

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

IN THE MATTER OF THE
REVISION OF RATES FILED BY
PINELANDS WASTEWATER COMPANY

DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

BRIAN F. CARR
VICE PRESIDENT - OPERATIONS

SEPTEMBER 2022

1 **PINELANDS WASTEWATER COMPANY**

2 **STATEMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING**

3 **DIRECT TESTIMONY OF BRIAN F. CARR.**

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5 Q. PLEASE STATE FOR THE RECORD YOUR NAME, OCCUPATION
6 AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

7 A. My name is Brian F. Carr. I am the Vice President – Operations of
8 Pinelands Wastewater Company, (PWWC or the Company). I am also the
9 Director of Engineering for Middlesex Water Company of which PWWC is
10 a subsidiary. My business address is 485 C Route 1 South, Suite 400,
11 Iselin, New Jersey.

12 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL
13 BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE.

14 A. My professional qualifications and experience are set forth on Appendix A
15 attached hereto.

16 Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE SERVICE AREA, SYSTEM
17 FACILITIES, AND OPERATION OF PWWC?

18 A. Yes. I have been employed by Middlesex Water Company since 2010.
19 Since that time, I have provided and continue to provide engineering and
20 project management support services to PWWC on various projects and
21 operations. In addition, as part of my responsibilities I have reviewed the
22 books and records of PWWC's facilities and have inspected these facilities

1 in the field. I was recently appointed Vice President – Operations of
2 Pinelands Wastewater Company.

3 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

4 A. The purpose of my testimony in this proceeding is to describe the
5 wastewater system facilities and the operation of PWWC.

6 Q. WILL YOU BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE FACILITIES OF THE PWWC?

7 A. PWWC collects and treats the sewerage from approximately 2,400
8 customers located in the communities of LeisureTowne and Hampton Lakes
9 in Southampton Township, New Jersey as well as from the Vincentown
10 section of Southampton Township under a separate tariff rate for bulk
11 services. PWWC owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP)
12 in Southampton Township, New Jersey, which has the design capacity to
13 treat 500,000 gallons per day of domestic wastewater. The wastewater
14 treatment process includes aeration, primary sedimentation, aerobic removal
15 of nutrients through rotating biological contactors, secondary settling,
16 chlorination, and de-chlorination with discharge to a tributary of the
17 Rancocas Creek. The collection system includes sanitary sewers and lateral
18 service connections from individual homes, pumping stations and force
19 mains that transmit the collected wastewater from the customers' homes to
20 the treatment plant in Vincentown.

21 Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE UTILITY PLANT IN SERVICE
22 (UPIS) FOR PWWC AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT P-1?

1 A. Yes. I am familiar with Exhibit P-1. These records set forth the original
2 cost of the Wastewater Utility Plant classified in accordance with the
3 Uniform System of Accounts prescribed for waste water utilities.

4 Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR PWWC?

5 A. Yes. A Capital Program has been prepared and is under my responsibility.
6 This is presented in Exhibit P-2. This exhibit includes the actual and
7 estimated additions to Utility Plant in Service for the Test Year through
8 December 31, 2022, and for estimated additions through June 30, 2023.

9 Q. WILL YOU PLEASE DESCRIBE THE MAJOR PROJECTS SET FORTH
10 IN THIS CAPITAL PROGRAM THAT ARE INCLUDED IN EXHIBIT P-
11 2?

12 A. The larger projects set forth in the Capital Program are equipment
13 replacements of two of the rotating biological contactors (RBC) at the
14 WWTP, the replacement of the plant drain pumps at the WWTP, the capital
15 portion of the Arc Flash project that I describe in more detail later in my
16 testimony, and enhancements to the Supervisory Control and Data
17 Acquisition (SCADA) system.

18 Q. CAN YOU DESCRIBE THE REPLACEMENTS OF THE RBC UNITS
19 AT THE WWTP?

20 A. For the WWTP's existing process units, the RBCs are undergoing
21 replacements and upgrades. The units being replaced are comprised of
22 mostly original equipment installed in the 1970s. Since PWWC's

1 acquisition of the WWTP in 1995, the Company has performed required
2 maintenance on the units as well as unscheduled maintenance, repairs and
3 equipment replacement on the RBC units. One of the four RBC units
4 previously failed at the shaft and that RBC unit had to be replaced on a
5 reactive basis. This resulted in a long outage of the unit and treatment
6 issues for the wastewater process. This project will replace two of the three
7 remaining original RBC units and upgrade the drive mechanisms improving
8 reliability for operations. This will take advantage of a single opening of
9 the new RBC building to replace the two units. Along with the new units,
10 the controls and sensors will be upgraded.

11 Q. CAN YOU DESCRIBE THE REPLACEMENTS OF THE PLANT DRAIN
12 PUMPS AT THE WWTP?

13 A. Yes. Scum and decant from the various plant systems collect in the plant
14 waste tank. The drain pumps pump this liquid to the head of the plant via
15 the equalization tank. The drain pumps were installed in 1973, have been
16 inspected, and found to be in need of replacement. The existing pumps and
17 valves will be replaced with new pumps of equal capacity.

18 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE
19 SCADA SYSTEM.

20 A. The SCADA improvements are for equipment on the Plant site. Sensors on
21 the RBC units, chlorine injector pump, and digester are installed and
22 reading locally but do not report to the SCADA panel. This project will

1 integrate the existing sensors at those locations into the existing SCADA
2 network.

3 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE CAPITAL PORTION OF THE ARC FLASH
4 PROJECT.

5 A. The Arc Flash Project includes work to determine safety parameters of the
6 existing electrical equipment at the various water facilities. As a part of the
7 determination of safety parameters, a single line diagram is created. This is
8 essentially an as-built of the electrical panels. This creation of the as-built
9 condition is capitalized and represents 20% of the cost of the study.

10 Q. IN YOUR OPINION, IS THE CAPITAL PROGRAM REASONABLE
11 AND NECESSARY, AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST?

12 A. Yes. The Capital Program sets forth the improvements necessary for the
13 continued operation and maintenance of the system in a safe, proper and
14 efficient manner.

15 Q. DOES THAT CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

16 A. Yes, it does.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF

Brian F. Carr, P.E.

SUMMARY: Licensed professional engineer in practice for 25 years. Experience in designing, estimating, writing specifications and administering a variety of water and sewer capital improvement projects, Federal Civil Works projects and military projects. Management of all aspects of work operations including budgets, scheduling, personnel, clients, subcontractors, agencies and other principals. Supervision of technical and nontechnical personnel.

EXPERIENCE:

08/2022 Vice President - Operations, Pinelands Water Company and Pinelands Wastewater
Present Company, Iselin, NJ: Overall responsibility for utility operations of Water and Sewer
Utilities serving approximately 2,400 customers in Southampton Township, NJ.

Projects of Note:

RBC Replacement Project Retreat Road Forcemain Relocation
Well #2 Station Improvements

06/2010- Director of Engineering, Middlesex Water Company:
Present Previously Manager of Engineering, Senior Project Engineer, Middlesex Water Company,
Iselin, New Jersey:
Directly responsible for the management for the New Jersey Company's Engineering Department, Capital Program and Special Projects. This includes planning, design, and supervision of construction in order to continually optimize system expansion, operations and provide proper utility service.

- Management and approval of all functions of the New Jersey Engineering Department. This included direct supervision of engineers, inspectors, drafters, and support personnel.
- Management and oversight of the Capital Program including the 1 year Capital Budget and 5 year Capital Program.
- Engineering and Project management responsibilities of projects totaling over \$50 million. Projects include facilities (mains) extensions, office buildings, pump stations, major transmission pipelines, wellfield improvements, treatment plant modifications and storage reservoir/tanks.
- Company representation and delivery of presentations at various regulatory, governmental, civic, industrial, and professional organizations.
- Preparation of applications support for regulatory (environmental and administrative) approvals.
- Review, analyses, and support on varied Company operations initiatives and projects.

Projects of Note:

CJO Plant Upgrade (\$60M) Western Transmission Main (\$52M)
Park Ave Treatment (\$50M) RENEW Water Main Rehab Program (~\$10 million/year)
Hatco 20" Main Relocation (\$1M) NJTA 12" Main Extension (\$4M)

PINELANDS WASTEWATER COMPANY
UTILITY PLANT IN SERVICE - CLASSIFIED (101)

<u>UTILITY PLANT ACCOUNT</u>	BALANCE AS OF <u>12/31/2021</u>	ADDITIONS	RETIREMENTS	BALANCE AS OF <u>3/31/2022</u>
<u>INTANGIBLE PLANT</u>				
301 ORGANIZATION	970	-	-	970
303 OTHER INTANGIBLE UTILITY PLANT	5,208	-	-	5,208
TOTAL INTANGIBLE PLANT	6,178	-	-	6,178
<u>LAND AND LAND RIGHTS</u>				
311 PUMPING SYSTEM LAND	4,000	-	-	4,000
312 TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SYSTEM LAND	106,498	-	-	106,498
TOTAL LAND AND LAND RIGHTS	110,498	-	-	110,498
<u>COLLECTING SYSTEMS</u>				
320 SERVICE CONNECT, TRAPS & ACCESS	89,889	-	-	89,889
321 COLLECTING MAINS AND ACCESS	2,678,855	143	-	2,678,998
323 FORCE MAINS	91,747	-	-	91,747
324 STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS	6,853	-	-	6,853
325 OTHER COLLECTING SYSTEM EQUIP	36,670	-	-	36,670
TOTAL COLLECTING SYSTEMS	2,904,014	143	-	2,904,157
<u>PUMPING SYSTEMS</u>				
330 STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS	350,264	-	-	350,264
331 ELECTRIC PUMPING EQUIPMENT	525,721	-	-	525,721
332 OTHER POWER PUMPING EQUIPMENT	80,065	-	-	80,065
333 MISCELLANEOUS PUMPING SYSTEM EQUIPMENT	46,906	-	-	46,906
TOTAL PUMPING SYSTEMS	1,002,956	-	-	1,002,956
<u>TREATMENT & DISPOSAL SYSTEM</u>				
340 STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS	1,337,633	7,295	-	1,344,929
342 SEDIMENTATION (OR CLARIFICATION) TANKS AND ACCESS	929,584	-	-	929,584
344 SLUDGE & EFFLUENT REMOVING EQUIP	639,086	-	-	639,086
345 SLUDGE DIGESTION TANKS & ACCESS	574,787	-	-	574,787
346 SLUDGE DRYING & FILTERING EQUIP	134,235	-	-	134,235
347 SECONDARY TREATMENT FILTERS & ACCESS	1,217,000	-	-	1,217,000
349 OTHER SEWERAGE REMOVING EQUIP	14,908	-	-	14,908
350 CHEMICAL TREATMENT PLANT	36,211	-	-	36,211
351 CHEMICAL CONTACT TANKS	169,608	-	-	169,608
352 OUTFALL PIPES AND ACCESSORIES	83,345	-	-	83,345
353 OTHER DISPOSAL EQUIPMENT	145,625	-	-	145,625
TOTAL TREATMENT & DISPOSAL SYSTEMS	5,282,022	7,295	-	5,289,317
<u>GENERAL PLANT</u>				
390 STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS	549,509	4,788	-	554,297
391 OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	108,038	-	-	108,038
392 TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	206,905	-	-	206,905
394 TOOL AND SHOP EQUIPMENT	27,122	-	-	27,122
395 LABORATORY EQUIPMENT	37,198	-	-	37,198
396 POWER OPERATED EQUIPMENT	3,087	-	-	3,087
397 COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT	278,843	73	-	278,916
398 MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL PLANT	28,591	-	-	28,591
TOTAL GENERAL PLANT	1,239,292	4,862	-	1,244,153
TOTAL UTILITY PLANT IN SERVICE	10,544,960	12,299	-	10,557,259

PINELANDS WASTEWATER COMPANY
PROJECTED UTILITY PLANT IN SERVICE

	U.P.I.S.	C.W.I.P	Expenditures	Expenditures	U.P.I.S	Post Test Year	U.P.I.S.
Description	at	at	Actual	Projected	at	Projections	at
	3/31/2022	03/31/22	April-June	Jul-Dec	12/31/22	Jan-June	06/30/23
<u>UTILITY PLANT IN SERVICE AT MARCH 31, 2022</u>	\$10,557,259				\$10,557,259		\$10,557,259
<u>CONSTRUCTION WORK IN PROGRESS</u>							
<u>Collection Systems</u>							
Gravity Mains Blanket		-	-	8,500	8,500	-	8,500
Service Laterals Blanket		-	-	3,750	3,750	-	3,750
Manhole Blanket		-	-	20,250	20,250	-	20,250
Total Collection Systems		-	-	32,500	32,500		32,500
<u>Pumping and Treatment Projects</u>							
WWTP SCADA Enhancements		13,486	28,984	9,909	52,378	-	52,378
PWW WWTP RBC Replacements		12,449	16,759	931,100	960,309	10,000	970,309
PWW WWTP Plant Drain Pumps		141	1,805	59,500	61,446	-	61,446
Arc Flash Project		-	-	9,540	9,540	-	9,540
Pumping Equipment Blanket		3,371	3,371	27,000	33,742	-	33,742
Water Treatment Equipment Blanket		2,566	13,309	4,000	19,876	-	19,876
Production Structures Blanket		-	3,422	16,000	19,422	-	19,422
Total Pumping & Treatment Projects		32,014	67,651	1,057,049	1,156,714	10,000	1,166,714
<u>Transportation, General Equipment and IT</u>							
General Structures Blanket		-	29,038	5,000	34,038	-	34,038
General Equipment Blankets		381	1,504	10,100	11,984	-	11,984
Total General Equipment Projects		-	30,542	15,100	46,022	-	46,022
Subtotal Additions		32,394	98,193	1,104,649	1,235,236	10,000	1,245,236
<u>RETIREMENTS</u>							
Estimated / Actual Retirements		-	(500)	(80,750)	(81,250)	-	(81,250)
TOTAL	\$10,557,259	\$32,394	\$97,693	\$1,023,899	\$11,711,245	\$10,000	\$11,721,245