

Philadelphia Water Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board -
Public Hearing June 5, 2019

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
PUBLIC HEARING
PHILADELPHIA GAS COMMISSION
Wednesday, June 5, 2019
MINUTES of FORMAL MEETING

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LOCATION: 1515 Arch Street, 18th Floor
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Registered Professional Reporter

HELD BEFORE:

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ROBERT BALLENGER, Esq.
SCOTT SCHWARTZ, Esq.
JOANNE DAHME
CITY OF PHILA LAW DEPT. MEMBERS

(Attending via phone)
BLACK & VEATCH MEMBERS
RAFTELIS MEMBERS
LAFAYETTE K. MORGAN, JR.

TIME HELD: 2:00 P.M.

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2 (Meeting commences at 2:02 p.m..)

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4 MR. POPOWSKY: Good afternoon.

5 My name is Sonny Popowsky. I'm the

6 Chairman of the or Chair of the

7 Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Stormwater

8 Rate Board. We are here for the Public

9 Hearing -- Public Input Hearing on the

10 Philadelphia Water Department TAP Rider for

11 2019/2020. I ask that -- I'm sorry. With

12 me here today is from the Law Department

13 Daniel Cantu-Hertzler and Steven Liang.

14 I will ask that counsel to

15 introduce themselves.

16 MR. SCHWARTZ: Scott Schwartz from

17 the Law Department on behalf of the Water

18 Department.

19 MR. BALLENGER: Robert Ballenger

20 from Community Legal Services on behalf of

21 the Public Advocate.

22 MR. POPOWSKY: I also mention we're

23 joined here today by Joanne Dahme of the

24 Water Department who is prepared to answer

1 any questions from the public.

2 We can just briefly -- hello, did
3 someone just join us? Is there someone on
4 the conference call for Philadelphia Water?

5 MR. CANTU-HERTZLER: Do we have
6 anybody on the line?

7 MR. POPOWSKY: As far as we know,
8 there are no call-ins. This is a pretty
9 abbreviated proceeding, as you know,
10 involving an increase in the reconcilable
11 TAP Rider. The primary participants in the
12 case, the Water Department and the Public
13 Advocate have, in fact, reached a proposed
14 resolution of any disagreements they had in
15 the case.

16 But ultimately, be up to the Water
17 Board to decide the case on the merits.
18 And we will be having a public meeting on
19 June 25.

20 MR. CANTU-HERTZLER: Maybe the
21 27th.

22 MR. POPOWSKY: On June 27. On
23 June 27, I apologize at 2:00 p.m. in this
24 room, the Gas Commission hearing room.

1 Do any of the parties have any
2 comments they would like to make on the
3 record?

4 MR. SCHWARTZ: Nothing further.

5 MR. BALLENGER: Nothing at this
6 time.

7 MR. POPOWSKY: Dan, do you have
8 any?

9 MR. CANTU-HERTZLER: No.

10 MR. POPOWSKY: We will -- I will
11 stay here for a few more minutes just to
12 make sure there are no members of the
13 public who do wish to -- I'm sorry, are there
14 anyone in the room who wishes to testify?

15 Hearing none, I will remain here
16 just a few more minutes just to make sure
17 if anyone did want to come in and testify,
18 they are able to do.

19 Did someone just join us on the
20 phone?

21 MR. CANTU-HERTZLER: Sounds like
22 somebody just left.

23 MR. POPOWSKY: Okay.

24 MR. CANTU-HERTZLER: The microphone

1 was off. Can anyone hear us? Is anyone on
2 the call?

3 MR. DAVIS: Yes. Jon Davis from
4 Raftelis.

5 MR. CANTU-HERTZLER: Sorry about
6 that. Apparently, our mic was off.

7 MR. DAVIS: No worries.

8 MR. POPOWSKY: Jon, sorry you
9 weren't able to hear. We were about to
10 actually close the hearing unless you had
11 anything to add. With that, as I said, I
12 will stay in the room for a few more
13 minutes. Otherwise, I would like to call
14 this hearing to an end.

15 MR. CANTU-HERTZLER: Let's leave it
16 another five minutes or so.

17 MR. POPOWSKY: Okay.

18 We can go off the record.

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20 (At this time, a discussion was
21 held off the record.)

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23 MR. POPOWSKY: Let's go back on the
24 record.

1 At this time, just to put people on
2 notice, we are still accepting written
3 comments, final written comments from any
4 participants until June 18. And we plan to
5 make our final decision on this case on
6 June 27 at a public meeting at 2:00 p.m.

7 If there is no further business
8 before the Board, I will call this hearing
9 to a close. Thank you very much. Thanks
10 to the folks on the phone. Goodbye.

11 (At this time, the Public Hearing
12 concluded at 2:15 p.m.)

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Court Reporter, Notary Public

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