



**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

DC Retail Water and Sewer Rates Committee

Thursday May 26, 2011

1:43 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

David J. Bardin, Chair
Howard C. Gibbs, Vice-Chair
Joseph Cotruvo
Alan Roth

DC WATER STAFF

Olu Adebo, Chief Financial Officer
Linda R. Manley, Board Secretary
Meena Gowda, Acting General Counsel
Yvette Downs, Director of Finance and Budget

Call to Order

Chairman Bardin called the Retail Rates Committee meeting to order at 1:43 pm.

Long Range Rate Planning Items

Mrs. Downs gave a brief update on the FY 2012 Customer Segmentation Project and stated that the consultants have been working with staff and analyzing the consumption data available within the automated meter reading system. A full update will be given to the Committee in July.

Monthly Updates (Attachment A)

Chairman Bardin turned to the written, monthly update on the delinquent accounts provided by the General Counsel (Howard University, Soldier's Home and Town of Vienna). The Committee had no questions and looks forward to future monthly updates.

Retail Rates Committee Workplan (Attachment B)

Chairman Bardin suggested a title change to Attachment B Retail Rates Committee Workplan from "FY 2010 Revised Retail Rates Committee & FY 2011 Proposed Workplan" to "FY 2011 Retail Rates Committee Workplan & FY 2012 Proposed Workplan".

Mr. Adebo discussed timing of the Clean Rivers Project / Impervious Area Charges (IAC) program evaluation. The Committee agreed with Mr. Adebo that overall review -- including review of Board policies such as exemption from IACs of paved areas in District-owned and federally-owned rights of way -- wait until FY2012. However, the Committee asked for a report on complaints and/or appeals of the IAC.

Emerging Issues / Other Business

Chairman Bardin drew attention to Attachments D and E included in the Committee package in response to follow-up items from the April meeting. Attachment D developed an average monthly non-residential bill that combined volumetric changes and other charges (such as IACs). Mr. Gibbs suggested that Attachment D be modified when used in the future to indicate that multifamily properties are included within the customer class of non-residential.

Regarding Attachment E, Chairman Bardin noted that Board member Roth had requested a narrative clarification of the financial comparison categories listed on the tabular attachment. The Chair asked that a narrative explanation be provided for the next Committee meeting.

In response to an email inquiry, an additional handout was provided to the Committee members listing all of the current waste hauler truck sizes and the number of times they have visited DC Water in FY 2011. In addition, a data estimate potential revenues from this source assuming consistent number of visits and assuming that the proposed fees were to be effective in FY 2012. The Chair requested that a copy of the handout be provided to Mr. Hoyt for his review as chair of the Environmental Quality and Sewerage Committee.

Agenda for Next Committee Meeting (Attachment C)

The Committee will meet on June 28th at 810 First Street, N.E. It will focus on the proposed increases in retail rates and charges, namely, IACs, volumetric sewer service rates, volumetric water service rates, volumetric Payment in Lieu of Taxes fees, and volumetric Right of Way fees – in each case separately for the Residential Class of customers and for the Non-residential Class of customers. The Committee will weigh the Public Hearing presentations and any written comments that may subsequently be filed as well as proposed Revisions to the FY 2012 Budget.

The Committee will also review any written comments in response to proposed changes in Miscellaneous Fees & Charges.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chairman Bardin adjourned the meeting at 2:06 pm.

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS – Retail Rates Committee Meeting (June 28, 2011)

1. Provide an example of the updating required and quality controls available to reconcile non-residential data found in the DCGIS 2005 flyover information and a more recent update to the flyover data. This example should be provided at a future Retail Rates Committee meeting (Mr. Bardin) Status: FY 2011
2. Add footnote to Attachment D to explain that the Non-Residential Class includes multifamily (Mr. Gibbs) Status: To be included in future displays of this data
3. Provide a narrative explaining the tabular categories in Attachment E (Mr. Bardin) Status: June 2011

4. Provide a preliminary update on customer complaints on Clean Rivers IAC (Mr. Bardin & Mr. Gibbs) Status: July 2011
5. Distribute a copy of the FY 2012 Waste Hauler Fees handout to Mr. Hoyt (Mr. Bardin) Status: Emailed to all Board members May 31, 2011