

BEFORE THE
PHILADELPHIA WATER COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of the Philadelphia Water Department's Proposed Increase in Rates for Water and Wastewater Utility Services	FY 2009-2012
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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE, OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE,
REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE,
ALONG WITH REQUEST FOR ENTRY AND WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE,
IN THE MATTER OF PHILADELPHIA WATER DEPARTMENT'S
PROPOSED INCREASE IN RATES FOR
WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY SERVICES – FY 2009-2012**

1. Name of Organization:

Next Great City Stormwater Subcommittee

2. Name and Title of Organization Representative:

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5. Brief Description of Organization:

Next Great City is comprised of over 100 civic, health, faith, labor, environmental and social service organizations within Philadelphia, all supporting a common-sense, cost-effective agenda to improve the neighborhood environment and to truly make Philadelphia the "Next Great City".

One of the ten policy recommendations advanced by Next Great City is to stop sewer backups and flooding, identified by polling as a top issue for both Philadelphia's businesses and residents. In that polling, 21 percent of residents had a basement flood after a rainstorm and 31 percent of businesses suffered property damage from flooding in the previous year. Residents and business owners alike also ranked these as two of the

top five changes needed to improve the livability of the city: “Reduce the amount of sewage and other pollution entering our rivers” and “fix the city’s water and sewer system to stop leaks and water main breaks”. A Next Great City Stormwater Subcommittee was formed to address this issue.

In looking at how other cities had addressed their own stormwater problems, Next Great City found that over 400 cities and towns, such as Austin, Texas, Cincinnati, Ohio, Los Angeles, California and Miami, Florida, charge a user fee for stormwater management that is based wholly or in part on impervious area. Philadelphia currently collects fees for stormwater services based on water usage, which is unfair and inaccurate. Commercial, industrial and institutional customers should pay for their fair share of sewer services based on their use of the system.

Charging a fair fee for stormwater treatment will also give property owners an incentive to take effective actions to minimize their property’s contribution to Philadelphia’s stormwater problem – such as using porous pavement, installing vegetative swales and green roofs, and planting trees. These actions will help reduce the burden placed on Philadelphia’s sewer system as well as the overall cost to the City and its ratepayers.

A list of Next Great City Stormwater Subcommittee members who intend to participate in this matter is attached hereto as Exhibit A. A complete list of Next Great City members is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

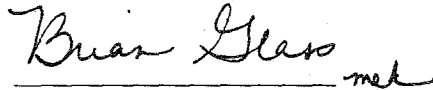
6. Issue of Interest:

The Next Great City Stormwater Subcommittee is interested in the proposed stormwater rate design. The Next Great City Stormwater Subcommittee intends to explore whether this design is consistent with its own recommendations. The Next Great City Stormwater Subcommittee also anticipates submitting testimony to support and/or strengthen this design.

7. Christine Knapp entered an appearance on behalf of PennFuture in this matter on May 30, 2008. Since that time, PennFuture has been coordinating the involvement of the Next Great City Stormwater Subcommittee in this matter. The Next Great City Stormwater Subcommittee respectfully requests that it be permitted to participate in this matter at this time. No party to this proceeding will be prejudiced by the participation of the Next Great City Stormwater Subcommittee. No hearings on the stormwater rate design (the issue of interest to the Next Great City Stormwater Subcommittee) have been conducted or scheduled. If permitted, the Next Great City Stormwater Subcommittee intends to participate in the technical hearings relating to the stormwater rate design.

8. The undersigned respectfully requests that his appearance be entered and that the appearance of Christine Knapp be withdrawn, and agrees to accept service on behalf of the Next Great City Stormwater Subcommittee, which includes PennFuture, in lieu of Ms. Knapp.

Respectfully submitted:



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EXHIBIT A

NEXT GREAT CITY STORMWATER SUBCOMMITTEE

Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future (PennFuture)

Clean Water Action

Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia

Pennsylvania Environmental Council

10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania

EXHIBIT B

Next Great City Endorsers

As of 8/1/2008

1. 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania
2. Action Alliance of Senior Citizens of Greater Philadelphia
3. AFL-CIO, Philadelphia Council
4. AFSCME District Council 47
5. AFSCME District Council Local 2187
6. Ameresco Inc.
7. American Institute of Architects, Philadelphia Chapter
8. American Lung Association of Pennsylvania
9. Asociacion Puertorriquenos en Marcha
10. Audubon Pennsylvania
11. Bella Vista United Civic Association
12. Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia
13. Building Industry Association of Philadelphia
14. Campus Philly
15. Carroll Park Neighbors Advisory Council
16. Cecilian Center for Earth, Arts and Spirit
17. Cedar Park Neighbors
18. Central Roxborough Civic Association
19. Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church
20. Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future
21. City Parks Association
22. Clean Air Council
23. Clean Water Action
24. Committee of Seventy
25. Concerned Block Captains of West and Southwest Philadelphia
26. Congreso de Latinos Unidos
27. Delaware River City Corporation
28. Delaware Valley Association of Railroad Passengers
29. Delaware Valley Green Building Council
30. Design Advocacy Group of Philadelphia
31. East Falls Tree Tenders
32. East Park Revitalization Alliance
33. East Passyunk Crossing
34. Fairmount Park Conservancy
35. Francisville Neighborhood Development Corporation
36. Friends of Pennypack Park
37. Friends of Wadsworth Avenue
38. General Building Contractors Association
39. Greater Bustleton Civic League Inc
40. Greater Philadelphia Cares
41. Greater Philadelphia Clean Cities Program
42. Greater Philadelphia Congress of Black Women
43. Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition
44. Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia
45. Home (scale) Inc.
46. Institute for the Study of Civic Values
47. Inter-Community Development Corporation
48. It Takes A Village Philly
49. Logan Square Neighborhood Association
50. Lower Moyamensing Civic Association
51. Major Artery Revitalization Committee
52. NAACP Philadelphia
53. Neighbors Allied for the Best Riverfront (NABR)
54. Neighborhood Interfaith Movement
55. Neighborhood Networks
56. Neighborhoods Now (formerly Philadelphia Neighborhood Development Collaborative)
57. New Kensington Community Development Corporation
58. Newbold Neighbors Association
59. Northern Liberties Neighbors Association
60. The Partnership CDC
61. Passyunk Square Civic Association
62. PennEnvironment
63. Pennsylvania Environmental Council
64. Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
65. Pennsylvania Interfaith Climate Change Campaign
66. Pennsylvania Parent Teacher Association
67. PenTrans
68. Philadelphia Area Project on Occupational Safety and Health (PhilaPOSH)
69. Philadelphia Association of Community Development Corporations
70. Philadelphia Children's Commission
71. Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau
72. Philadelphia Corporation for Aging
73. Philadelphia Parks Alliance
74. Philadelphia Physicians for Social Responsibility
75. The Philadelphia Wax Museum
76. PhillyCarShare
77. Philly For Change
78. Project NEAT (the Neighborhood Environmental Action Team)
79. Queen Village Neighbors Association
80. Recycling Alliance of Philadelphia
81. Residents of Shawmont Valley Association
82. Right to Know Committee
83. Roxborough Greenspace Project
84. School of the Future
85. Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education
86. Schuylkill River Park Alliance
87. Sierra Club Southeastern Pennsylvania Group
88. Society Created to Reduce Urban Blight (SCRUB)
89. Society for Ecological Restoration
90. Society Hill Civic Association
91. Solar Strategies Development Corporation
92. Spruce Hill Community Association
93. Sustainable Business Network of Greater Philadelphia
94. SustainUS Philadelphia
95. The Food Trust
96. The Green Perspective
97. The Reinvestment Fund Sustainable Development Fund
98. University City Green Inc
99. Urban Industry Initiative
100. Wallace Roberts & Todd
101. Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians
102. Women's Community Revitalization Project
103. Women's Health & Environmental Network
104. Young Involved Philadelphia
105. Younger Women's Task Force of Philadelphia

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing
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