

Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board
June Monthly Meeting Notes
6/10/2020, by Telephone and Webex (Online) Only

Board Members Present

Irwin “Sonny” Popowsky, Chair
Tony Ewing, Vice Chair
Rasheia Johnson

Also Present

Daniel W. Cantú-Hertzler
Marcy Chestnut
David Jagt
Robert Ballenger
Scott Schwarz
Ji Jun
Melissa LaBuda
Andre Dasent
Susan Crosby
Steven Liang

Mr. Popowsky called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

1. Mr. Ewing moved to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2020 monthly meeting. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. The May meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Mr. Popowsky asked the Board to consider a [Rate Board Order Permitting Withdrawal of Rate Filing](#). The Water Department had requested to withdraw its 2020 General Rate Proceeding due to the circumstances caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, and the order would allow the Proceeding to be withdrawn without prejudice. Mr. Ewing asked for clarification on the term “without prejudice.” Mr. Popowsky explained that all issues that were raised or could have been raised in the current proceeding would not be resolved on their merits, and so any issue raised by the Department or any other participant could be raised in the future without the objection that the Board had already resolved them. After this point of clarification Mr. Ewing moved to approve the order, Ms. Johnson seconded, and the Order was approved unanimously.

3. Mr. Popowsky requested a status update from the Water Department on the Tiered Assistance Program Rider Reconciliation (TAP-R) Proceeding. Mr. Dasent stated that the Department was working on answering requests for information, as well as working with other participants on creating a schedule for the Hearing Officer’s approval, and that they anticipated there would be a prehearing conference shortly.

4. The Rate Board considered the scheduling of future meetings, both monthly meetings and special meetings for the TAP-R proceeding. The Board agreed to maintain its second-Wednesday schedule, scheduling meetings for September 9th, 2020 and October 14th, 2020. Due to the anticipated TAP-R hearings in mid-July, the Board decided not to hold a July monthly

meeting, but to schedule a meeting on August 5, 2020, for the purposes of voting and polling on the TAP-R issues, and to use the August 12 meeting to consider and approve a final Rate Determination.

5. Mr. Popowsky invited other Board members and attendees to raise other questions or issues. No one having done so, the Board voted to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.