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ALLEGHENY COUNTY SANITARY AUTHORITY (ALCOSAN)

PUBLIC MEETING

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IN RE:

ALCOSAN DRAFT WET
WEATHER PLAN
PRESENTATION AND
PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Gateway Clipper
350 W. Station Square Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
Thursday; October 4, 2012
6:45 p.m.

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PRESENT: Arletta Scott Williams, Executive
Director of ALCOSAN and Moderator
Jan Oliver, Director of Regional
Conveyance at ALCOSAN and Presenter

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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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Reported by:

Christopher G. Gray
Court Reporter

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(At 6:45 p.m., opening remarks

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(At 7:27 p.m., the public

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comments session commenced.)

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MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: I will

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take questions. First, I am going to take

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the -- I believe I have two people who have

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signed up for public comment. Just give me a

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moment to rearrange things here.

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Again, can everybody hear me still?

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Again, I want to thank everybody for coming.

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This is our first opportunity to attempt to

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utilize the Clipper Fleet. We were looking to

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do something different because up to this

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point, even though we are talking about what is

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arguably the largest investment that this

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region will make in our lifetime, not a lot of

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people have come out and shown any interest in

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participating.

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We thought by coming to the boat --

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to the vessel; right? The vessel -- by coming

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19: 29: 18 2 to the vessel we would generate some interest.
19: 29: 22 3 There were people here that have been at most
19: 29: 24 4 of our other meetings. Unfortunately, it is
19: 29: 28 5 still not the large numbers we are looking for,
19: 29: 28 6 but again, we appreciate you coming out tonight.

19: 29: 32 7 Now, the two people that I have
19: 29: 34 8 scheduled or signed here for public comment,
19: 29: 38 9 I'm going to ask you to step to the microphone.
19: 29: 40 10 Once again, we have a stenographer here. You
19: 29: 44 11 are going to give your -- state your name,
19: 29: 46 12 spell your name; give your address, including
19: 29: 52 13 whatever municipality it is; and if you
19: 29: 54 14 represent an organization, identify that
19: 29: 56 15 organization as well. After that, we will then
19: 30: 00 16 just take general questions. All right?

19: 30: 04 17 For the comment period, you have
19: 30: 06 18 three minutes. My timekeeper is over here
19: 30: 10 19 (indicating), Karen in the purple. She will
19: 30: 12 20 flash a card to let you know that you have one
19: 30: 16 21 minute remaining. We are kind of flexible. We
19: 30: 18 22 only have two people, so let's just make this
19: 30: 24 23 as fluid as possible. All right?

19: 30: 26 24 Okay. The first person, Jennifer
19: 30: 32 25 Rafanan Kennedy.

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JENNIFER RAFANAN KENNEDY

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MS. RAFANAN KENNEDY: Thank you.

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Can you hear me?

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MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: I can

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hear you.

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MS. RAFANAN KENNEDY: My name

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is Jennifer Rafanan Kennedy; J-E-N-N-I-F-E-R,

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R-A-F-A-N-A-N, K-E-N-N-E-D-Y. My address is

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6364 Phillips Avenue, City of Pittsburgh, and I

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represent the Clean Rivers Campaign.

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As a member of the Clean Rivers

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Campaign, we thank ALCOSAN for the effort and

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time that have gone into preparing the Wet

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Weather Plan for our region; however, I have

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chosen to make a comment tonight to convey our

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concern for our region's waterways, as well as

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its ratepayers.

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First, it is a disappointment that

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ALCOSAN will be submitting a plan to the EPA

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that will not meet the water quality standards

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of the Consent Decree; in fact, it will not

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comply; second, it is a disservice to ratepayers

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that green solutions that can often be more

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affordable and bring significant benefits to

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the community were not adequately examined and

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considered in creating this Wet Weather Plan.

Cities and regions all over the country including Cleveland, Cincinnati, Louisville, Chicago, and so many more are grappling with consent decrees and their accompanying challenges, but they are rising to the occasion and solving their sewer problems with creative, innovative technologies to control water and stop overflows of raw sewage.

While ALCOSAN and our region face challenges, especially the multi-jurisdictional nature of our service area, ALCOSAN has a unique opportunity to provide a leadership role to our municipalities. As you mentioned, Arletta, this will be the largest public works investment in our county.

With future rate increases, ALCOSAN could invest in green solutions in those municipalities rather than burying giant tunnels under the river, tunnels whose construction will disrupt our riverfronts and our environment. Instead, we have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to invest in sustainable solutions that bring the most benefits to current ratepayers, as well

1 JENNIFER RAFANAN KENNEDY

19: 32: 46 2 as to future generations.

19: 32: 50 3 The benefits of green infrastructure
19: 32: 52 4 include not only stormwater management, but
19: 32: 54 5 also cleaner air, more beautiful neighborhoods,
19: 32: 58 6 higher real property values, revitalized
19: 33: 00 7 business districts, and a forward-thinking
19: 33: 04 8 region that not only retains its current
19: 33: 08 9 residents but also attracts new professionals,
19: 33: 08 10 families, and talented young people because of
19: 33: 14 11 those benefits.

19: 33: 14 12 ALCOSAN has also noted that this plan
19: 33: 18 13 does not address flooding, a serious concern in
19: 33: 20 14 our region. A green infrastructure could have
19: 33: 22 15 a positive effect on reducing that flooding.

19: 33: 26 16 I know when I go shopping, I like to
19: 33: 28 17 find the best deal, like many of you. Ratepayers
19: 33: 32 18 like me are seeking affordable solutions to give
19: 33: 36 19 us the most bang for our buck while cleaning
19: 33: 38 20 our waterways. As ratepayers, we are not made
19: 33: 42 21 of money, and our region needs the additional
19: 33: 46 22 benefits that come from green infrastructure
19: 33: 46 23 now and for our future. Thanks.

19: 33: 52 24 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: Thank you
19: 33: 54 25 very much. The observation that Jennifer made --

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again, can you hear me? I feel like I am

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standing on the motor right now. I may not be,

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but I certainly feel like it.

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The observation that she made that

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the plan that we are submitting falls short of

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compliance is accurate. As Jan pointed out, we

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have the need for a \$3.6 billion plan. We

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can't afford that. Not we, ALCOSAN, can't

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afford it; our ratepayers, this region cannot

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afford it.

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Anybody who has seen some of the

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news coverage over the last month just about,

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at this point, has perhaps seen my famous

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quote. It is incredibly original. No, it is

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not. You can't get blood from a turnip. It is

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the truth, and in this context, that is how we

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came up with a \$2 billion plan.

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Now, because we have come up with a

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\$2 billion plan doesn't mean we stop there.

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Eventually, you have to get to compliance. We

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get there at some point in the future, but it

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has to be phased in so that we can, indeed,

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afford it.

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Her additional observation that green

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19: 35: 28 2 infrastructure could reduce costs, at this
19: 35: 34 3 point, we do not have enough data, enough
19: 35: 36 4 evidence to tell us that green infrastructure
19: 35: 40 5 would significantly reduce costs, that it would
19: 35: 44 6 take enough flow out of the system to take a
19: 35: 48 7 billion dollars off of the \$2 billion plan or
19: 35: 52 8 even \$500 million; at the same time, I can't
19: 35: 54 9 say that it won't.

10 What we have seen up to this point
19: 35: 56 10 in other cities and other regions is that it
19: 35: 58 11 will not have that type of impact, but it is
19: 36: 02 12 something that needs to be investigated.

13 That is not something that we can
19: 36: 06 14 investigate by ourselves because, as Jan
19: 36: 08 15 pointed out, we do not have responsibility for
19: 36: 12 16 municipal systems where green infrastructure
19: 36: 16 17 would be implemented. That implementation has
19: 36: 20 18 to take place where people own land, and that
19: 36: 22 19 land is owned in municipalities, not along the
19: 36: 28 20 riverways where you see the ALCOSAN system or
19: 36: 32 21 the ALCOSAN treatment plant.

22 I think I have covered all of
19: 36: 36 23 Jennifer's concerns. My second person, I'm
19: 36: 38 24 sure I'm going to butcher your name. Is it
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1 INGEBURG MILLER

19: 36: 50 2 Mrs. Miller?

19: 36: 50 3 MS. MILLER: Yes.

19: 36: 54 4 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: Come to
19: 36: 56 5 the microphone and correct me, please.

19: 37: 04 6 MS. MILLER: My name is
19: 37: 06 7 Ingeburg Miller; I-N-G-E-B-U-R-G; Miller,
19: 37: 12 8 M-I-L-L-E-R.

19: 37: 20 9 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: Thank you.
19: 37: 20 10 And you are giving me your address.

19: 37: 20 11 MS. MILLER: My address is
19: 37: 20 12 302 Fox Chapel Road, Unit 614, 15238.

19: 37: 30 13 I'm a business owner and property
19: 37: 32 14 owner and taxpayer in Blawnox. I have a
19: 37: 40 15 concern. I know ALCOSAN has agreement with all
19: 37: 46 16 municipalities to collect the service charges.
19: 37: 48 17 The problem in Blawnox was Blawnox didn't pay
19: 37: 56 18 for 12 years the service charges we paid
19: 38: 02 19 faithfully to the Borough of Blawnox to pay
19: 38: 04 20 ALCOSAN.

19: 38: 06 21 After ten years, ALCOSAN finally
19: 38: 08 22 sued the Borough of Blawnox for \$185,595.56;
19: 38: 20 23 then ALCOSAN reimbursed Blawnox for \$16,890.89,
19: 38: 28 24 which comes to \$168,704.67. In November 2010,
19: 38: 40 25 ALCOSAN settled the lawsuit for \$65,000. I'm

1 INGBURG MILLER - ARLETTA SCOTT WILLIAMS

19: 38: 50 2 concerned. I'm not a resident of Blawnox, but
19: 38: 58 3 I pay because I own a business. It came to a
19: 39: 02 4 balance of \$103,704.67.

19: 39: 08 5 My question to you, Ms. Williams, is
19: 39: 12 6 why did ALCOSAN give away our money, the rest
19: 39: 16 7 of the \$103,704.67? Why did ALCOSAN give that
19: 39: 24 8 away? Blawnox only paid \$65,000, and we are
19: 39: 28 9 very upset. For ten years, we paid the money
19: 39: 36 10 to Blawnox Borough, and they never paid a dime
19: 39: 40 11 to ALCOSAN. Thank you for letting me bring
19: 39: 42 12 this up.

19: 39: 44 13 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: Thank you.
19: 39: 46 14 I believe the question was why did we -- I
19: 39: 48 15 believe it was why did we allow Blawnox to give
19: 39: 52 16 your money away; why did we give your money
19: 39: 58 17 away, why did ALCOSAN give your money away.

19: 40: 00 18 MS. MILLER: Yes. Blawnox paid
19: 40: 02 19 only \$65,000 and still owed, in my opinion, our
19: 40: 08 20 money, \$103,704.67, and you accepted the
19: 40: 18 21 settlement for \$65,000, which makes the 103,704.
19: 40: 30 22 That is a lot of money. Blawnox people are --

19: 40: 30 23 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: Back to
19: 40: 30 24 the microphone for the last bit. I couldn't
19: 40: 30 25 tell what that was.

1 INGEBURG MILLER - ARLETTA SCOTT WILLIAMS

19: 40: 42 2 MS. MILLER: Okay. This is a
19: 40: 44 3 lot of money for Blawnox residents. They are
19: 40: 46 4 not poor-poor but not rich. So I contribute
19: 40: 52 5 because, like I said, I have a business in
19: 40: 54 6 Blawnox and own property. So my concern is did
19: 41: 00 7 it happen before; does it happen in other
19: 41: 04 8 municipalities; how do I know Blawnox is paying
19: 41: 08 9 the service charge to you, ALCOSAN. I don't
19: 41: 14 10 know if they do.

19: 41: 18 11 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: You are
19: 41: 18 12 absolutely right. There is no way for you to
19: 41: 20 13 know. You are correct.

19: 41: 22 14 MS. MILLER: Right. That is
19: 41: 22 15 why I am bringing this up. I think this is
19: 41: 26 16 very, very important for the Blawnox people.

19: 41: 28 17 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: All right.
19: 41: 28 18 Unless you go to your municipality, which is
19: 41: 32 19 Blawnox, and you make that type of inquiry,
19: 41: 34 20 there is no way for you to know unless you come
19: 41: 38 21 to see me and make that type of inquiry.

19: 41: 38 22 MS. MILLER: Exactly.

19: 41: 42 23 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: Now, in
19: 41: 42 24 this particular case, as you referenced, it
19: 41: 44 25 became litigation. Lawsuits were filed, and we

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19: 41: 48 2 settled the lawsuit. Blawnox does now pay as
19: 41: 52 3 they are supposed to pay, appropriately.

19: 41: 56 4 The settlement, as most settlements
19: 42: 00 5 occur, was gauged and implemented to avoid
19: 42: 06 6 additional expense in litigation, and frankly,
19: 42: 10 7 even though we obviously and you obviously
19: 42: 14 8 believe that ALCOSAN was right and proper in
19: 42: 20 9 what we were attempting to do, there is always
19: 42: 22 10 a potential that you do not come out victorious.
19: 42: 26 11 That was the nature of the settlement, to get
19: 42: 28 12 the best deal possible at that point in time.

19: 42: 34 13 MS. MILLER: But why is there a
19: 42: 38 14 confidentiality clause in the agreement? This
19: 42: 42 15 is public money, our personal money, no tax
19: 42: 46 16 money, and that is my case. The money should
19: 42: 48 17 go back to us as a customer service payer.

19: 42: 52 18 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: That
19: 42: 54 19 would be something that I suggest you take up
19: 42: 56 20 with your elected officials in Blawnox.

19: 43: 00 21 MS. MILLER: Oh, Ms. Williams,
19: 43: 00 22 I did that 10 times, 20 times. Their mouth is
19: 43: 06 23 zipped. They will not tell us. That is why I
19: 43: 10 24 ask you why ALCOSAN needs the money.

19: 43: 10 25 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: Again,

1 INGEBURG MILLER - ARLETTA SCOTT WILLIAMS

19: 43: 12 2 there was litigation. We settled that

19: 43: 14 3 litigation.

19: 43: 14 4 MS. MILLER: You did.

19: 43: 16 5 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: We did,
19: 43: 16 6 yes.

19: 43: 18 7 MS. MILLER: I would like to
19: 43: 20 8 know why. I'm sorry.

19: 43: 20 9 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: For the
19: 43: 22 10 reasons that I just stated. We wanted to get --
19: 43: 24 11 obviously, we wanted to be paid. We wanted to be
19: 43: 26 12 paid the full amount. Every day in life there
19: 43: 32 13 is litigation where settlements occur where
19: 43: 34 14 both parties end up not exactly where they want
19: 43: 40 15 to be but hopefully at the best possible
19: 43: 42 16 resolution. That is what we settled for.

19: 43: 46 17 MS. MILLER: Excuse me, but it
19: 43: 48 18 was not ALCOSAN's money, not Borough money. It
19: 43: 52 19 was our money, and it should go back to us,
19: 43: 56 20 don't you think?

19: 43: 56 21 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: I think
19: 43: 58 22 it was your money that you paid to your
19: 43: 58 23 municipality --

19: 43: 58 24 MS. MILLER: Yes. And they
19: 43: 58 25 kept it.

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19: 44: 02 2 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: -- to pay
19: 44: 02 3 ALCOSAN for a service that was provided. We
19: 44: 04 4 provided the service, we were not paid, we
19: 44: 08 5 implemented a settlement agreement to come up
19: 44: 12 6 with the best possible resolution.

19: 44: 14 7 MS. MILLER: Well, they kept
19: 44: 16 8 the money. I want to underline it: They kept
19: 44: 18 9 the money.

19: 44: 20 10 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: Again, I
19: 44: 22 11 would suggest you go back to your elected
19: 44: 24 12 officials in Blawnox.

19: 44: 26 13 MS. MILLER: They won't speak.
19: 44: 28 14 Okay? Thank you for this time.

19: 44: 32 15 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: Thank
19: 44: 32 16 you. I appreciate you coming out.

19: 44: 34 17 All right. Now I am moving to
19: 44: 40 18 general questions. If there is anybody who has
19: 44: 46 19 not signed for public comment and they would
19: 44: 48 20 like to make public comment, you can feel free
19: 44: 52 21 to do that, or if you have questions about the
19: 44: 54 22 presentation, put your hand up, and we will
19: 44: 58 23 move through that list. John.

19: 45: 02 24 MR. CIANGIARULO: I think you
19: 45: 08 25 ought to tell these people about the Consent

1 JOHN CIANGIARULO - ARLETTA SCOTT WILLIAMS

19: 45: 08 2 Decree, why this has to all go through, what it
19: 45: 12 3 is all about, and who is doing all this with
19: 45: 14 4 the Consent Decree. That is the reason why
19: 45: 16 5 ALCOSAN is doing what they have to do. Maybe
19: 45: 20 6 these people don't know that.

19: 45: 22 7 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: Yes, sir.

19: 45: 22 8 Very good. Thank you.

19: 45: 28 9 I thought Jan did a very good job of
19: 45: 32 10 explaining the Consent Decree. Briefly, there
19: 45: 36 11 is a Consent Decree that we entered, we signed
19: 45: 42 12 or I signed, I personally signed, in May of 2007,
19: 45: 52 13 and it went into effect January of 2008. The
19: 45: 54 14 Consent Decree was negotiated to deal with
19: 45: 58 15 violations of the Clean Water Act, violations
19: 46: 02 16 relative to sewage overflows.

19: 46: 08 17 In the original presentation, Jan
19: 46: 10 18 showed you two houses. Do you remember the two
19: 46: 14 19 home scenarios? One was a combined sewer
19: 46: 18 20 system and one was representing a separate or
19: 46: 18 21 sanitary sewer system.

19: 46: 24 22 Discharges from combined systems,
19: 46: 30 23 combined sewer overflows, are legal and
19: 46: 32 24 permissible, but there are regulations and laws
19: 46: 34 25 now -- when I say, "now," today -- that have

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2 been in effect for several years that require a
3 reduction of how much flow discharges from
4 combined systems, and those combined systems
5 are those that have stormwater and sewage in
6 the same pipe, so they are larger pipes.

7 Jan also showed you a sanitary sewer
8 system. That is two separate pipes. The
9 sanitary or pure sewage coming out of your
10 house is in a pipe and all of the stormwater is
11 in another pipe. There should not be any
12 interconnection between them. Anything that
13 comes out of that system and discharges, a
14 sedentary sewer overflow, is illegal and has to
15 be eliminated.

16 So our Consent Decree requires us to
17 eliminate SSOs and reduce the frequency,
18 duration, and volume of what comes out of
19 combined sewer overflows. We negotiated it
20 over a seven-year period, and I only point that
21 out to let you know it was a painstaking
22 process. We did not come to this lightly.

23 The result, again, was the Consent
24 Decree, which is a 260-some-page document that
25 then required this document, the Wet Weather

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19: 47: 56 2 Plan, to be produced. That is why we are where
19: 48: 00 3 we are.

19: 48: 00 4 Did that hit it, John? All right.
19: 48: 00 5 Thank you. Sir.

19: 48: 06 6 MR. MILLER: My name is George
19: 48: 08 7 Miller, 302 Fox Chapel Road, Unit 614,
19: 48: 12 8 Pittsburgh, PA 15238.

19: 48: 16 9 Under the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know
19: 48: 18 10 Act -- the Sunshine Act, as it is commonly
19: 48: 20 11 called -- who do we contact for the ALCOSAN
19: 48: 24 12 record in the case that my wife discussed?

19: 48: 24 13 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: Can you
19: 48: 24 14 say that again.

19: 48: 24 15 MR. MILLER: You want me to do
19: 48: 24 16 the whole thing? All right.

19: 48: 40 17 My name is George Miller, 302 Fox
19: 48: 44 18 Chapel Road, Unit 614, Pittsburgh, PA 15238.

19: 48: 50 19 My wife made a presentation regarding
19: 48: 50 20 Blawnox in Allegheny County that settled.

19: 49: 04 21 Under the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, which is
19: 49: 06 22 the Right-to-Know Act, who do I contact to get
19: 49: 12 23 the ALCOSAN record on that case? Not only the
19: 49: 16 24 court pleadings, but the ALCOSAN file, the
19: 49: 18 25 total file, so that we can cut off future

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19: 49: 24 2 calculations of this sort of public funds.

19: 49: 30 3 What she didn't make clear, I don't
19: 49: 30 4 think, is that besides the service charge,
19: 49: 40 5 Blawnox Borough added their own into it, so that
19: 49: 42 6 is the money she is talking about. Those are
19: 49: 44 7 the public funds, so I think under the Sunshine
19: 49: 48 8 Act I'm entitled to get those records. How I
19: 49: 54 9 can get them, when I can get them, where I can
19: 49: 56 10 get them, I would like to know. Thank you.

19: 50: 02 11 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: The
19: 50: 04 12 question was a follow-up. Did anybody else
19: 50: 08 13 hear it, actually hear the whole thing? Okay.

19: 50: 14 14 Just so you understand, for anybody
19: 50: 16 15 who is not familiar with how the billing system
19: 50: 22 16 works, ALCOSAN charges you for conveyance and
19: 50: 26 17 treatment, so that is collecting -- or that is
19: 50: 30 18 catching the flow that comes from your
19: 50: 32 19 municipality, conveying it through those large
19: 50: 36 20 interceptors that Jan talked about, and then
19: 50: 38 21 treating it at the treatment facility.

19: 50: 40 22 Your municipality charges you for
19: 50: 42 23 maintaining and operating the sewers within
19: 50: 46 24 your community. They charge you. There is a
19: 50: 50 25 fee associated with that. Your community has

1 ARLETTA SCOTT WILLIAMS - CARL LEWIS

19: 50: 56 2 the ability to add a fee to the ALCOSAN bill.

19: 50: 58 3 Part of what he was referencing is the fee in

19: 51: 04 4 addition to the ALCOSAN fee and the service

19: 51: 08 5 charge that was in question.

19: 51: 10 6 Now, that is just background so we are

19: 51: 12 7 all on the same page. With respect to a Right-

19: 51: 16 8 to-Know request, we have a Right-to-Know -- a

19: 51: 18 9 public information officer. You can contact my

19: 51: 20 10 office. I will make sure I give you a business

19: 51: 24 11 card before I leave. You contact us, we will

19: 51: 26 12 make sure you get the appropriate documentation

19: 51: 30 13 so that you can make that request, and we will

19: 51: 32 14 respond. All right?

19: 51: 38 15 Okay. Do I have another

19: 51: 38 16 question?

19: 51: 38 17 MR. LEWIS: My name is Carl

19: 51: 50 18 Lewis, 1500 Foliage Street, Wilksburg, 15221.

19: 51: 54 19 I'm a former council member there

19: 51: 56 20 for two terms and current member of the Board

19: 51: 56 21 of Directors of the Wilksburg-Penn Joint

19: 52: 02 22 Water Authority, so I represent about 42,000

19: 52: 04 23 customers in 22 communities. We do a great

19: 52: 08 24 deal of the sewage collection for those

19: 52: 12 25 municipalities as well, which the communities

1 CARL LEWIS - ARLETTA SCOTT WILLIAMS

19: 52: 16 2 are pretty happy about because we have about a
19: 52: 20 3 98.5 percent collection rate.

19: 52: 22 4 My question is related to one of the
19: 52: 24 5 items in the presentation with regard to the
19: 52: 28 6 ratepayer burden in particular communities.
19: 52: 30 7 You referenced a handful of communities that
19: 52: 32 8 would have a burden at over four percent, and I
19: 52: 38 9 was wondering if you could tell me what those
19: 52: 40 10 communities are.

19: 52: 42 11 Under the suggested plan, there were
19: 52: 42 12 a handful of communities, I believe you said,
19: 52: 44 13 that would have a rate burden of over four
19: 52: 46 14 percent of the median income, and I was just
19: 52: 48 15 wondering if you could just give me a breakdown
19: 52: 52 16 of what those communities were that would have
19: 52: 54 17 that high of a rate burden.

19: 53: 02 18 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: I
19: 53: 04 19 apologize. Unfortunately, I can't tell you
19: 53: 06 20 exactly what those communities are. It is not
19: 53: 10 21 because, oh, I have this supersecret
19: 53: 12 22 information. Honestly, right now, I can't
19: 53: 18 23 remember what they are. One is Rankin.
19: 53: 24 24 Somebody help me out here.

19: 53: 32 25 MR. LEWIS: I also operate a

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19: 53: 34 2 business in Rankin, so it is a bit of a concern
19: 53: 38 3 for me there as well.

19: 53: 52 4 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: There are
19: 53: 52 5 three municipalities over four percent. If you
19: 54: 10 6 are looking at the red areas on the map, these
19: 54: 16 7 (indicating) are the communities that would be
19: 54: 18 8 over three percent. He is specifically asking
19: 54: 22 9 about the communities over four percent.

19: 54: 24 10 I can't break that down completely.
19: 54: 26 11 We are digging through the book. I have a lot
19: 54: 28 12 of really smart people. Before this boat
19: 54: 32 13 docks, we will be able to tell you what those
19: 54: 36 14 communities are.

19: 54: 44 15 Okay. Do I have any other questions?

19: 54: 50 16 MR. DENGLER: I'm Joe Dengler,
19: 54: 52 17 3727 Oakdale Street, Pittsburgh, 15212.

19: 54: 58 18 I'm interested in this construction.
19: 55: 02 19 You talked about tunnels. I would like to know
19: 55: 06 20 how many tunnels you are going to build; how
19: 55: 12 21 long would the longest one be; would they be
19: 55: 16 22 built by these tunnel boring machines like the
19: 55: 22 23 North Shore Connector; how would they compare
19: 55: 26 24 in size.

19: 55: 30 25 Also, I want to know if you have room

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19: 55: 32 2 to move your ALCOSAN plant to enlarge it, if
19: 55: 42 3 you have room there to make it bigger; and
19: 55: 46 4 these holding tanks you are talking about, how
19: 55: 50 5 large would they be comparable to the current
19: 56: 00 6 structures.

19: 56: 02 7 In my neighborhood, I see these
19: 56: 04 8 storm sewers that are clogged and filled up.
19: 56: 10 9 How do you get those cleaned out so that they
19: 56: 14 10 don't overflow? Who is responsible for those?
19: 56: 22 11 I guess when Washington Boulevard flooded, I
19: 56: 24 12 understand one of those sewers were clogged and
19: 56: 32 13 didn't accept the water. And what causes these
19: 56: 32 14 sewer lids to explode or the lids to come off
19: 56: 40 15 in a flood situation? Thank you.

19: 56: 46 16 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: Thank you
19: 56: 46 17 very much. That was a long question there. We
19: 56: 48 18 are going to have to wade through it.

19: 56: 50 19 We will start with the tunnel
19: 56: 52 20 question and understanding that, as Jan pointed
19: 56: 56 21 out, the difference between the two plans, that
19: 56: 58 22 \$3.6 billion plan, the tunnels would be built
19: 57: 02 23 much further into the system; in the \$2 billion
19: 57: 06 24 plan, the tunnels are truncated because we are
19: 57: 10 25 trying to save money. It would be expanded

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later on but initially much shorter.

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MS. OLIVER: The tunnel portion

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of the system is shown by the thick green line,

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and boring machines would be utilized to

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construct this tunnel. Remember I mentioned

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that we have over 300 points of overflow, so

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there would be some aboveground consolidation

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of all those overflows that would then drop

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into the tunnel system through a shaft, so we

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would reduce the connections.

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300 shafts down to the deep tunnel, so we do

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consolidate, so there would be some consolidation

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of the sewers up on top that then will drop

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down into the tunnel through a shaft. That was

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one of your questions.

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of the system, and this is approximately 30 miles

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under this (indicating) portion of the plan.

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This is the total compliance plan. The facility

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on Chartiers Creek, is it 40 million, the

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storage tank, Ed?

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MR. KLUITENBERG: The tunnels

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19: 58: 40 2 in this plan are about 10 miles of tunnel in
19: 58: 44 3 the recommended plan and then 30 miles in the
19: 58: 48 4 complete plan. The tank in Chartiers Creek is
19: 58: 50 5 only a couple million gallons, but it is designed
19: 58: 54 6 for treatment capacity of over 100 million
19: 58: 58 7 gallons per day in treatment capacity.

19: 59: 04 8 MS. OLIVER: Okay. Thank you.
19: 59: 06 9 I think I got all of the tunnel portion of the
19: 59: 10 10 discussion correct. This facility here that
19: 59: 12 11 would be constructed under the recommended plan
19: 59: 16 12 can provide treatment of 100 million gallons or
19: 59: 20 13 over 100 million gallons, but in the interim,
19: 59: 24 14 while it is being used for storage, it is only
19: 59: 26 15 a 2-million-gallon tank.

19: 59: 46 16 Catch basin cleaning is typically
19: 59: 50 17 done by street sweepers or vac trucks. Heavy
19: 59: 56 18 rains do push a lot of debris over the grates.
20: 00: 00 19 In some cases, in less severe storms, they
20: 00: 04 20 actually provide almost a green infrastructure
20: 00: 08 21 approach because it is ponding the water,
20: 00: 10 22 keeping it from getting into the system and
20: 00: 14 23 adding to the overflow. But in extreme
20: 00: 16 24 conditions when you need the system to drain,
20: 00: 20 25 then them being clogged is a problem because

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20:00:22 2 that is what creates flooding.

20:00:26 3 Manhole lids don't typically blow
20:00:32 4 off, but in very severe storms, the system gets
20:00:36 5 overloaded. There is so much flow in the pipe
20:00:38 6 that it can't all be conveyed. Infrastructure
20:00:42 7 just is not constructed for 300-year storm
20:00:46 8 events. The cost associated with it is too
20:00:54 9 great, so they are typically constructed for a
20:00:58 10 much lesser storm event than a 300-year event,
20:01:00 11 and when those events occur, you do have
20:01:04 12 dramatic things happen to your sewer system.

20:01:16 13 I can't remember if I have covered
20:01:18 14 everything or not.

20:01:20 15 MR. DENGLER: Yeah. You
20:01:22 16 covered just about everything. Who would you
20:01:26 17 call or who is responsible for maintaining the
20:01:30 18 storm sewers when they are clogged or filled up
20:01:34 19 or they don't take the water like they should?

20:01:40 20 MS. OLIVER: Call the
20:01:44 21 municipality. I mean, occasionally they will
20:01:46 22 come out and clean those catch basins. I will
20:01:50 23 say that stormwater in this region is pretty
20:01:54 24 undefined.

20:01:54 25 PennDOT views catch basins as once

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20:01:58 2 they construct it as part of their roadway
20:02:00 3 system, it then becomes the municipality's. In
20:02:04 4 many cases, the municipality does not want
20:02:08 5 responsibility for the catch basins, so they
20:02:12 6 are sometimes still maintained by the County
20:02:14 7 and the State.

20:02:16 8 MR. DENGLER: So in the City
20:02:18 9 of Pittsburgh, it is the Pittsburgh Water and
20:02:22 10 Sewer Authority? Is that the City of Pittsburgh?

20:02:24 11 MS. OLIVER: I believe it is
20:02:24 12 actually Public Works. I know Pittsburgh Water
20:02:30 13 and Sewer Authority took over responsibility
20:02:32 14 for their sewage, but I think the surface
20:02:36 15 drainage and catch basins are still the
20:02:38 16 responsibility of the City, and I would call
20:02:42 17 Public Works.

20:03:08 18 Let me just check. So it sounds
20:03:10 19 like Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority work
20:03:14 20 in conjunction with the City Public Works
20:03:16 21 Department for catch basin cleaning.

20:03:18 22 MR. DENGLER: Your driveway or
20:03:22 23 your roof drains, what should they be connected
20:03:28 24 to? How should they be routed, the rain runoff;
20:03:34 25 the downspouts; and the, like you said, driveway

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MS. OLIVER: If you are in a

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combined sewer system, it is legal to have

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stormwater tied into the same pipe as your

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sanitary sewage, but you still can disconnect.

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My home in the City of Pittsburgh is a combined

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area, but I disconnected the downspout and put

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it into a rain garden. So when it rains, the

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rain garden gets water, and it doesn't go into

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the sewer system.

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You can get rain barrels, and then

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after it is done, you have a barrel full of

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water that could be reused to water your

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gardens and lawn. You should always try to

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direct it away from the home, put it in a

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gravel pit and direct it away from the

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pavement. ALCOSAN just constructed a parking

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lot that has porous pavement, so the rain just

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soaks through the pavement and into the ground,

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but it does require a different type of cleaning

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than is typical with street cleaning. You now

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have to vacuum out the pores.

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20: 04: 58 2 MR. SUTER: Okay. So I'm kind
20: 04: 58 3 of wondering how many days in 2011, if you guys
20: 05: 02 4 have data like that --

20: 05: 02 5 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: Can I
20: 05: 02 6 stop you?

20: 05: 02 7 MR. SUTER: Yeah.

20: 05: 02 8 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: Name?

20: 05: 04 9 MR. SUTER: My name is Paul.

10 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: Paul?

11 MR. SUTER: Yeah.

12 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: The last
13 name?

14 MR. SUTER: No, no.

15 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: Just Paul.
16 Okay. Paul, you give me half, and I might give
17 you half back.

20: 05: 12 18 MR. SUTER: I'm just wondering
20: 05: 14 19 about the number of days in 2011 that we had
20: 05: 16 20 overflow within the system. Do we have data like
20: 05: 20 21 that? Does ALCOSAN collect that information?

20: 05: 22 22 Do we have data from like 2010 to
20: 05: 24 23 2000? Do we have it on a decade basis going
20: 05: 24 24 back to like 1950, something like that? There
20: 05: 30 25 would be some sort of relevance in regards to

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20: 05: 32 2 how this is progressing, the collection of
20: 05: 34 3 water and the overflow. Do we have all of that
20: 05: 40 4 down? Is it available to the general public in
20: 05: 42 5 some sense?

20: 05: 42 6 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: Yes.

20: 05: 44 7 MR. SUTER: Let me ask you one
20: 05: 44 8 more question out of curiosity. Maybe you have
20: 05: 44 9 this at the tip of your tongue.

20: 05: 46 10 How many collective sewers or how many
20: 05: 48 11 collective systems are still connected within
20: 05: 50 12 the grand scheme of things? If 50 percent of
20: 05: 54 13 the people were separated -- I mean, you have
20: 05: 56 14 rain conductors that go into the system, and is
20: 06: 00 15 that 50 percent of the system; the residential
20: 06: 04 16 units that are connected to, in fact, the sewer
20: 06: 06 17 system? Do we have a number such as that?

20: 06: 06 18 MS. OLIVER: 50 percent by
20: 06: 10 19 population drain to combined sewer systems and
20: 06: 14 20 50 percent drain to the separate, but by land
20: 06: 16 21 mass, it is over 60 of the service area.
20: 06: 22 22 300 square miles are served by combined sewers
20: 06: 26 23 and 140 square miles are served by separate
20: 06: 28 24 sewers, and there is a portion of the system --
20: 06: 32 25 obviously, 60 and 140 does not add up to 300,

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so there are a lot of areas that are unsewered;
cemeteries, parks.

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MR. SUTER: Sure. So there

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are those kinds of numbers. And has anybody

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decided to, in fact, make everybody disconnect

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from, in fact, the sanitary -- or the combined

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sewers? That would be the first decree.

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Because it is evident to me that --

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being from the Rocks and such, if I can put it

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that way, I know that, in fact, a lot of the

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houses down there are connected through, in fact,

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the combined system. And if they took those out,

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and put it out into the street, per se, then,

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in fact, it wouldn't be part of, in fact, the

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potential problem. It would go to the river as

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opposed to going to ALCOSAN.

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up the wrong tree here in some regards. My

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position is, in fact, I think that that should

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20:07:34 2 be the real decree is that we should all be
20:07:36 3 mandated to separate our rain conductors from,
20:07:40 4 in fact, any system; unless, of course, we can
20:07:42 5 almost guarantee that it is, in fact, going
20:07:42 6 into a separated system of, in fact, sewage
20:07:48 7 and, in fact, the natural flow of rainwater or
20:07:50 8 street water.

20:07:50 9 MS. OLIVER: I mean, I would
20:07:50 10 agree with you, and we certainly do encourage
20:07:54 11 that. And then I guess to further encourage
20:07:56 12 that, we do have a rate study that is being
20:07:58 13 considered that may begin to charge for that
20:08:02 14 stormwater to make it a greater encouragement,
20:08:04 15 but in some cases, you can't disconnect the
20:08:10 16 stormwater without causing problems for
20:08:12 17 somebody downstream.

20:08:14 18 MR. SUTER: Downstream?

20:08:14 19 MS. OLIVER: Yeah.

20:08:16 20 MR. SUTER: Like your next-
20:08:16 21 door neighbor? Is that what you are referencing?

20:08:16 22 MS. OLIVER: Yes.

20:08:16 23 MR. SUTER: Okay. So you are
20:08:20 24 talking about there would be inherent problems
20:08:22 25 with, in fact, just disconnecting in some

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20:08:22 2 communi ties?

20:08:22 3 MS. OLIVER: Right.

20:08:22 4 MR. SUTER: Other ones, you
20:08:24 5 probably could separate and create that gravel
20:08:26 6 pit, like you spoke of, and create those green
20:08:28 7 solutions on a residential unit or a
20:08:30 8 residential basis as opposed to, in fact, a
20:08:32 9 neighborhood or industrial or apartment?

20:08:36 10 MS. OLIVER: That is correct.
20:08:38 11 Also, in combined sewer areas, if you redirect
20:08:42 12 the downspouts to the street, the street then
20:08:46 13 combines as well.

20:08:48 14 MR. SUTER: Well, let me ask
20:08:48 15 you this, out of curiosity, since you brought
20:08:50 16 that up. I mean, isn't that the primary --
20:08:52 17 wasn't that the primary effort of, in fact,
20:08:56 18 ALCOSAN to actually separate those at the
20:08:58 19 street level?

20:08:58 20 I mean, you worked through the streams
20:09:00 21 and the collection system and the tributaries
20:09:02 22 and brought those tunnels or brought those
20:09:04 23 collective systems down to where you could pick
20:09:06 24 them up at the river, so to speak, and then take
20:09:08 25 those river flows that took them to ALCOSAN.

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20: 09: 12 2 Why wasn't it brought into
20: 09: 14 3 consideration where, in fact, the streets
20: 09: 16 4 should have been separated much like, in fact,
20: 09: 20 5 you separated the streams from, in fact -- do
20: 09: 22 6 you understand where I am going with that?

20: 09: 24 7 MS. OLIVER: I do. It actually
20: 09: 26 8 was evaluated, sewer separation. EPA actually
20: 09: 28 9 requires that you evaluate separating your
20: 09: 34 10 sewers. It is extremely expensive. That
20: 09: 38 11 \$3.6 billion solution was then a \$10 billion
20: 09: 42 12 solution. It is very disruptive.

20: 09: 44 13 MR. SUTER: As far as the
20: 09: 46 14 street application and the street correction
20: 09: 52 15 aspect of it goes?

20: 09: 52 16 MS. OLIVER: Right. And then
20: 09: 54 17 what happens, too, is that you end up not
20: 09: 56 18 treating a large source of the pollution.
20: 09: 56 19 There is a lot of pollution associated with the
20: 10: 02 20 street.

20: 10: 02 21 MR. SUTER: On the street
20: 10: 02 22 itself, there is salt and grease and oils and
20: 10: 04 23 such.

20: 10: 04 24 MS. OLIVER: Right.

20: 10: 04 25 MR. SUTER: I understand.

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20: 10: 04 2 MS. OLIVER: So it is not even
20: 10: 06 3 the preferred environmental solution.

20: 10: 10 4 MR. SUTER: All right. I
20: 10: 10 5 understand. I was just kind of wondering.
20: 10: 10 6 That was my basis of the whole thing.

20: 10: 12 7 I mean, I have been doing a lot of
20: 10: 12 8 construction for many years, and I see a lot of
20: 10: 16 9 people have collected from connected rain
20: 10: 18 10 gutters and that sort of thing, and here we are
20: 10: 20 11 treating that. We are treating all of that
20: 10: 22 12 rainwater that comes on somebody's roof down in
20: 10: 24 13 South Side and heads over to ALCOSAN or through
20: 10: 28 14 McKees Rocks in some sense.

20: 10: 30 15 It was my understanding of it or it
20: 10: 30 16 was my appreciation that to correct the problem
20: 10: 32 17 that would be the first decree, everybody has
20: 10: 36 18 to get disconnected. There are no connected.
20: 10: 36 19 I don't care if it ends up in your neighbor's
20: 10: 38 20 yard. You are going to have to mitigate that,
20: 10: 38 21 and it would have been mitigated.

20: 10: 40 22 Now we are actually -- you know,
20: 10: 42 23 McKees Rocks anyway, it looks like we are
20: 10: 44 24 actually expected to pay maybe more than three
20: 10: 46 25 percent; is that not correct?

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20: 10: 50 2 MS. OLIVER: That is correct.

20: 10: 52 3 MR. SUTER: Yeah. I hope it is

20: 10: 56 4 not four percent. It wouldn't be four percent,

20: 10: 56 5 would it? We are in the three to four category.

20: 10: 56 6 We are like in the crosshairs. It is just going

20: 11: 00 7 to get ugly for everybody in McKees Rocks. You

20: 11: 06 8 know, we only have 30 people. I would have

20: 11: 08 9 thought --

20: 11: 08 10 I wish we would have had a better

20: 11: 12 11 solution. I mean, is this covered in concrete?

20: 11: 12 12 Is this chiselled in stone yet, ma'am? It

20: 11: 16 13 sounds like it probably -- this is a foregone

20: 11: 18 14 conclusion. It is just a question of can we

20: 11: 22 15 beg on one knee and expect some sort of minor

20: 11: 26 16 resolution as opposed to a major correction.

20: 11: 30 17 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: There is

20: 11: 32 18 absolutely nothing chiseled in stone, but by

20: 11: 34 19 the same token, a lot of work has been done to

20: 11: 36 20 come to the solution that we have today. And

20: 11: 40 21 that solution is required to be submitted to be

20: 11: 42 22 in compliance so that we avoid stipulated

20: 11: 46 23 penalties, so we have worked aggressively to

20: 11: 50 24 come to these conclusions. At the same time --

20: 11: 54 25 MR. SUTER: I can appreciate

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20: 11: 56 2 what you are saying. I'm sure everybody in
20: 11: 58 3 this rooms realizes the effort that ALCOSAN has
20: 11: 58 4 put into it, as well as the sense of
20: 12: 02 5 professionalism (sic) that has gone into all of
20: 12: 02 6 this work.

20: 12: 04 7 You know, like you said, you started
20: 12: 06 8 in 2007, if not before that point in time; right?

20: 12: 10 9 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: We started
20: 12: 10 10 in 1989.

20: 12: 10 11 MR. SUTER: There you go.

20: 12: 12 12 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: We have
20: 12: 12 13 been working at it a long time. But also,
20: 12: 14 14 don't lose sight of the fact that communities
20: 12: 16 15 are going to be submitting their plans in July
20: 12: 20 16 of next year, as Jan indicated. If something
20: 12: 24 17 changes on the municipal level, we will make
20: 12: 28 18 the necessary modifications. Also --

20: 12: 28 19 MR. SUTER: Let me ask you --

20: 12: 30 20 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: Just let
20: 12: 30 21 me finish.

20: 12: 30 22 MR. SUTER: Absolutely.

20: 12: 32 23 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: This
20: 12: 32 24 document, the Wet Weather Plan, when we submit
20: 12: 34 25 it in January, the regulators -- "regulators"

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20: 12: 38 2 being United States EPA, Pennsylvania Department
20: 12: 44 3 of Environmental Protection, and the Allegheny
20: 12: 48 4 County Health Department -- they have one full
20: 12: 48 5 year to review it. That is at a minimum, just
20: 12: 52 6 one entire year.

20: 12: 52 7 I think there will be a lot of
20: 12: 56 8 dialogue. Do I think it will all get done in a
20: 12: 58 9 year? No. Absolutely, I do not believe that
20: 13: 02 10 will be the case. I believe that there will be
20: 13: 02 11 modifications. Right now, as I stand here
20: 13: 04 12 today, do I believe it is going to be a wholesale
20: 13: 08 13 change from what we have here? No, I do not,
20: 13: 10 14 but I do believe there will be modifications.

20: 13: 14 15 MR. SUTER: Okay. Well, let
20: 13: 14 16 me ask you this other -- the thing about the
20: 13: 14 17 communities and the municipalities being such
20: 13: 18 18 an entity within the grand scheme of the problem
20: 13: 18 19 and the solution.

20: 13: 18 20 Are there going to be incentives for,
20: 13: 22 21 in fact, those communities as individual units
20: 13: 24 22 or entities, so to speak, to create their own
20: 13: 28 23 green and then green solutions, so to speak, or
20: 13: 30 24 some sort of solution that would incur some
20: 13: 32 25 sort of incentive for them to go ahead and

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20: 13: 34 2 reduce their cost by the implementation of
20: 13: 38 3 such? That is my final question of the day.

20: 13: 50 4 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: Right now,
20: 13: 52 5 we do not have proposed incentives for the
20: 13: 56 6 communities to remove flow. But if you go back
20: 13: 58 7 to this (indicating) original premise, the hold
20: 14: 02 8 it, move it, treat it, remove it, that remove
20: 14: 02 9 it category, it has always been a high priority
20: 14: 06 10 for us with the understanding that we do,
20: 14: 08 11 indeed, treat what is sent to us.

20: 14: 12 12 As my attorney eloquently says, we
20: 14: 14 13 catch it. If I have less to catch, I have less
20: 14: 16 14 to treat. So we have always attempted to work
20: 14: 20 15 with the communities to create opportunities to
20: 14: 22 16 remove flow before it gets to us. Again, do we
20: 14: 26 17 have specific incentives in place? Not right
20: 14: 30 18 now, but we do have a study going on that is
20: 14: 34 19 looking at things of that nature.

20: 14: 36 20 Moving forward, we are going to
20: 14: 38 21 continue to work with the communities. I
20: 14: 40 22 wouldn't want anybody to believe that we have
20: 14: 40 23 done this in a vacuum, nor have the communities
20: 14: 42 24 worked on the plans that they are going to be
20: 14: 46 25 submitting in the middle of next year in a

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20: 14: 50 2 vacuum. It has been a collaborative process.

20: 14: 52 3 It will continue to be so.

20: 14: 54 4 We have a lot of work to do in a
20: 14: 56 5 very short amount of time, but I guarantee that
20: 15: 00 6 we are going to continue to work at it because
20: 15: 02 7 we are ratepayers, too, and, yes, we do bring a
20: 15: 06 8 certain pride and professionalism to it. We
20: 15: 06 9 want to come back with the best possible
20: 15: 10 10 solution.

20: 15: 10 11 MR. SUTER: That is very
20: 15: 10 12 apparent. Thank you for your time.

20: 15: 14 13 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: Thank you,
20: 15: 16 14 Paul. Do I have any other questions?

20: 15: 22 15 MR. KENNEDY: Hi. My name is
20: 15: 24 16 Jason Kennedy; address is 6364 Phillips,
20: 15: 28 17 Pittsburgh, PA.

20: 15: 30 18 I had several questions that were
20: 15: 32 19 related to kind of some of the comments you
20: 15: 36 20 made on the green infrastructure issues
20: 15: 38 21 earlier, and I will just lay them all out and
20: 15: 42 22 then let you answer.

20: 15: 44 23 The first was you said that there
20: 15: 46 24 wasn't enough research or not enough conclusive
20: 15: 46 25 research that has been done to show that green

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20: 15: 48 2 solutions do anything that would solve the
20: 15: 52 3 problem or are any cheaper, and I was wondering
20: 15: 54 4 what research you need and what would that
20: 15: 58 5 cost; is any of that being done; is ALCOSAN
20: 16: 00 6 supporting any of that or what organizations are.

20: 16: 06 7 The next question that I had was is
20: 16: 10 8 any of that being conducted right now. You
20: 16: 16 9 said that there was a study that was going on,
20: 16: 18 10 and I was wondering if you could just give a
20: 16: 20 11 few more details about that, the study and the
20: 16: 22 12 work that you are doing, and where you will
20: 16: 24 13 publish that and how that -- what your findings
20: 16: 30 14 are relative to what they are finding in the
20: 16: 32 15 rest of the country when they do research
20: 16: 32 16 around the rest of the country.

20: 16: 36 17 And then kind of the last question
20: 16: 36 18 was it seems like you guys -- I mean, you guys
20: 16: 38 19 have been working on this for seven and much
20: 16: 42 20 longer than that years and have an optimized
20: 16: 46 21 plan for stormwater. Do you think that you are
20: 16: 48 22 doubling efforts by kind of the path that you
20: 16: 52 23 are going on by --

20: 16: 52 24 It seems like right now is when green
20: 16: 56 25 solutions are being evaluated, and mostly it is

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20: 17: 00 2 being done, it looks like, in the communities
20: 17: 02 3 as they prepare their solutions with you. Does
20: 17: 04 4 it seem like that is redoubling work and wasting
20: 17: 08 5 effort there or is there a better process that
20: 17: 12 6 that could have been done through? Thank you.

20: 17: 22 7 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: All right.
20: 17: 24 8 Thank you. The first question regarding research
20: 17: 28 9 into green infrastructure, my comment was meant
20: 17: 44 10 to be specific to what ALCOSAN has done. Is
20: 17: 48 11 there research out there? There is limited
20: 17: 50 12 research. Is there research that we have
20: 17: 52 13 conducted? No, there is not.

20: 17: 54 14 We certainly support our
20: 17: 56 15 municipalities in any efforts that they have
20: 18: 00 16 engaged in. Right now, we do participate in a
20: 18: 04 17 number of local organizations to look at green
20: 18: 08 18 infrastructure on different levels: Green
20: 18: 10 19 Infrastructure Network; of course, 3 Rivers;
20: 18: 18 20 the Rain Garden Alliance; Sustainable Pittsburgh.

20: 18: 22 21 Right now, 3 Rivers Wet Weather,
20: 18: 26 22 Incorporated, is looking at information within
20: 18: 30 23 limited portions of certain municipalities to
20: 18: 34 24 try to determine what green infrastructure
20: 18: 36 25 impacts could actually produce. We are privy

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incentives? That is certainly possible. Right

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MR. KENNEDY: You covered most

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of it. Are we doubling efforts?

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MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: That was

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20: 20: 14 2 the end, doubling efforts. That is the one I
20: 20: 14 3 wanted to hold on to.

20: 20: 18 4 The third part of his question was
20: 20: 20 5 what would be the cost to conduct the type of
20: 20: 22 6 research that would need to be done to fully
20: 20: 26 7 evaluate green. I really don't have an idea.
20: 20: 32 8 I don't even have an order of magnitude at this
20: 20: 34 9 point other than to say I think locally it
20: 20: 40 10 would require quite a bit of money simply
20: 20: 44 11 because of the nature of the systems that we
20: 20: 46 12 are dealing with.

20: 20: 46 13 We are dealing with 83 communities,
20: 20: 48 14 and we have to go back to the community level.
20: 20: 52 15 No matter how this is approached, it has to go
20: 20: 54 16 back to the community level, which is very
20: 20: 54 17 fragmented. That information has to come then
20: 21: 00 18 into whatever this study is going to be. We
20: 21: 00 19 would have to acquire it first.

20: 21: 00 20 You asked about looking at other
20: 21: 08 21 parts of the country. Do we have information
20: 21: 08 22 on other parts of the country? Yes, we do. Is
20: 21: 12 23 it completely applicable to what we are doing
20: 21: 16 24 here? A lot of it is apples and oranges as
20: 21: 16 25 opposed to apples and apples.

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20: 21: 20 2 And do I believe we are doubling
20: 21: 22 3 efforts? Obviously, I do not. Again, we have
20: 21: 24 4 worked in conjunction with the communities,
20: 21: 26 5 once again, recognizing that the communities
20: 21: 28 6 have responsibility for what they have
20: 21: 32 7 responsibility for, for what they understand
20: 21: 32 8 and recognize as their responsibility:
20: 21: 36 9 municipal systems.

20: 21: 36 10 Once again, I have a lot of very
20: 21: 38 11 bright, very capable people. We are good at
20: 21: 42 12 what we do, but we do not get into municipal
20: 21: 46 13 collection systems. So the municipalities
20: 21: 48 14 working at their level on what they are experts
20: 21: 52 15 in dovetails very nicely with what we have to
20: 21: 56 16 do on our end. I do not think we are doubling
20: 22: 00 17 efforts.

20: 22: 00 18 And lastly, because the door is open
20: 22: 02 19 and the time that you, the ratepayer, have paid
20: 22: 06 20 for tonight is just about up, three communities
20: 22: 10 21 fall into that red zone, the over four percent
20: 22: 14 22 communities. That would be Rankin, North
20: 22: 18 23 Braddock, and North Versailles.

20: 22: 20 24 All right. John.

20: 22: 24 25 MR. CIANGIARULO: I have one

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20: 22: 24 2 question I want to ask. I know you have three
20: 22: 28 3 or four, maybe five more meetings that you are
20: 22: 32 4 doing like tonight. Have you met with EPA yet
20: 22: 36 5 to bring the 3.6 billion down to 2?

20: 22: 42 6 MS. SCOTT WILLIAMS: John's
20: 22: 42 7 question is -- he understands that we have more
20: 22: 46 8 public meetings. He is wondering if we have sat
20: 22: 50 9 down with EPA to talk to them about the need to
20: 22: 52 10 reduce the 3.6 billion to a \$2 billion plan.

20: 22: 56 11 They will not be surprised by it.
20: 23: 00 12 Have we had an official meeting where we have
20: 23: 02 13 laid that out as our strategy in the document?
20: 23: 06 14 No, but we have had many informal meetings up
20: 23: 10 15 to this point. They will not be surprised,
20: 23: 12 16 notwithstanding public information, and they
20: 23: 18 17 probably know as much about what is in that
20: 23: 20 18 document right now as everybody else on the
20: 23: 24 19 face of the earth even though we haven't
20: 23: 28 20 formally submitted it.

20: 23: 28 21 They are very interested; they are
20: 23: 28 22 engaged; again, they will not be surprised.
20: 23: 32 23 Will they like it? Will they accept it? I
20: 23: 34 24 can't say, but we are going to press the issue
20: 23: 38 25 as far as we can because the issue is you can't

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20: 23: 40 2 get what? Whoa. I'm not letting you off the
20: 23: 46 3 boat tonight. You can't get blood from a
20: 23: 48 4 turnip. All right. Write your congressmen.

20: 23: 50 5 Thank you so very much for coming
20: 23: 52 6 out tonight. You have been a great group. We
20: 23: 58 7 are going to have to work out the particulars.
20: 24: 00 8 Thanks to the Clipper staff. It was wonderful.
20: 24: 04 9 I have learned so much. Have a wonderful --
20: 24: 06 10 everybody has their parking vouchers. You are
20: 24: 10 11 getting them now. Make sure you get that.
20: 24: 14 12 Thanks.

13 (Whereupon, the above-entitled
14 matter was concluded at 8:24 p.m., this date.)

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