

1 STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE
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 3 NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION
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 6 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
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 9 DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2005
 10 TIME: 11 :00 A.M.
 11 PLACE: ONE SERVICE ROAD
 12 PROVIDENCE, RI
 13 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
 14 VINCENT J. MESOLELLA, CHAIRMAN
 15 PAUL PINAULT, SECRETARY
 16 ROBERT P. ANDRADE, TREASURER
 17 JOHN GIUSTI
 18 MICHAEL A. SALVADORE
 19 JOHN MacQUEEN
 20 MICHAEL DiCHIRO
 21 BRUCE D. CAMPBELL
 22 AL MONTANARI
 23 THOMAS LAZIEH
 24 TOM PERKINS
 JONATHAN FARNUM
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1 Next order of business is old business. Is
 2 there any old business to come before the
 3 Commission? Old business of any nature? Old
 4 business? Hearing none, moving right along.
 5 Item No.4, which is the presentation of the
 6 Narragansett Bay Commission Annual Employee
 7 Awards. Mr. Secretary, proceed.
 8 MR. PINAULT: Thank you, Mr.
 9 Chairman. As you know, every year the Commission
 10 presents Excellence Awards to one employee in the
 11 Executive Division, two employees in the
 12 Administration & Finance, two in Policy, Planning
 13 & Regulation, and three in the
 14 Operations/Engineering Division. This award
 15 distinguishes those individuals who stand out
 16 among their colleagues, demonstrating excellence
 17 in their job performance. These awards are being
 18 presented for Fiscal Year 2005, which is the
 19 period from July 1, '04 through June 30, '05. At
 20 this point, I'd like to call forward Ray
 21 Marshall, the Deputy Director, to present the
 22 Executive Division A ward.
 23 MR. MARSHALL: Thanks, Paul.
 24 Okay. The winner in the Executive Division for

1 (MEETING OPENED AT 11 :03 A.M.)
 2 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay, we're about
 3 to begin today's Commission meeting if I can ask
 4 the members to please take their appointed seats,
 5 so we can commence. Okay. Good morning,
 6 everyone, welcome our guests, members. First
 7 order of business is recognizing a quorum, we'll
 8 call to order the October 19, 2005, meeting of
 9 the Board of Commissioners to order at the --
 10 11:03.
 11 First order of business is the approval of
 12 the previous minutes. Have all of our members
 13 had an opportunity to review the previous
 14 minutes; and if so, are there any comments,
 15 questions, or --
 16 MR. LAZIEH: Move to approve.
 17 MR. CHAIRMAN: You always have
 18 something to say about the minutes, Michael. I
 19 want to make sure. Commissioner Lazieh moves to
 20 approve. Commissioners Perkins and Farnum second
 21 the motion. Discussion on the motion to approve?
 22 Hearing none, all those that are in favor will
 23 say, "aye." Are there any opposed? There are
 24 none opposed, and the motion carries.

1 the last fiscal year is Multimedia Coordinator,
 2 Rafael Cuello.
 3 (APPLAUSE)
 4 MR. MARSHALL: Now, we selected
 5 Rafael because he continually enhances our output
 6 at the NBC by consistently delivering
 7 high-quality, effective design in everything from
 8 covers for the annual budget and audits, to
 9 brochures for NBC's programs, to the annual
 10 poster contest and announcement. His creative
 11 design of NBC's Dental Environmental Best
 12 Management Practices document contributed to both
 13 a Governor's citation and a national NACW A award.
 14 In addition, Rafael provides support for the
 15 NBC's educational programs, serves as our
 16 unofficial photographer and videographer, and
 17 makes an effective ambassador for the NBC through
 18 his work as a mentor with the MET School and at
 19 Davies Vocational School. He also virtually
 20 single-handedly designed and constructed the
 21 display for the TseTse Gallery Show, which many
 22 have said was the best ever.
 23 NBC employees throughout the agency are
 24 confident that when they go to Rafael with a

1 request for a PowerPoint presentation or any
 2 other type of design challenge that they will be
 3 given a high-quality product. This is evidenced
 4 by the increasing amount of work Rafael receives.
 5 Despite the increased load and complexity of the
 6 work, he consistently delivers these products on
 7 time in a very team-oriented manner.

8 For his ability to make the NBC look its
 9 best through his artistic talents and creative
 10 designs, I'm proud to present this award to
 11 Rafael for Fiscal Year 2005.

12 (APPLAUSE)

13 MR. CUELLO: Thank you very much.

14 MR. MARSHALL: Now I will have
 15 Karen come up and she'll present the A&F awards.

16 MS. GIEBINK: This year is an
 17 exciting year because A&F is allowed to award two
 18 employees with Employee Excellence Awards this
 19 year. The first award goes to Clara Casimiro the
 20 Customer Service Manager.

21 (APPLAUSE)

22 MS. GIEBINK: Because the NBC
 23 operates entirely through its user fees, it is
 24 extremely important to effectively bill and

1 breakfast as a reward for their pre-billing
 2 efforts. She always has a smile on her face and
 3 can charm even the most cantankerous customers.
 4 Her great team leadership and impressive results
 5 make Clara truly worthy of a 2005 Excellence
 6 Award.

7 (APPLAUSE)

8 MS. GIEBINK: The second award for
 9 the A&F Division goes to Joe Roberts.

10 (APPLAUSE)

11 MS. GIEBINK: Joe is a
 12 truly-gifted application developer. During the
 13 development process, he has the unique ability to
 14 understand what users need from the system and is
 15 able to integrate that vision with the technical
 16 requirements. He is self-motivated, driven to
 17 problem solve all day, all night, and even into
 18 the wee hours of the morning. Last year he
 19 spearheaded the rewrite of the pretreatment
 20 application.

21 This year, he is in the midst of an even
 22 greater task, rewriting the customer service
 23 billing, account maintenance and collection 24
 system. This project has turned out to be larger

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 1 collect those fees. As Manager of the Customer
 2 Service Department, Clara Casimiro has seen NBC's 3
 billings nearly double from \$28 million to \$52
 4 million over the past five years. She has
 5 developed and initiated numerous strategies to
 6 enhance NBC's billing, including the quarterly
 7 reading of large meters, the establishment of
 8 relationships with large customers, and the
 9 working of the editing reports.

10 She has modified the NBC's collection
 11 strategy to decrease delinquent accounts and to
 12 make sure that accounts do not "escape"
 13 collection action. Under her management,
 14 collection calls are now initiated earlier in the
 15 process, water termination selection process has
 16 been reworked, and bad debt write-offs have also
 17 declined. Overall, the collections process has
 18 produced more results with late charge fees as a
 19 percentage of user fees declining from 1.5
 20 percent to less than 0.9 percent over the last
 21 five years, which is truly an outstanding
 22 accomplishment.

23 Clara appreciates the hard work of her staff
 24 and has been known to cook them a scrumptious

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 1 and more complex than anyone had imagined. The
 2 look and feel of the new system is state of the
 3 art and consists of thousands of lines of code.
 4 If what we have seen so far is any indication of
 5 what is to come, the system will truly exceed all
 6 expectations.

7 I'm sure that Joe would wish to acknowledge
 8 the contributions of his peers. Since without
 9 them, it would be impossible to accomplish such
 10 significant undertakings. IT is a family-
 11 II albeit viewed by some outsiders as slightly
 12 dysfunctional. The door is locked. It's locked
 13 from the inside. In addition to Joe's uncanny
 14 development skills, he has a great sense of
 15 humor, as many of you have witnessed from the now
 16 famous IT video segments; and Joe is also an
 17 excellent communicator.

18 At NBC we realize and appreciate the quality
 19 of Joe's work, and I'm thrilled to present him
 20 with a 2005 Employee Excellence Award.

21 (APPLAUSE)

22 MS. GIEBINK: And now Tom Uva will
 23 present the awards for Policy, Planning &
 24 Regulation.

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 9</p> <p>1 MR. UV A: Good morning. I'm also 2 pleased to be able to present two awards in the 3 Division of Policy, Planning & Regulation this 4 year. The first Excellence Award is going to be 5 presented to Barry Wenskowicz who is a Pollution 6 Prevention Engineer. 7 (APPLAUSE) 8 MR. UV A: Barry's done an 9 excellent job over the years since he's become a 10 pollution prevention engineer. He started his 11 career as an industrial wastewater control 12 engineer in the Pretreatment Department and 13 learned all about regulations. Since he's become 14 a pollution prevention engineer, he's organized 15 and made presentations at numerous Pollution 16 Prevention Workshops locally and across the 17 country. He's expanded NBC's involvement in the 18 National Strategic Goals Program, making Rhode 19 Island one of the -- the national program with 20 the most participants in the program nationwide. 21 He's worked with student engineers from URI 22 and Brown University. Organized and Chaired a 23 stakeholder group involved with the development 24 of an Art Studio Best Management Practices</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p> <p>1 MR. UV A: Welcome back from 2 vacation. Jennifer began her career with the NBC 3 as an environmental scientist just a little over 4 a year ago in June 2004. In the short time that 5 she's been with the NBC team, she has amassed an 6 impressive list of accomplishments. 7 During her first week at the NBC, we 8 assigned her a major project to complete a DEM 9 Metals Compliance Report. She had three months 10 to complete this report. It was very 11 comprehensive. It included local limits 12 development reevaluation to determine limits that 13 all of our industries that discharge into our 14 system have to meet, and it also required to 15 redevelop RIPDES limits for effluent discharge 16 from our two treatment plants. She did an 17 exemplary job on that. Hopefully, although the 18 DEM is still reviewing that report, we expect 19 that the findings of that report are going to 20 save our customers and the NBC significant 21 revenue by not having to upgrade our system to 22 treat to remove toxic pollutants. 23 She has also worked on many other major 24 projects for the NBC; including developing the</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p> <p>1 Document that has excellent acclaim from the art 2 community. He has conducted numerous on-site 3 technical consultations with industrial and 4 commercial customers. He was also elected as the 5 Education Co-Chair on the Board of the Providence 6 AESF, the Electro-Plating Society. Recently 7 Barry has worked to assess NBC's energy 8 consumption and alternative energy sources, 9 brought before the NBC -- and working on a grant 10 that we recently received, a \$35,000 grant, from 11 the EP A to investigate these alternatives. 12 Additionally, Barry is working on his 13 Masters Degree at URI in Chemical Engineering. 14 His experience, knowledge of regulations and 15 wastewater treatment technologies, and his 16 easy-going style of conveying information to our 17 customers has contributed greatly to our success 18 here at the NBC. Once again, congratulations, 19 Barry. 20 (APPLAUSE) 21 MR. UV A: The second Excellence 22 Award in Planning, Policy & Regulation is going 23 to Jennifer Cragan, environmental scientist. 24 (APPLAUSE)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p> <p>1 new EMDA Monitoring Plan; helping with the 2 development of the new EMDA Annual Monitoring 3 Report that we present at a workshop, the first 4 one of its type this year, to the general public. 5 She's also assisted with the Pretreatment Annual 6 Report and the local limits pH evaluation study. 7 She's also provided significant information 8 and number crunching on the nutrients issues that 9 have been facing the NBC. She's developed a 10 white paper stating the NBC's position regarding 11 the siting of the Keyspan LNG facility at Field's 12 Point. She routinely reviews and comments on 13 many papers, projects, reports, and studies that 14 are ongoing daily at the NBC. She spoke at 15 various workshops and meetings. In fact, she 16 presented the Final Metals Compliance Report to 17 the CAC, and one of the CAC members said 18 following her presentation, "Boy, are you smart." 19 Isn't that right? And she is, and therefore she 20 rightfully deserves this Excellence Award. Thank 21 you, Jennifer. 22 (APPLAUSE) 23 MR. PINAUL T: Paul Nordstrom. 24 MR. NORDSTROM: Good morning.</p>

1 Within the Operations Division, we have three
 2 awards. The first award goes to Anthony
 3 Cicciarelli.
 4 (APPLAUSE)
 5 MR. NORDSTROM: If
 we were to sum
 6 up two words to epitomize Anthony, it would be
 7 his conscientiousness and his enthusiasm; but his
 8 enthusiasm sometimes carries beyond. We got him here
 on a ruse. All morning we had him working
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 10 on a chart because he was so nervous about coming
 11 here and not knowing what was in store, so he
 12 does have that enthusiasm.
 13 He came to the NBC in June 2003 and was
 14 hired specifically to oversee our interceptor
 15 cleaning and televising contracts. He's proven
 16 to be very valuable in this position and the IM
 17 Department. He has a very strong work ethic and
 18 gets along with everyone he meets. He is eager
 19 to take on many new projects, one of which I
 20 talked about that he worked on today. It's
 21 challenging sometimes to keep pace with him, with
 22 his energy. He's the type of person that thrives
 23 -- wants to get involved with everything that's
 24 going on.

1 Prior to Anthony's hire, contractors
 2 completed only 11,500 feet of cleaning and
 3 inspection. The year after Anthony was hired,
 4 that level already went up to 75,000 feet of
 5 cleaning and inspection, an increase of roughly 6
 6 650 percent. In addition, he has been
 7 instrumental in updating the inspection program
 8 to be recorded to DVD's instead of the old VHS
 9 tapes. He has been very thorough in reviewing
 10 all the inspections and bringing any items of
 11 concern to be addressed, one of which you all
 12 might remember the problems that we had out on
 13 Felix Miranda Way. Had that pipe collapsed, we
 14 would have had significant dry weather discharges
 15 to the Moshassuck River. Anthony's enthusiasm
 16 for his work is refreshing, hopefully contagious,
 17 and deserving of a 2005 Employee Excellence
 18 Award.
 19 (APPLAUSE)
 20 MR. NORDSTROM: The next award
 21 winner is Eddie Vivieros, carpenter from Field's
 22 Point.
 23 (APPLAUSE)
 24 MR. NORDSTROM: Believe it or not,

1 for a young guy his age, Eddie has been at the
 2 Field's Point facility since 1980. He is one of the
 3 original employees, and he came over to us in '82
 4 from the city of Providence. He was originally
 hired as an operator on the 3 to 11 shift. When we
 5 took over the facility in '82, there was a serious
 6 problem with leaking tide gates. They had been
 7 neglected for years; and knowing that Eddie was
 carpenter by trade, we moved him over into the
 position where he fabricated and repaired many of
 the tide gates, preventing extra flow coming into
 the system; but it didn't stop there.
 11 As time went on, we began to use Eddie's skills,
 12 carpentry skills, more and more, replacing doors,
 13 walls, moving walls around the facility; and I
 14 would say if any of you were to take a tour, there's
 15 probably not a building probably not a floor any
 16 place within our campus that Eddie hasn't been
 involved with. Most of all, he has a positive
 18 attitude and treats all of his customers with respect
 and courtesy. For his dedication to providing
 19 excellent service to everyone at the NBC, I am
 20 pleased to present Ed
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1 with a 2005 Operations Excellence Award.
 2 (APPLAUSE)
 3 MR. NORDSTROM: The last recipient
 4 from Operations is Marcelo Taveira, Operator I
 5 from Bucklin Point.
 6 (APPLAUSE)
 7 MR. NORDSTROM: Marcelo's
 8 recommendation came from his immediate
 9 supervisor, Tony Tamburino, who says that Marcelo
 10 is hard working, dependable, and conscientious.
 11 In the short time he has been with the NBC, he
 12 started in the spring of 2004, he has been known
 13 to take great pride in doing his tasks as an
 14 operator on the Floating Crew. He goes above and
 15 beyond when he is asked to perform. He is always
 16 willing to help out a coworker whenever it's
 17 necessary. As Marcelo continues to work with the
 18 NBC, we are certain that he will be a great asset
 19 to the team at Bucklin Point. For his enthusiasm
 20 and pursuit of excellence, I am pleased to
 21 present Marcelo with a 2005 Operations Excellence
 22 Employee Award.
 23 (APPLAUSE)
 24 MR. PINAULT: Okay. We have two

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1 more. Bear with me a second. First of all, I'd
 2 be remiss if I didn't say this is probably one of
 3 the highlights of my year to recognize all of the
 4 outstanding work that's done by our staff. I
 5 generally am the one that you see and hear from,
 6 but back behind me are 248 professionals that do
 7 a great job day in and day out, so I think they
 8 all deserve a round of applause.
 9 (APPLAUSE)
 10 MR. PINAULT: The Employee of the
 11 Year. The Employee of the Year Award is
 12 presented to one Commission employee who has
 13 exhibited outstanding work performance, serving
 14 as a role model for others. The Employee of the
 15 Year for fiscal year 2005 is Sandra Brown,
 16 Pretreatment Clerk.
 17 (APPLAUSE)
 18 MR. PINAULT: Sandra was an
 19 Employee Excellence Award winner in 2000; but
 20 instead of resting on her laurels, she has
 21 continued to perform her job duties over the past
 22 five years at an excellent level. She does a
 23 stellar job for the Pretreatment Section, serving
 24 as a leader of the clerical staff, and taking the

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1 initiative to address problems and projects.
 2 Sandra always has a positive attitude toward her
 3 coworkers, position and the general public. Her
 4 managers and coworkers rely on her knowledge of
 5 her position and can be sure that she will always
 6 be willing to help other sections who are in
 7 need. She interacts well with Customer Service
 8 and often acts as a mediator between Customer
 9 Service and permitted users to resolve issues.
 10 Over the past year, Sandra willingly pitched
 11 in to help out to cover a vacancy in PP &R. She
 12 began to organize the filing system and assisted
 13 the Permit Section in issuing Sewer Connection
 14 Permits. She managed to ensure that her duties
 15 and responsibilities in the Pretreatment Section
 16 were completed during this time period as well.
 17 Sandra also assisted the Environmental
 18 Monitoring Section in formatting their Annual
 19 Report and helped the Pretreatment Manager in
 20 establishing protocols for the new electronic
 21 filing system. For Sandra's outstanding
 22 performance, I am pleased to present her with
 23 this year's award.
 24 (APPLAUSE)

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I MR. CHAIRMAN: Before we begin to
 2 recognize the Chairman's Awards, I think I speak
 3 on behalf of the entire Commission by stating we
 4 are so extremely proud on behalf of the men and
 5 women employed on the staff of the Narragansett
 6 Bay Commission. In terms of state government,
 7 this Commission is the Commission by which all
 8 other departments of state government are
 9 measured. They have yet to meet the standards.
 10 I just want to thank everyone affiliated, the
 11 Commissioners, employees, and staff for the
 12 wonderful job you do all year long. Thank you.
 13 (APPLAUSE)
 14 MR. CHAIRMAN: So it's with great
 15 pride and pleasure that I am able to present
 16 today the Chairman's Award. The Chairman's
 17 Award
 18 is the highest honor bestowed by the Commission.
 19 It is presented to one employee who has
 20 exemplified the highest performance standards,
 21 continuously going above and beyond the call of
 22 duty. The 2005 Chairman's Award is presented
 23 today to Cynthia Morissette, Public Affairs
 24 Specialist.
 (Applause)

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I MR. CHAIRMAN: Cynthia
 2 single-handedly coordinates the NBC's educational
 3 program titled, "What's in Your River?" To great
 4 success. In the past three years, she has
 5 provided over 3,000 local students from over 25
 6 schools with hands-on water quality education.
 7 Students and teachers alike very often offer
 8 unsolicited comments on how much they enjoy the
 9 program and Cynthia's easy and effective teaching
 10 style. Her independent study this year, WET
 II Project and WET WILD Workshops, taken on her
 11 own
 12 time, has yielded many enhancements to the
 13 existing curriculum; and we actually had to turn
 14 away schools because the program has become so
 15 popular.
 16 She has never been one to shy away from a
 17 challenge. Cynthia undertook and re-vamped the
 18 employee newsletter, Pipeline, and contributed an
 19 essay for the annual report.
 20 In addition, she has consistently involved
 21 herself in other public affairs activities.
 22 She's involved herself with the Business Expo,
 23 the Environmental Merit Awards Breakfast, and
 24 Clean Water Fair among others. She provides

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p> <p>1 much-needed and I should say much-appreciated 2 administrative backup when anyone in the 3 Executive Division is swamped with too many 4 other 5 duties and requirements which they have 6 throughout the course of the day. 7 Cynthia eagerly accepts new assignments, 8 notably the writing, designing, printing of the 9 external newsletter NBC News. Her graduate 10 classes in education provide even greater depth 11 to our educational programs and increase her 12 value to the NBC. 13 Outside of the office, Cynthia is a tireless 14 fund-raiser and advocate in the fight against 15 breast cancer and volunteers to bring 16 environmental education to inner-city 17 schoolchildren. In August, she walked 60 miles 18 and raised over \$2,000 for the Susan G. Komen 19 Breast Cancer Foundation; and just last week, she 20 walked on behalf of the Narragansett Bay 21 Commission in the American Cancer Society's 22 breast cancer walk. 23 Cynthia embraces the mission of the 24 Narragansett Bay Commission since her first day on the job. Her pursuit of excellence makes her</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>1 of rain, which was biblical in nature. From 2 October 7 to October 15, there was almost 3 constant rain. I guess we have over 12.11 inches 4 of rain for the month of October, and the month 5 isn't over. I guess it's the third wettest month 6 on record. Needless to say, that increased the 7 flows to our facilities. At Field's Point, we 8 normally handle 40 million gallons per day. Last 9 Saturday the 15th, we had 138 million gallons, 10 which was a record. Prior to that, the record 11 was 133 million. That's total flow for the day. 12 Every gallon of flow that came into the plant 13 received full and proper treatment and 14 disinfection for the discharge. 15 At Bucklin Point our capacity limitation 16 right now is 60 million gallons. We took in 60 17 million for treatment. Starting next week the 18 new facility at Bucklin Point wet weather, which 19 is six months ahead of schedule, will go on-line 20 and we'll be able to take in 116 million gallons 21 during wet weather. So unfortunately, we're six 22 months ahead, but the storm was ahead of us; and 23 in another week we would have been able to give 24 that a good test.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p> <p>1 a very deserving candidate of the Chairman's 2 Award, and I am so pleased today to bestow upon 3 her and on behalf of the Commission to Cynthia 4 the Chairman's Award this morning. 5 (APPLAUSE) 6 MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Thank 7 you all friends and family for attending today's 8 ceremony. It is with great pleasure that we are 9 happy to present today's awards. Okay. Moving 10 right along with the Commission business. Moving 11 along to Item No.5 which is the Executive 12 Director's Report. Why don't we just take a 13 moment to let the room clear. Okay. Back on Bay 14 Commission business. Next order of business is 15 Item No.5, the Executive Director's Report. Do 16 you have a report for us, Mr. Secretary? 17 MR. PINAULT: Yes, Mr. Chairman. 18 I'll be very brief. First of all, I want to make 19 sure everyone received a copy of the CSO video. 20 I had thought you had received it last time, but 21 a summer intern forgot to put them in the mail. 22 If you want additional copies, please see me 23 after the meeting. 24 As you all know, we had nine straight days</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p> <p>1 The problems that we did have were in the 2 sewer system where rivers overcame their banks, 3 you know, four or five feet of water from the 4 river getting into the sewer, which caused some 5 back up into people's homes, but their houses 6 were three feet under water to begin with. We 7 worked closely with the cities and towns in the 8 district. We had many people that worked around 9 the clock. All eight of our pumping stations 10 never lost power for any significant period of 11 time. If it did, the generators kicked in. 12 Lincoln Saylesville pumping station, I was telling 13 the Chairman yesterday, we had to get in there by 14 boat. The station is flood-proofed, the new 15 station. It's about five feet above grade, but 16 we had three or four feet of water, and we had 17 someone with our inflatable boat, an electrician 18 on-site around the clock monitoring the station 19 to make sure it stayed on-line. So hopefully, we 20 won't see that again in our lifetime; but the 21 bottom line is it worked well. 22 Unfortunately, Woonsocket's plant, you 23 probably read, was wiped out. It flooded out, 24 and they are trying to get it back on-line.</p>

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1 Upper Blackstone in Worcester had similar
 2 problems in other facilities; but overall, we
 3 weathered the storm. Just quickly, Bucklin Point
 4 next Monday we are planning to start up six
 5 months ahead of schedule the nutrient removal
 6 facilities, which we have had under construction
 7 for the last four years. So hopefully,
 8 everything will stay on schedule for next week;
 9 and at that point, essentially everything that we
 10 have been building for the last two years will be
 11 in operation.

12 Our treatment results are at the bottom of
 13 Page 2. We had excellent results for the month
 14 of September. On Page 8, financially with 25
 15 percent of the fiscal year having gone by, we're
 16 spending at a rate of 20.1 percent, which Karen
 17 reported to the Finance Committee, so we're doing
 18 well there. On Personnel we have 245 people on
 19 staff as of September 30.

20 The tunnel: Three weeks ago we had at the
 21 September meeting a graphic showing the tunnel
 22 construction. With about 16,100 feet of tunnel,
 23 we had 15,150 feet roughly in the ground. We've
 24 crossed Route 95 north of the mall, and we're

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1 actually under the Foundry as we speak, so we
 2 have about a thousand feet to go; and we think in
 3 the next five to six weeks, the machine will come
 4 out at the exit shaft on Calverly Street.

5 On Page 19, Tom did mention that we received
 6 the \$35,000 grant from the EPA to look at
 7 alternate energy sources and conservation best
 8 management practices. They will be working on
 9 that. Also, the monthly financials are attached
 10 and the project schedules. Overall, things are
 11 going well. The last surface contract in the CSO
 12 project is nearing completion on Charles Street.
 13 Commissioner Montanari will be happy to know
 14 that. We hope to be done by the end of November.
 15 Most of the pipe is in there, about 150 feet or
 16 so left; and they're wrapping that up, and then
 17 they'll be paving and bringing everything back to
 18 normal.

19 If anyone has any questions, again, there's
 20 a lot of information in there. This whole
 21 section on what's happening in Legal. We have
 22 the lien sale coming up in November. There's
 23 some minor litigation that's in there, and
 24 that starts on Page 20. Feel free to review that; and

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1 if you have any questions, give me a call.
 2 MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any
 3 questions of the Executive Director pursuant to
 4 his report this morning? Any questions of the
 5 Executive -- Commissioner Lazieh.
 6 MR. LAZIEH: Mr. Chairman, two
 7 questions. If we have any involvement in -- the
 8 Blackstone Valley Pawtucket Water Supply Board
 9 has put a mandatory notice of boiling water
 10 because of the heavy downfall of water. Is that
 11 a contributing factor because of the overflow of
 12 water in the area in the CSO? Are they able to
 13 handle it? Is that due to any cause of what has
 14 taken place with the Pawtucket water supply?
 15 MR. PINAUL T: To my knowledge,
 16 none of our issues with the sewer system have had
 17 an impact on their water supply. I think because
 18 of the 12 inches of rain with all of the run off
 19 bringing in a lot of silt and turbidity, it
 20 overwhelmed their water treatment plant. They're
 21 in the process of spending over 20 million,
 22 I believe, to put in a new plant. It's not built
 23 yet; and I think because everything was stirred
 24 up because of all the rain, they had trouble

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1 trying to process that; and disinfection is only
 2 effective or more effective when you have a clear
 3 effluent. When you have turbidity, it interferes
 4 with the disinfection process.
 5 So all I know is what I read in the
 6 newspaper; but I would assume even though they
 7 may not have high coliform levels, as a
 8 precaution, because it takes 24 hours to get
 9 those results, they put out an advisory for
 10 people to boil their water and play it safe. So
 11 I don't know any more than that, but there's
 12 nothing to my knowledge as a result or because of
 13 our system or problem.
 14 MR. LAZIEH: That's good to hear.
 15 The other question is regarding the resource
 16 recovery facility. There was an investigation
 17 that was taking place regarding outside ash that
 18 came in. I know we previously have brought our
 19 ash there for disposal. Where is our ash -- are
 20 we still incinerating our ash, or has the
 21 contract begun where an outside contractor is
 22 doing that?
 23 MR. PINAULT: Since we turned the
 24 incinerator on in 1989, our ash has been going to

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1 Resource Recovery. We get a reduced rate. Our
2 ash is not considered toxic or hazardous; and
3 because they reviewed it, what they recover, and
4 it stayed the same, we wound up getting a lower
5 tip fee versus a trash rate or what we pay for
6 grit and rags. I think the big issue is from
7 what I read in the paper, because A. It was
8 out-of-state waste. No.1: Coming from SE
9 Mass., I guess that's just north of the
10 Wareham- Rochester area.

11 No.2: The question is: Ash coming from a
12 solid waste incinerator is quite different than
13 ash coming from a sludge incinerator. The sludge
14 is fairly consistent in quality. We've done a
15 great job in pretreatment, getting out toxic.
16 When you're burning trash, anything can be in
17 there, batteries, light bulbs, things that have
18 lead, and other toxics; so I would assume some of
19 that could end up in the ash, therefore, making
20 it more of a problem to handle. All I know,
21 again, is on the news; but it has not affected
22 us. Our contractors -- we will be shutting our
23 incinerators down by December 1. That's our
24 agreement between them, and Synagro will be

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1 taking over sludge processing at Field's Point
2 like they did at Bucklin Point on January 1.

3 MR. LAZIEH: And they'll be
4 directly depositing the ash?

5 MR. PINAULT: There will be no
6 ash. Once we clean out our acetylene tanks, once
7 we shut the incinerators down, there will be no
8 more ash. What Synagro will do on the short
9 term, they will haul liquid sludge -- because
10 they're in the process of building a very
11 expansive brand new dewatering building on our
12 property.

13 Right now the foundations are in and the
14 structural steel, but the equipment and the
15 building is not ready; but contractually, they
16 have to take our sludge at 325 a dry ton
17 regardless; so in the short term, they'll take
18 liquid. Once that building is on-line, and it
19 could be as early next year the spring, then they
20 will start dewatering it on site themselves and
21 then hauling the cake off site for further
22 processing.

23 Under our agreement with Resource Recovery,
24 at least 50 percent of our sludge from both

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1 plants has to be recycled and reused, minimum of
2 50 percent. Right now they are hauling that up
3 to Maine, and a number of our staff went up to
4 Maine a few weeks ago to see the operation; and
5 they basically mix fly ash from coal power plant
6 boilers and lime and produce a loamy type
7 material, which can be sold and reused for, like,
8 plantable soil; and hopefully, OEM, after they
9 see what they are doing in Maine, will let them
10 build a similar facility here in Rhode Island;
11 but whether they do or not they are locked into
12 the contract that we have.

13 MR. LAZIEH: Thank you.

14 MR. CHAIRMAN: Further questions
15 regarding the Executive Director's Report?

16 MR. SALVADORE: I don't have a
17 question on the report; but, Paul, I think I can
18 speak for this Commission in saying that we are
19 certainly appreciative of what the staff did
20 during this very difficult time of 12-inch rain;
21 and I think we ought to send the thanks and the
22 appreciation of this Board to our staff. You
23 know, it was a herculean task, I mean, a hundred
24 some odd gallons of -- thousands of gallons of

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1 water. It's incredible that a facility that's
2 geared up to only handling 60 -- I don't know
3 how
4 you did it.

5 MR. LAZIEH: Mr. Chairman, if that
6 is a motion, I second it.

7 MR. SALVADORE: That is a motion.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a formal
9 motion to send the congratulations, thanks, and
10 appreciation to our staff and employees; and we
11 have a second by Commissioner Lazieh.

12 Discussion? Further comments? All those in
13 favor will say, "aye." Any opposed? None
14 opposed, and the motion carries. Thank you for
15 your comments. Other questions regarding the
16 Executive Director's Report? Hearing none,
17 we'll
18 move right along to other committees reporting.

19 Personnel Committee had two actions.

20 MR. PINAULT: You missed CEO.

21 MR. CHAIRMAN: John, I'm sorry.

22 MR. GIUSTI: Mr. Chairman, we had
23 two items for discussion, the Review and Approval
24 of Resolution 2005:28, Award of Contract 704C.,
Washington Highway and Omega Pond Pumping Station

8 (Pages 29 to 32)

I report.

2 MR. PINAULT: I gave you copies of
3 a memo from Richard Bernier and Ray Marshall
4 dated October 6, and this project's been in
5 planning and design for several years. It
6 includes actually two projects in one. Our
7 Washington Highway Pumping Station on Route 116
8 in Lincoln needs to be replaced. Then we'll
9 build a brand new station adjacent to the
10 existing station and then demolish the old
11 station.

12 At Omega Pond in East Providence, on the
13 south shore of Omega Pond behind the station, it 14 needs
to be rehabilitated, some new equipment;
15 and then we have to replace the force main which 16 runs
under the station through Omega Pond and up 17 through the
old -- was it a power plant that was
18 there -- Ocean State Power land. We've
19 coordinated that with the City of East
20 Providence. The Board approved acquisition of
21 easements through that property a while ago, and 22 we're
ready to take those as soon as we award the 23 contract.

24 We had three bidders. C.B. Utilities, who

35 1 Commissioner Perkins recuses himself from voting 2 on
Resolution 2005:28.

3 MR. GIUSTI: Mr. Chairman, Review
4 and Approval of Resolution 2005:29, Authority to 5
Amend Contract 204.17D to Provide Engineering 6
Services for Design of the New India Street
7 Siphon Inlet Housing and for repairs to the
8 Seawall; and again, Paul, your report.

9 MR. PINAULT: In your packet is a
10 memo dated October 3rd, but I just handed out II some
color photographs. Basically, the India
12 Street Siphon structure is located on the east
13 side of the Providence River just south of the
14 hurricane barrier right in the area where the
15 Route 195 relocation is occurring. We have two 16 pipes,
one that comes down the east side of the 17 Providence
River and the other comes down the 18 north side of the
Seekonk. They meet at this
19 structure, and then there's a 48-inch Siphon that 20 goes
under the Providence River and brings the 21 flow to the
west side of the Providence River
22 near the power plant.

23 This building is very old. It's in
24 disrepair. We hired Pare Engineering to do a

I has done work for us going back to 1983, was the
2 low bidder. There was quite a discrepancy
3 between the low bid and the second and third
4 bids. We checked with them, and they feel
5 confident they can do the work for the amount
6 they bid. We've also checked their references on
7 other pumping stations they've built recently in
8 Rhode Island and Connecticut and got a favorable
9 response from all of their references. They have
10 a bond, payment bond, performance bond, and
11 insurance requirements; so with that, we
12 recommend approval of Resolution 2005:28.

13 MR. GIUSTI: I'd like to make that
14 a motion, Mr. Chairman.

15 MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a motion to
16 approve Resolution 2005:28.

17 MR. ANDRADE: Second that.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a second by
19 Commissioner Andrade. Seconded also by
20 Commissioner Montanari. Further discussion?
21 Discussion on the motion? Hearing none, all of 22
those that are in favor will a say, "aye." Are
23 there any opposed? There are none opposed, and 24
the motion carries. Further report? I'm sorry.

1 study and come up with recommendations for
2 rehabbing it. As you can see, there are cracks
3 in the walls; and we need to put up some fencing.
4 Basically, we are going to knock it down and
5 rebuild it.

6 Also, the Seawall on the west side of the
7 property has been damaged over the years through
8 wave action, and that needs to be replaced or
9 repaired. Pare Engineering has given us a proposal
10 for \$55,000 to repair according to plans and specs.
11 We've reviewed it. We feel it's fair and reasonable,
12 and we recommend approval of Resolution
13 2005:29.

14 MR. GIUSTI: Mr. Chairman, I'd
15 like to make a motion in regards to 2005:29.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a motion.
17 Seconded by Commissioner MacQueen and
18 Commissioner Salvatore. You've heard the
19 explanation. I have photographs. Further
20 discussion on this motion? Further discussion?
21 Hearing none, all those that are in favor of passage
22 of Resolution 2005:29 will say, "aye." Are there
23 any opposed? There are none opposed, and the
24 motion carries. Do you have a further

1 report?
 2 MR. GIUSTI: That's the end of my
 3 report, Mr. Chairman.
 4 MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you very
 5 much. The next committee reporting is the Joint 6
 Long Range Planning and Finance Committee.
 7 Commissioner Andrade, do you have a report?
 8 MR. ANDRADE: We have no report
 9 this morning.
 10 MR. CHAIRMAN: Personnel Action?
 11 MR. ANDRADE: Oh, okay. We do
 12 have one item. We did not have a quorum, but 13
 there is a Personnel Action that needs approval 14 of
 the Board.
 15 MR. CHAIRMAN: There were two
 16 matters before the Personnel Committee. It was a 17
 reclassification of two existing positions as a
 18 result of the increase in permit applications as
 19 a result of our change of regulation mandates
 20 that all indirect tie-ins to the Commission need 21 to
 be permitted as well as direct tie-ins to the
 22 Commission.
 23 The Commission upgraded one position from a
 24 Grade 5 to a Grade 7, and one position from a

1 MR. PINAULT: No report.
 2 MR. CHAIRMAN: No report. Ad hoc
 3 Storm Water Rate Committee.
 4 MR. PERKINS: We are still waiting
 5 to hear from the Legal Department.
 6 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Citizens
 7 Advisory Committee. Harold, do you have a report 8 for
 us today?
 9 MR. GADON: A short report. We
 10 did not meet this month, but we will meet on
 11 November 9. Congratulations to NBC for a job 12 well
 done last week with no negative media or
 13 publicity as much I searched the newspapers.
 14 MR. CHAIRMAN: Harold, can I ask
 15 you and George to stand by after the meeting, so 16 I can
 chat with you both for a minute?
 17 MR. GADON: Sure.
 18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
 19 Executive Committee Report. The Executive
 20 Committee did not meet. The Chairman's Report -21 I'll
 be brief. The first thing I'd like to
 22 report is that we have scheduled our next Board 23
 meeting, which is on November 16th at the usual 24 time.

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 1 Grade 8 to a Grade 10. Am I correct on that?
 2 Yes, that's correct. The other action the
 3 Personnel Committee took was to downgrade the lab 4
 technician position from a Grade 7 to a Grade 5.
 5 Is that a motion?
 6 MR. ANDRADE: I'd like to move
 7 approval.
 8 MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a motion
 9 for approval.
 10 MR. LAZIEH: Second.
 11 MR. CHAIRMAN: Second by
 12 Commissioner Lazieh. Any discussion on that
 13 motion? Hearing none, all of those that are in
 14 favor will say, "aye." Are there any opposed?
 15 There are none opposed, and that motion carries. 16 Further
 report?
 17 MR. ANDRADE: No further report.
 18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Moving right
 19 along, the Personnel Committee met to disclose on 20 that
 action. Beyond that, there was no further
 21 report. Legislative Committee.
 22 MR. PINAULT: No report.
 23 MR. CHAIRMAN: There is no report.
 24 Rules and Regulations Committee.

1 One other matter, Commissioner Cruise is not
 2 here; but we want to activate the matter of
 3 unifying our campus. We've had several
 4 conversations about this at recent meetings,
 5 which is the acquiring of this public road here.
 6 Meeting with officials to see if something can be 7
 done with the Dog Pound; and as you probably
 8 noticed, maybe you haven't, the public way is
 9 closed here at the gate. You can't traverse
 10 through the roads; so several months ago, we
 11 started a discussion with the City of Providence 12
 about taking title to this public road, unifying
 13 our campus, probably improving the traffic
 14 patterns here in the park; so when Commissioner 15
 Cruise returns from -- where is he, Washington? 16 I'm
 going to ask him to get that committee
 17 activated again and begin the discussions of
 18 unifying the campus and making it much more
 19 efficient for us.
 20 Beyond that, the Chairman has no further
 21 report. Is there any other business to come
 22 before the Commission today? No other business? 23
 You all have your hats for the rainy weather. I 24 wish
 we would have had them for last week. Is

1 there any other business? No other business?
 2 Then we have adjournment is next on the agenda.
 3 Commissioner Salvadore and Commissioner Montanari
 4 move to adjourn. Seconded by the entire Commission.
 5 All in favor will say, "aye." Are
 6 there any opposed? There are none opposed, and
 7 the motion carries. Thank you very much.
 8 Meeting is adjourned.
 9 (MEETING CLOSED AT 11 :55 A.M.)

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