROCKWAY: Are you retired?

MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: Yes, I am retired.

But I have lot of personal family things I'm involved in. I'm nowhere near frustrated as I've talked to, the Monroe Street people.

They're afraid of the children falling into a hole. It's sad. Just sad. Sad of wasting my time. Sad I should be spending my energy elsewhere. That's all.

I don't want to win. Advocacy is very rarely about winning. Very rarely about winning. It's about being persistent, dogged, and, yes, unpredictable.

1 Unpredictable. Oh, yes. Unpredictable. 2 As the Integrity officer walks in the room. Thank God. 3 Anyhow, so that's just the way it is. 4 5 Treat people the way you're supposed to and expect to be. Receive the same -- receive 6 7 the same thing. I've made lots of mistakes in my years and I continue to make mistakes, 8 but I think I continue to refine and do a 9 10 little bit different. Try to be better. it's a tough task. This is a tough task. 11 12 But, yes, the Board should be entitled 13 to -- let's look on the bright side. What's 14 the bright side here? Mr. Popowsky's term 15 ends in two months, right? Come on. All I have is humor and faith. This is a sad 16 17 commentary. I didn't know about the thing. 18 I really didn't. So a person of my standing 19 is supposed to put questions forward so they 20 can ask me things back, huh? 21 MS. BROCKWAY: You weren't supposed to 22 put the questions forward. 23 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: My positions. 24 MS. BROCKWAY: Your position and the

1	information that supported it. So we
2	wouldn't come to this point on May 17th and
3	be surprised.
4	MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: Okay. So I really
5	I really want to make sure for the record,
6	because this is what I'm I can't really
7	ask what the policy is or laterals and things
8	like that, because I'm not in the place to be
9	asking that on the record?
10	MS. BROCKWAY: We will acknowledge you
11	to a certain extent on that. I don't think
12	it's going to make it possible to grant you
13	what you want. I'm not even sure what you
14	want. Let me ask you that question. What do
15	you want
16	MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: I want
17	MS. BROCKWAY: What do you want with
18	respect to the level of rates that this Board
19	has jurisdiction to send?
20	MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: With regard to how
21	that might impact the rates?
22	MS. BROCKWAY: Yes.
23	MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: If it's
24	inconsistently applied, you know. Of course

you have to get records, then it would be --1 2 yes, it certainly could impact water rates. 3 But you can't get that unless you pry it from the -- you pry it from the files of the Water 4 Department. So you are dead in the water. 5 mean, that's basically it. You know. Thanks 6 7 for your time. Thank you for your time. I really do appreciate your attention or 8 9 interest, but the process needs to be more -- more consumer oriented and stuff. 10 know -- you know. Processes like these is 11 12 for the stakeholders. I'm sorry. Not 13 because of my inability to get what I want. 14 You think I was going to get something. 15 There's nothing to get here. 16 What I -- I don't know what else to say. 17 I don't want to take more of your time as 18 necessary. I made my point. But clearly, 19 now, since another interesting party is here, 20 this will not stop. This statement -- this 21 statement by the City attorney, by Dan 22 Cantu-Hertzler, cannot go unrecognized. 23 MS. BROCKWAY: All right --24 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: I'm -- you know.

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1	It's not to Ms. McCarty. It's for her
2	adjoining seat member.
3	MS. BROCKWAY: In any case, address your
4	comments to the Board.
5	MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: Okay.
6	MS. BROCKWAY: Do you have anything
7	further?
8	MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: No, I don't have
9	anything further.
10	MS. BROCKWAY: Does anyone have any
11	questions?
12	MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: The facts speak
13	for themselves. People usually are not happy
14	with where advocacy goes in the public arena.
15	And I apologize to those people who are
16	further down in the organizational structure.
17	But the people at the highest levels with the
18	highest responsibility, with the highest
19	salaries, would take care of the issues and
20	respond and resolve every issue rather than
21	fight them, then the other ones would note
22	have to have these things aired in public.
23	And that's that's not on me. That's
24	on the people who make this horrific

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1	decision.	
2	MS. BROCKWAY: All right. Let's see if	
3	do we have questions for Mr.	
4	Skiendzielewski?	
5	MR. BALLENGER: No, madam hearing	
6	officer. Thank you, Mr. Skiendzielewski.	
7	MS. BROCKWAY: Mr. Dasent?	
8	MR. DASENT: No questions. Although, we	ž
9	would ask that you permit the Water	
10	Commissioner to respond.	
11	MS. BROCKWAY: If does respond, that	
12	opens the door to cross examination.	
13	MR. DASENT: So be it.	
14	MS. BROCKWAY: All right. That	
15	concludes the evidence of Mr. Skiendzielewski	<u>-</u>
16	and we will now invite the Commissioner of	
17	the water Department to give her testimony	
18	and response. And Mr. Skiendzielewski, when	
19	she does that, after she's completed her	
20	statement, you are free to ask her questions.	
21	MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: Um-hum.	
22	* * *	
23	DIRECT EXAMINATION	
24	* * *	

- 1 BY MR. DASENT:
- 2 Q. Good morning.
- 3 A. Good morning.
- 4 Q. Mr. Skiendzielewski identified a personal
- 5 dispute, as I understand it, concerning a service
- 6 lateral repair on his property in his testimony today.
- 7 Do you concur that that's the nature of this dispute?
- 8 A. That is the primary nature of the dispute.
- 9 Q. Now, a part of his dispute also ties to the
- 10 HELP program and the loan that he received to make a
- 11 repair on his property, do you agree with that?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And has the Department tried to resolve this
- 14 dispute?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And how many years has this been going on?
- 17 A. Since the spring of 2014.
- MS. BROCKWAY: I'm going to interrupt.
- 19 Is this necessary?
- 20 MR. DASENT: Well, I'm trying to respond
- 21 to the various things that Mr.
- 22 Skiendzielewski raised on the record.
- MS. BROCKWAY: Is it necessary?
- 24 MR. DASENT: We believe the balanced

- 1 record is necessary and so we --
- 2 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: Excuse me, I can
- make this simple. I'm not doing this to --
- 4 MS. BROCKWAY: I'm sorry, Mr.
- 5 Skiendzielewski, not your turn. All right.
- Go ahead.
- 7 BY MR. DASENT:
- 8 Q. Now, Mr. Skiendzielewski also identified a
- 9 transcript from a public hearing at City Council this
- 10 year. That transcript references Monroe Street repairs
- 11 by Mr. Becker, I believe was the person testifying. Is
- 12 all of this transcript included in the excerpt? I
- 13 assume not. So that's my first question. Is all the
- 14 transcript included?
- 15 MS. BROCKWAY: We're talking -- actually
- 16 this is a good time: We're talking about the
- 17 City Council Chambers?
- MR. DASENT: Yes.
- 19 MS. BROCKWAY: We're going to mark that
- as SKI-1 and admit it to the record.
- 21 BY MR. DASENT:
- 22 Q. What is the significance of this particular
- 23 transcript concerning the Monroe Street issue and Mr.
- 24 Skiendzielewski's personal property and the repairs

- 1 done there?
- 2 A. The -- I mean, there are two basically
- 3 different issues. But nonetheless, it all boils down
- 4 to the property owner is responsible for their lateral.
- 5 And it's a lateral -- there are lateral issues on
- 6 Monroe Street. It was a lateral issue at Mr.
- 7 Skiendzielewski's property as well. And they have
- 8 failed. No one on Monroe Street took a HELP Loan. Mr.
- 9 Skiendzielewski did take a HELP Loan with the City.
- 10 Q. To the degree there is a dispute concerning
- 11 the HELP loan, is the Tax Review Board the appropriate
- 12 venue to resolve that dispute?
- 13 A. Yes. I can also add, though, that when
- 14 customers have problems and concerns about a HELP Loan,
- 15 they don't necessarily have to go to TRB. That is the
- 16 proper, formal process, but we are always open, as I
- 17 was, to Mr. Skiendzielewski's many inquiries regarding
- 18 his HELP Loan. And as I believe he previously quoted
- 19 me earlier today, we look at the situation. If there
- 20 was poor workmanship by the plumber who we hold
- 21 accountable. There might be some adjustment to the
- 22 loan if something was done incorrectly. Or was -- he
- 23 was charged for something that was not done. So that
- 24 doesn't have to go necessarily to TRB, but that is the

- 1 proper process.
- 2 Q. Does the Department continue to be available
- 3 to Mr. Skiendzielewski in terms of resolving this
- 4 problem if it cannot be resolved in this particular
- 5 form?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. So subject to the Law Department's direction,
- 8 you would have a continuing conversation with Mr.
- 9 Skiendzielewski?
- 10 A. If there were new issues to bring to the
- 11 table, we are always open to resolve it.
- MS. BROCKWAY: New issues, you said?
- 13 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- MR. DASENT: Thank you, Your Honor.
- That's all we have.
- 16 MS. BROCKWAY: Mr. Skiendzielewski?
- 17 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: No questions.
- MS. BROCKWAY: Mr. Ballenger?
- MR. BALLENGER: No, Madam hearing
- 20 officer. No further questions.
- MS. BROCKWAY: Seeing no request from
- other participants, questions from the Board?
- 23 No.
- THE WITNESS: May I add something? I

just want to give a little background on the HELP Loan. So the HELP Loan has been around for 27 years. We do about a thousand jobs a year. Water and sewer. It was designed as a bill financing program and there are basically three parts to it. It's the City enters a contract with the plumber, who we have a list of plumbers and we just rotate through the plumbers.

The customer enters a contract with the City with a commitment to pay back that loan over a five year period. And the plumber gives a warranty to the owner of the property, as well as the City. It's a one year warranty. We believe it benefits the homeowner as well as the rate payers and the City.

It's intended to be a revolving fund.

So it -- the money -- once the initial funding is provided, it just always gets replenished. And we work very hard to make sure that there is good workmanship on the plumber's part and our customers get a good job. And -- but it's also very important

that those funds go back into the water fund 1 2 so we can continue this program. It should not be a burden on all rate 3 payers, because our property owners are 4 5 responsible for the water services and their laterals. From the pipe, the public pipe, 6 7 all the way to their homes. MS. BROCKWAY: Are there any questions 8 9 on this piece of testimony, Mr. Skiendzielewski? 10 11 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: Is that accurate 12 that the -- approved private contractors are 13 not allowed to speak about the case and the 14 reasons for the failure with the HELP loanee? 15 THE WITNESS: That's not accurate. 16 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: That's not 17 accurate? THE WITNESS: I know of no reason why 18 a plumber would tell you I can't tell you 19 20 what I saw when I dug up. 21 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: So there's no 22 policy. Okay. There's no policy from the 23 Department for bringing them to share the 24 details, is that correct?

1 THE WITNESS: Correct. 2 MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: Good. Thank you very much. 3 4 MS. BROCKWAY: Any further questions? 5 Seeing none, thank you very much. MR. SKIENDZIELEWSKI: Thank you very 6 7 very much. MS. BROCKWAY: We'll go off the record. 8 9 10 (Whereupon, a discussion off the record 11 was held.) 12 13 MR. DASENT: Your Honor, Mick raised a 14 question on the record when our financial 15 panel was testifying on Tuesday concerning 16 the last sentence on page six of Rebuttal 17 Statement 1 and spilling over to the second sentence on -- the second sentence that 18 19 spills over to page 7 on Statement 1. 20 concerns the financial metrics and outliers 21 and we would like, if you would give us 22 permission, to respond to that as a 23 Transcript Response so that there is not an 24 open question on the transcript.

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1	MS. BROCKWAY: Is that acceptable to
2	all?
3	MR. BALLENGER: I have no objection to
4	taking another transcript response to verify
5	the language of the rebuttal.
6	MS. BROCKWAY: I think we're up to 22.
7	MR. DASENT: Yes.
8	MS. BROCKWAY: So that will be
9	Transcript Request 22.
10	MR. DASENT: And we discussed earlier
11	the possibility, after interacting with the
12	Board and Your Honor, that there might be
13	follow up questions or a scenario that would
14	be requested about rerunning the model. And
15	I think that we have to have a conversation
16	about, because I would like to at least be
17	able to provide whatever information you want
18	and get it into the record and the transcript
19	response reserved for that purpose would be
20	helpful.
21	MS. BROCKWAY: Off the record.
22	* * *
23	(Whereupon, a discussion off the record
24	was held.)

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2 MS. BROCKWAY: Chair Popowsky has a concept.

MR. POPOWSKY: Yeah, my recollection in the last case was that at the end of the case, close to the final issuance of the decision, the Board asked the Department, or the Department volunteered, to rerun the model with the adjustments that had been -- that we the Board, had voted on. There may have been half a dozen what I call adjustments. Adjustments to. They all, I think, revolved around reducing expenses that the Department had claimed.

It was pretty straightforward. I think the assumption that was made at that time was that if the Department had asked for a million dollars and the Board said no, you should only get 500,000, you reduced a rate increase accordingly. There were no other changes.

Because if I recall, if you take a look at Table C1, for example, I think what you'll find is that the coverage ratios and the Rate

Stabilization Fund did not change from the
Department's request to the -- to the final
number. That's my recollection.

MR. DASENT: Right. I have a feeling when you run the various adjustments and you input the appropriate assumptions, you know, that are either sanctioned by the Board or a part of the rate filing, then you will get a response that will probably be different to you with the TAP Rider included. You will see a different variation.

MR. POPOWSKY: Leaving aside the TAP Rider, okay, am I not correct that, and you can turn to the (inaudible), that is what we did in the last case. The working assumption was that if an expense was reduced, that was taken off -- that was taken off of the rate increase.

Now, arguably we could have said, no, we want you to use the money and take it out of the Rate Stabilization Fund. But I think it was pretty clear that what we intended at that time was to reduce the rate increase. So that's one sort of scenario that might

occur in this case. And it's fairly 1 2 straightforward. MS. BROCKWAY: If I may, I think the 3 alternative would have been to increase the 4 5 Rate Stabilization Fund. MR. POPOWSKY: Yeah. 6 7 MS. BROCKWAY: If you're lowering other components of the expense. 8 9 MR. DASENT: Without necessarily getting 10 into that, certainly that's what happened historically. But what we would propose this 11 12 time is to look at whatever scenarios the 13 Board wants to run. And I think you might 14 also consider having, you know, PWD rerun the 15 model with the various agreed upon 16 assumptions that were made in the record, and 17 the TAP Rider, and then compare it to what it looks like with Mr. Morgan's adjustments. 18 And then side by side you can have a starting 19 20 point, apples to apples, and then tell us 21 from there what the Board wants to do. 22 MR. POPOWSKY: Well, what I was going to 23 continue to -- let me -- that's fine. 24 this case, however, I think there are

additional proposals that I would call
financial adjustments, as opposed to what I
would traditionally call accounting
adjustments.

And, for example, the Department is saying that we want a minimum -- I guess it's a minimum Rate Stabilization Fund of 150 million. The Advocate has said that the minimum, or target, should be 110 million. The Department has said we want a coverage ratio of 1.3, and the Advocate has said no, the rate should be set to provide 1.2. So I think those issues are before us.

And to the extent that, the hearing examiner initially, and then the Board, agrees in full or in part on any of those issues, then I would agree that the model does have to be rerun to reflect those adjustments as well. So.

MR. DASENT: I'm looking at three scenarios. And I think that gives you a way to compare us apples to apples and then make your own judgment.

MR. BALLENGER: Just to add, I don't

think it's a substantial wrinkle, but I just want to be clear, because -- and I'm operating based on memory, so -- first of all, I believe, as the Chairman recollects as well, that in the last decision the outputs of the model were to maintain the Department's targeted Rate Stabilization Fund balance that was in at the beginning of the model, and the same was true with coverage.

There are some different assumptions here that we put forward. I -- I wanted to address the -- the agreed upon adjustments just quickly, because I wasn't quite sure from the presentation of those and I wanted to understand. I know the Department's position on one or two of them is only to reflect the agreed upon adjustments in two years? Is that -- I don't actually have the agreed upon adjustments in front of me.

MR. DASENT: No. The agreed upon adjustments was actually the third year, because it's a three year time arising in the rate. Our presentation agreements.

MR. BALLENGER: So you would apply the

same adjustments over the three years --1 2 MR. DASENT: Yes. 3 MR. BALLENGER: -- in the model? Okay. That wasn't entirely clear to me. 4 5 MS. BROCKWAY: Isn't there one of them that drops off after year two anyway? 6 7 I'm trying to remember. MR. DASENT: I have to remember that. 8 9 have to pull it out. But if that is the 10 case, then it would stop, but I think it's all three years. We have to show it for 11 12 all three years, because it's our timeline. 13 MR. BALLENGER: I think I hear some 14 whispering about (inaudible). 15 MR. DASENT: Well, there could be a lot 16 of confusion back and forth, if you want to 17 create it, Rob. But my answer stands on the 18 record. 19 MR. BALLENGER: Okay. No, I just -- I 20 want to know what I'm looking at when I see 21 the model. That's all I'm getting at, is 22 when the Department produces the model, I 23 want to know what the underlying assumptions 24 Maybe for each model that's run, at the are.

1 Board's request, we can have sort of a cover 2 page, or something identifying what inputs were changed, that would be helpful to me in 3 preparing for, you know, briefing and any 4 5 other considerations. Just -- I'd just like to be clear that 6 7 when we see what the Department has 8 projected, that we could, on our own, independently, duplicate those results using 9 10 the confidential rate log. MS. BROCKWAY: It seems to me that we 11 12 might want to tee off the filing, C1 in the 13 filing, and the associated supporting papers. 14 And -- C1 -- did I say C1? 15 MR. DASENT: Table C1. 16 MS. BROCKWAY: And then from there, take 17 that as the base, and then from there make 18 various adjustments. You said you had three 19 scenarios. I assume these are three 20 scenarios adjusted. Can you outline what 21 those are? 22 MR. DASENT: Basically Mr. Morgan's 23 scenario, his various adjustments, the 24 Department's scenario with our agreed upon

adjustments and input in the TAP Rider. 1 TAP Rider also needs to be input from Mr. 2 Morgan's scenario. And then the third one 3 dealt with whatever the Board instructs us to 4 5 do. So that you have two to compare and one to basically say what reflects your various 6 7 adjustments. 8 MS. BROCKWAY: So can you run the two of 9 the things that are now on the record in time 10 for people to brief? Off the record. 11 12 (Whereupon, a discussion off the record 13 was held.) 14 MR. DASENT: We would estimate three 15 16 days to run C1. Just the C1 table. To give 17 you an idea, looking side by side, where we are now with either the agreed upon 18 adjustments and PWD and TAP Rider, and the 19 20 various adjustments to Mr. Morgan's (inaudible) and the TAP Rider impact. 21 22 Each scenario takes three days, so you 23 better add them together. It's more like 24 We're still within the briefing period.

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1	But we need to have a comparison.		
2	MS. BROCKWAY: Three scenarios, three		
3	times three is nine.		
4	MR. DASENT: Well, the two you asked for		
5	first, so that's six. And then we'll add the		
6	three at the end and hopefully we'll be		
7	outside of the briefing period and it won't		
8	matter, because it will be your		
9	deliberations.		
10	MS. BROCKWAY: It's also been I've		
11	also been reminded that let me start by		
12	clearing up this. When we're talking about		
13	Morgan, I think the two big adjustments were		
14	changes that he recommended that were in the		
15	dashboard are the 110 million and the 1.2.		
16	So would you please include those in it and		
17	then we can see in the rerun. And we'll		
18	see where it comes out for all the other		
19	amounts.		
20	MR. DASENT: Okay.		
21	MS. BROCKWAY: Go off the record.		
22	* * *		
23	(Whereupon, a discussion off the record		
24	was held.)		

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2	MS. BROCKWAY: We've had a point made
3	that there's some additional adjustments that
4	might or might not have been made in the
5	Morgan Scenario and the Public Advocate and
6	Department have agreed to talk to make sure
7	that we're getting the Department's position
8	and Mr. Morgan's position in this round.
9	I should also note that it's been
10	suggested to me it will be helpful to have a
11	run, based on my hearing officer report,
12	which might be different from all of those.
13	And then I'm sure we will need a run after
14	the Board has made its decisions about what
15	to include. I'm seeing nodding heads yes.
16	MR. DASENT: Yes.
17	MR. BALLENGER: Yes.
18	MS. BROCKWAY: That's good.
19	MR. POPOWSKY: I think that will be
20	helpful for the Board. After you get the
21	recommended decision you can run that. That
22	can be clear, I think. And you can run
23	through the model. I agree. What I had said
24	earlier about Mr. Morgan's testimony is

probably too simplistic. In other words, I 1 2 don't think, for example, in LKM1, he suggested to bring the Department down to a 3 110 million dollar RSF. I think you're 4 5 right. So. It's a little more complex than I had suggested. 6 MS. BROCKWAY: Here is another wrinkle. 7 I think we have an outstanding transcript 8 9 request for Mr. Morgan to update his various 10 adjustments, assuming a third year. 11 MR. DASENT: Yes. 12 MR. BALLENGER: Um-hum. 13 MS. BROCKWAY: So it would make sense to 14 include that. 15 MR. DASENT: Okay. We're only offering 16 C1 in that short time frame, the three days, 17 as opposed to the bill impacts and the other supporting schedules. Just for the sake of 18 getting it done as quickly as we can. 19 20 MS. BROCKWAY: That's fine. I'm sure 21 the Board will look for bill impacts, at 22 least when its own decision has been made. 23 But for now I think the important thing is to 24 get C1 side by side. Is there any other --

any further business to come before the Water 1 2 Rate Board in the technical hearings? 3 MR. BALLENGER: I think the only outstanding item is really the time line for 4 5 responses for transcript requests. Probably excluding what we just talked about, which I 6 7 think is going to kind of roll along as it goes. But I know the Department's already 8 9 provided a couple of transcript responses and 10 I'm preparing a couple of ours. But if -maybe we can agree and propose an outside 11 12 date for transcript responses? 13 MR. DASENT: If there is a way to do 14 that after talking with the people that are actually going to do it, it would make them 15 16 feel (inaudible) in the process. So we would have to do that off line. 17 MR. BALLENGER: Yeah. 18 So maybe we can 19 just correspond and propose something together to the hearing officer, would that 20 21 be -- would the Department be --22 MR. DASENT: It's useful during the 23 briefing period, I understand. 24 MS. BROCKWAY: Yes, that would be fine.

1	And if you have a disagreement about
2	something, I'm available. You can call me or
3	e-mail me. I try to keep up with my e-mail.
4	We've had a request to go over the remainder
5	of the schedule, and I'm looking at the
6	schedule that I have and I'm not sure it's
7	accurate. But Mr. Dasent, you said you had a
8	copy of the accurate schedule.
9	MR. DASENT: I certainly do.
10	MS. BROCKWAY: I apologize. I thought
11	there was another you started to hand out
12	another
13	MR. DASENT: The TR19 is coming.
14	MS. BROCKWAY: Okay.
15	Mr. DASENT: But in terms of the
16	schedule, June 4th is the next operative date
17	that I have imbedded on my mind. And that's
18	for the brief. And then about three weeks
19	afterwards we have the recommended decision,
20	which I didn't commit to memory.
21	MS. BROCKWAY: I have June 18th.
22	MR. DASENT: Yeah.
23	MR. BALLENGER: And then I believe the
24	25th is the comment sections.

1	MS. BROCKWAY: Yes, I do have the actual
2	sheet. As everyone knows, this is posted on
3	the website for further reference. I've also
4	been reminded that we haven't finished the
5	business of TR19?
6	MR. DASENT: Yes. And I'm prepared to
7	hand up now TR19 fresh off the press.
8	MR. POPOWSKY: Can I make one other
9	request also that the parties directly copy
10	the Board members with their briefs?
11	MR. DASENT: Yes. And perhaps, madam
12	hearing officer, if you can share all the
13	e-mail addresses for the Board members. I
14	have yours, Mr. Popowsky, but not everybody
15	else. But I'm happy to
16	MR. POPOWSKY: Well
17	MR. DASENT: Just so we can get the
18	appropriate addresses.
19	MR. POPOWSKY: I see Cody is here. The
20	other alternative is as soon as the briefs
21	get in, they do immediately get scanned in.
22	MR. DASENT: Cody will differently do
23	it.
24	MR. POPOWSKY: We don't have a whole lot

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1	of time. I apologize. If you could just	
2	make sure that Cody gets the briefs and he	
3	will forward them directly to the Board	
4	members.	
5	MR. DASENT: Just so you know, the	
6	Department is in the room if you wanted to	
7	reflect upon this, and maybe, after a break,	
8	return to discuss any aspect of TR19 in	
9	response? We're here to do that.	
10	MS. BROCKWAY: Well, it is quarter of	
11	noon and we've been going nonstop, so let us	
12	take a break for 15 minutes and then we may	
13	wish to have further information on TR19 from	
14	the Department.	
15	MR. DASENT: Thank you.	
16	MS. BROCKWAY: We're off the record.	
17	* * *	
18	(Whereupon, a short break was taken.)	
19	* * *	
20	MS. BROCKWAY: We're back on the record.	
21	I did say 15 minutes, but we seem to be ready	
22	at seven minutes, so let's go on. We have	
23	two things, at least, to do. Mr. Dasent, you	
24	said you have something you wanted to	

1	address?
2	MR. DASENT: No. (Inaudible) toward
3	TR19 are available if there were any
4	questions from the bench.
5	MS. BROCKWAY: There is a question.
6	MR. POPOWSKY: Thank you. I guess the
7	question would go to Ms. Labuda. First of
8	all, Mr. Dasent, are these both parts of
9	the transcript? There are two parts to this?
10	MR. DASENT: Yes.
11	MS. LABUDA: Yes, that's correct.
12	MR. POPOWSKY: This is one exhibit.
13	MR. DASENT: I didn't have a stapler.
14	Mr. POPOWSKY: Okay. It's unstapled. I
15	was just really just trying to confirm
16	that the if I look at the top of the chart
17	portion of your response. There's a 95
18	million dollars cash on deposit and on hand
19	for 2017. I assume that's fiscal 2017. And
20	79 million for 2016.
21	THE WITNESS: That's correct. You're
22	reading from the statement of net position,
23	which is part of our financial statements.
24	And those ones are correct.

MR. POPOWSKY: Okay. So for -- and am I 1 2 correct that -- is it my understanding that when the rating agencies that look at your 3 days of cash on hand, those numbers would be 4 5 included in that calculation? THE WITNESS: That is also correct. 6 7 MR. POPOWSKY: So just to clarify, and this was really my main point to make. On 8 9 page -- if you have your rebuttal testimony 10 handy, I'm talking about statement number 2. THE WITNESS: Thank you. 11 12 MR. POPOWSKY: Statement number 2, the 13 top of page six, on lines three to six, you 14 say the proposed minimum. And this, I think it's your proposed minimum, of a 165 million 15 dollar balance in the RSF residual fund would 16 17 only represent approximately 244 days cash on hand for FY 2018. This is under the Moody's 18 A median of 296 days cash on hand. 19 But, in fact, if you add the 95 million 20 21 dollars to the 165 million, wouldn't that 22 increase the -- just for purposes of this

comparison, just to make an apples to apples

comparison, wouldn't you have to include that

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95 million? 1 2 THE WITNESS: So that number does include the 95 million. Order to provide --3 4 MR. POPOWSKY: What number? 5 THE WITNESS: The 244 days cash on hand includes three components. So it's part of 6 7 another transcript request. When we were working on the PIER metrics that are in the 8 9 back of my testimony, we utilized GAAP 10 financial statements, which is the statement of net position, and calculated our days cash 11 12 on hand, including Rate Stabilization Fund, 13 Residual Fund, as well as a projection of the 14 current assets as detailed in the statement 15 of net position, equity and charges account. 16 So the 244 days does include all three 17 components. 18 MR. POPOWSKY: Okay. So it's not just 19 -- okay. That's important. It's not just 20 165 million produces 244 days, it's 165 21 million plus your expectation of what would 22 be in this account. 23 THE WITNESS: Yes, that's correct. 24 MR. POPOWSKY: And then just turning

back to page five, because I didn't 1 2 understand that. On page five, the chart on page five of your rebuttal testimony reflects 3 300 days of cash on hand for Philadelphia 4 5 Water Department. Actually over 300 days. Well, 300 days for Philadelphia Water 6 7 Department. And what does that reflect? THE WITNESS: So -- another very good 8 9 This table is prepared utilizing 10 Moody's medians and Moody's calculations. in order to formulate this and keep an apples 11 12 to apples comparison, we outlined Moody's 13 calculation of days cash on hand, which is 14 the same definition I've applied to formulate the 244 days. This is a look back of what 15 occurred in 2016. 16 17 MR. POPOWSKY: Okay. So the actual 18 results in 2016 were -- okay. Because your 19 RSF came in higher than you expected. 20 THE WITNESS: Yes. 21 MR. POPOWSKY: Your residual fund was 22 probably around 15. And in 2016 you also had 23 the 79 million. 24 THE WITNESS: That's right.

- MR. POPOWSKY: In retrospect, that produced 300 days.
  - 4 MR. POPOWSKY: Okay. I think I
  - 5 understand that now. Thank you very much.

THE WITNESS: That's correct.

- 6 MS. BROCKWAY: Anybody else have
- 7 questions on this issue?
- 8 MR. BALLENGER: Just a follow up.
- 9 \* \* \*
- 10 RECROSS EXAMINATION
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- 12 BY MR. BALLENGER:

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- 13 Q. I think I also am pretty clear, but I want to
- 14 make sure for the -- I'm just looking through my notes
- 15 for the number of the transcript request that we were
- 16 going to look at for the calculations. I think it was
- 17 TR16, I think, was going to be the days cash on hand
- 18 calculations. And, Ms. Labuda, just so I know, I mean,
- 19 I would assume the plan would be to use the most recent
- 20 GAAP statements for that one number. The 95 million
- 21 258 would be factored in with your -- since that's the
- 22 most recent number you have, right? I mean you're not
- 23 going to project days cash on hand in the future
- 24 financial statement?

MS. BROCKWAY: Before she goes further

with this, I'm starting to swim, so let's

establish some solid ground. I just heard

that the 244 was calculated based on 2016.

So if that's not correct, let's start with

what it's based on. Because I'm not sure why

you're asking the question.

MR. BALLENGER: Okay.

THE WITNESS: So thank you for allowing me to clarify. The 244 days is where we're estimating our days cash on hand will be at the end of Fiscal Year '18. And that would include, and this is part of the transcript request, which I'll make sure I send an Excel for that, Rob, a projection of where we think our Water Operating Fund will be at the end of Fiscal Year '18. And that is also referring to as equity in the treasurer's account.

It includes the original projected balance in the Rate Stabilization Fund as projected in Table C1. It includes the back projected balance of the residual fund as detailed in Table C1. And if I may continue

- 1 to Rob's earlier question, which I think he
- was asking, and it may be helpful just to
- 3 clarify this further, in that because there
- 4 is various amounts of equity in the
- 5 treasurer's account at the end of any one
- fiscal year, my projection does not assume
- 7 that that amount will be exactly the same as
- 8 the prior year. I tend to look back over a
- 9 period and do an average.
- 10 BY MR. BALLENGER:
- 11 O. So we'll see -- then we'll see the numbers
- 12 that you used?
- 13 A. Yes. Of course. I will provide an Excel
- 14 format with all formulas intact, the average that I
- 15 utilized for the '18 projection.
- 16 Q. Okay. Yeah, I think -- I apologize. I guess
- 17 I'm getting a little confused again. I thought that
- 18 the calculations of days cash on hand was pegged to the
- 19 165 million ending balance? When you were preparing a
- 20 transcript request for TR16, I thought we were going to
- 21 be talking about the calculation of days cash on hand
- 22 based on the 165 million combined balance and residual
- 23 rate stabilization compared to the 125 combined balance
- 24 and rate stabilization and residual. Is that not what

- 1 we talked about? I could be wrong?
- 2 A. I didn't understand it that way.
- Q. Okay.
- 4 A. And I'm happy to provide it in any format.
- 5 So for your reference, my current calculations tend to
- 6 look at what we have submitted as part of the financial
- 7 plan.
- 8 Q. Um-hum.
- 9 A. In the C1 and I'm happy to formulate two
- 10 additional columns for one fiscal year reflecting the
- 11 target RSF and Residual Fund balance. The current
- 12 Table C1 takes the Rate Stabilization Fund below 150
- 13 million by Fiscal Year '21. So I would just ask if, do
- 14 you want me to run the calculation with the current
- 15 Table C1 in Fiscal Year '21 showing lower amounts in
- 16 the Rate Stabilization Fund, or do you want to see it
- 17 hard coded with your -- with the 150 and 15? I'm
- 18 sorry, with the 150 million and the Rate Stabilization
- 19 Fund of 15 million Residual Fund?
- 20 Q. I think so, just for purposes of comparing
- 21 the minimum balances that have been proposed. It would
- 22 be helpful to just see that. Just since -- I think
- 23 that -- I think that just allows us to prepare the
- 24 proposals a bit differently, if that's okay?

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1	Α.	That's not a problem.	
2		MS. BROCKWAY: I should also note that	
3		my notes on TR16 are, A, how did you develop	
4		the 244 days cash on hand? And, B, how did	
5		you get 176 cash on hand days at 110 in the	
6		RSF? Which probably gets us to where you all	
7		have been discussing, but.	
8		THE WITNESS: Thank you.	
9		MS. BROCKWAY: Is there any other	
10		business to come before the Board?	
11		MR. BALLENGER: None from the Public	
12		Advocate.	
13		MR. DASENT: None from the Department.	
14		MS. BROCKWAY: I want to thank everyone.	
15		We've moved through this very quickly and I	
16		think I'm certainly in a better place this	
17		year to understand what's going on than I was	
18		in 2016. So I hope that will we will all	
19		end up with the result which is as just and	
20		reasonable as a result was in 2016. Thank	
21		you very much.	
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23		(Whereupon, the technical hearing	
24		was concluded at 12:00 p.m.)	

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