

PUBLIC HEARING

2020 TAP-R RECONCILIATION ADJUSTMENT PROCEEDING

Remote Location using Cisco Webex
Wednesday, July 15, 2020

11:00 a.m.

HEARING OFFICER MARLANE R. CHESTNUT

PRESENT:

Andre Dasent, Philadelphia Water Department

Scott Schwartz, Philadelphia Water Department

Carl Shultz, Eckert Seamans

Melissa LaBuda, Philadelphia Water Department

Susan Crosby, Water Revenue Bureau

Ji Jun, City Law Department

Robert Ballenger, Community Legal Services

Dan Cantu-Hertzler, City Law Department

Stephen Liang, City Law Department

2 HEARING OFFICER: For the record,
3 this is a Public Hearing that has been
4 scheduled in this proceeding which is the
5 2020 TAP-R Reconciliation Adjustment
6 Proceeding.

7 For the record, let me state that I
8 am Marlane R. Chestnut, I am the Hearing
9 Officer appointed in this case.

10 I'll note the following appearances
11 and ask you to identify yourselves and for
12 whom you are appearing. Mr. Dasent.

13 MR. DASENT: Yes, Andrew Dasent on
14 behalf of the Philadelphia Water
15 Department.

16 HEARING OFFICER: Mr. Ballenger.

17 MR. BALLENGER: Robert Ballenger on
18 behalf of the Public Advocate.

19 HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Crosby.

20 MS. CROSBY: Susan Crosby with
21 Water Revenue Board, Revenue Department.

22 HEARING OFFICER: Mr. Shultz.

23 MR. SHULTZ: Carl Shultz of Eckert
24 Seaman for the Philadelphia Water

1 Department.

2 HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Jun.

3 MS. JUN: Ji Jun, counsel for the
4 Philadelphia Water Department.

5 HEARING OFFICER: Ms. LaBuda.

6 MS. LABUDA: Melissa LaBuda,
7 Philadelphia Water Department.

8 HEARING OFFICER: And did I skip
9 somebody?

10 MR. DASENT: Scott.

11 HEARING OFFICER: Mr. Schwartz.

12 MR. SCHWARTZ: Yes, Scott Schwartz,
13 counsel for the Philadelphia Water
14 Department.

15 HEARING OFFICER: Thank you. As
16 you know, this is the Public Hearing.
17 Nobody has registered. I don't see that
18 there are any members of the public on the
19 line.

20 I will note that Mr. Dasent did
21 prepare a handout -- not a handout, a
22 presentation for use at this proceeding,
23 which I thought was very well done and I
24 thought it very clearly explained the

1 nature of the proceeding, the rates and the
2 impact on customers.

3 Does anybody have anything they
4 want to put on the record at this point?
5 I'm sorry, let me note Mr. Cantu-Hertzler
6 is also with us here.

7 Mr. Dasent, did you want to say
8 something?

9 MR. DASENT: Only that we were
10 prepared to give the slide presentation.
11 Ms. LaBuda could walk us through it if
12 there were participants on the call from
13 the public. In their absence, I would like
14 to make sure the record reflects the fact
15 that we did have the presentation and it
16 will be posted at the website.

17 HEARING OFFICER: That's fine. I
18 also want to note for the record that
19 notice was properly given of this hearing.

20 MR. DASENT: Yes. And there were
21 legal ads posted in the four local
22 newspapers and we will provide proof of
23 publication.

24 HEARING OFFICER: And it's also

1 listed on the Rate Board website as well as
2 the instructions how to participate and
3 testify.

4 Okay. Does anybody have anything
5 further then before we adjourn?

6 Mr. Dasent?

7 MR. DASENT: Nothing more.

8 MR. BALLENGER: Would it be
9 appropriate to stay on for a few minutes to
10 see if anyone calls in late? I don't want
11 to prolong this, I also don't want to cut
12 anyone off who decides that they want to
13 appear.

14 HEARING OFFICER: Okay. We can
15 wait until 11:15 if that's okay with
16 everybody.

17 MR. DASENT: Sure.

18 MR. SHULTZ: Sounds good.

19 MR. BALLENGER: There is a no magic
20 about 15 minutes.

21 HEARING OFFICER: That's fine. I
22 will note that people were required to
23 register by Monday. Although if somebody
24 hadn't registered and did want to

1 participate, I certainly would not prohibit
2 them from doing so.

3 But I think it was clear from the
4 notice that this is not the general rate
5 case, this was a limited issue proceeding.

6 MR. BALLENGER: I'm okay with
7 waiting until 11:10.

8 MR. DASENT: That's fine.

9 HEARING OFFICER: That's fine. I'm
10 here enjoying the nice weather.

11 Let's go off the record.

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13 (Off the record.)

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15 HEARING OFFICER: It's 11:10, I
16 think we will adjourn since no one has
17 appeared to participate.

18 Does anybody have any final words
19 they would like to say before we adjourn
20 this hearing? Mr. Ballenger?

21 MR. BALLENGER: No, your Honor. No
22 objection. Good to see you again. Look
23 forward to hearing from you soon.

24 HEARING OFFICER: It will be soon.

1 Mr. Dasent?

2 MR. DASENT: Nothing more then,
3 thank you, your Honor.

4 HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Crosby? Do
5 you have anything you want to say?

6 MS. CROSBY: I do not. It has been
7 a pleasure going through this process.

8 HEARING OFFICER: All right. I
9 don't know if it's a bandwidth issue, but
10 I'm having trouble scrolling through my
11 gallery here.

12 MR. DASENT: I think that's because
13 the video is up.

14 HEARING OFFICER: I don't want to
15 leave anybody out here. Does anybody have
16 anything further they want to say?

17 (No response.)

18 Hearing nothing, then this hearing
19 is adjourned. Thank you very much for
20 appearing.

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22 (Hearing adjourned at 11:12 a.m.)

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