

**Re: Philadelphia Water Department Rate Proceeding (FY 2024-2025)**

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**Hearing Officer:**

**What options, appeals, recourse, etc. are available to this participant to present facts, evidence, PWD records, conduct and decision-making, etc. that are relevant and critical to illustrate how the unprofessional and incompetent activities, conduct and decision-making by PWD management and construction professionals do in fact impact the setting of water and sewer rates in this and any other proceeding?**

**There is clear, factual and indisputable information, evidence, and senior level decision-making that demonstrates the failure and inability of PWD to properly, professionally, accurately and competently evaluate, diagnose, plan for and execute the task of long lateral sewer repair while failing to identify concomitant, related and critical other elements that needed to be brought to the attention of senior management. Yes, the public and available information, correspondence and records which show the unprofessional and incompetent evaluation and execution of this PWD assignment at my residence includes substantial correspondence from the newest member of the Water Rate Board, the ex-Commissioner of the PWD, who was both Deputy Comm, Operations as well as Commissioner of the PWD for the period of concern and review (2014 - 2017).**

**This is a genuine, reasonable and critical document and procedure request which most definitely is related to decisions and conduct that assuredly can impact the setting of water and sewer rates. Also, there is a difficult and unsettling concern that such a legitimate request to the Water Rate Board is reviewed and responded to professionals who have, in one way or another, participated in, acted on and failed to professionally and responsibly apply the professional principles of management and construction engineering and protocol that is necessary and basic for a \$1 billion public utility.**

**This particular request for records re standard processes and procedures in excavation management and principle is simply not a burdensome and unnecessary request. Such a standard operating procedure document of state-of-the-art manual**

and procedure is in place within PWD since such expense laden activity, personnel, equipment, etc., is in use on a regular if not daily basis.

Finally, this important records request has nothing to do with my earlier requests re the PWD HELP loan at my residence. The public record within the WRB files as well as within the city correspondence between this citizen, PWD consumer and retired Philadelphia Police Captain is replete with examples of unprofessional and unethical conduct and decision-making over the span of several years re the PWD HELP loan under the direct control of the counsel to the Water Rate Board, Daniel Cantu-Hertzler, who ironically was the recipient of the Integrity Award from the Clty of Philadelphia in 2015.

The relevance of this last fact also is cause for concern and reflection when, even in this instance, my legitimate and consequential for management and operational review and monitoring of excavation projects is curtly and predictably rejected as inappropriate, irrelevant, burdnesome and not pertinent to the task and obligation that is before the WRB.

I wish to challenge and appeal this matter via whatever avenues are available to this participant within the WRB process. If there are none, then I will open up this matter to a wider public audience.

**Michael Skiendzielewski**

On Friday, April 28, 2023 at 03:37:18 PM EDT, Andre Dasent <andre.c.dasent@gmail.com> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Attached please find the Philadelphia Water Department's Objections to Information Requests propounded by Michael Skiendzielewski (MS Sets I and II) in the above proceeding.

This email is being sent to the Participants on the Service List. This same information is available to all Participants at the SharePoint website below:

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We ask that the Objections be posted at the Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board website. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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