

PHILADELPHIA WATER DEPARTMENT
REBUTTAL STATEMENT NO. 4

BEFORE THE
PHILADELPHIA WATER, SEWER AND STORM WATER RATE BOARD

In the Matter of the Philadelphia Water Department's Proposed Change in Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rates and Related Charges	Fiscal Years 2022 - 2023
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Rebuttal Testimony

of

**Melissa La Buda and
Black & Veatch Management Consulting, LLC**

on behalf of

The Philadelphia Water Department

Topics Addressed:

Availability of Federal Stimulus Relief
Public Hearings

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY**

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3 **Q1. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAMES AND POSITIONS.**

4 A1. My name is Melissa La Buda. My position with the Philadelphia Water Department also
5 referred to in this rebuttal testimony as “PWD” or the “Department,” is Deputy
6 Commissioner of Finance.

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8 Testifying with me are **Ann Bui, Dave Jagt** and **Brian Merritt** who are members of the
9 Black & Veatch Management Consulting, LLC (“Black & Veatch” or “B&V”) team.

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11 **Q2. HAS ANYONE ON THIS PANEL PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TESTIMONY IN**
12 **THIS PROCEEDING?**

13 A2. Yes. I provided testimony in PWD Statement 2. **Black & Veatch** provided testimony in
14 PWD Statements No. 7A and 7B.

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16 **Q3. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?**

17 A3. In this rebuttal, we provide our response to some of the concerns and criticisms that Mr.
18 Lance Haver has expressed in his direct testimony (Haver Statement).

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20 We specifically address the following areas of Mr. Haver’s testimony:

- 21 • Availability of Federal Stimulus Relief
22 • Public Hearings

1 **II. AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL STIMULUS RELIEF**

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3 **Q4. MR. HAVER REFERENCES STIMULUS RELIEF UNDER FEDERAL**
4 **LEGISLATION. (HAVER STATEMENT AT ¶ 13). CAN YOU RESPOND?**

5 A4. Yes. Information on the stimulus relief under federal legislation is provided in PWD
6 Rebuttal Statement 1. That information is incorporated herein by reference.

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8 **III. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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10 **Q5. MR. HAVER EXPRESSED AN OPINION REGARDING THE PUBLIC**
11 **HEARINGS. (HAVER STATEMENT AT ¶ 12, 14 TO 16). PLEASE RESPOND.**

12 A5. It is my understanding that four public input hearings were held. An afternoon hearing
13 and evening hearing were separately held on March 16 and 18, 2021. Mr. Haver's
14 opinion on those public hearings will be addressed in the Department's Motion In Limine
15 or the Department's Brief (or both).

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17 **IV. CONCLUSION**

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19 **Q6. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?**

20 A6. Yes, it does.
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