



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF:**

Meeting of:	Rules & Regulations Committee
Date:	November 15, 2006
Time:	9:45 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Vincent J. Mesolella, Chairman  
Paul Pinault  
Al Montanari  
Thomas Lazieh  
Leo Thompson

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Alan Nathan

**STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT**

Raymond Marshall, NBC  
Paul Nordstrom, NBC  
Thomas Uva, NBC  
John Zuba, NBC

Jean-Marie Grossi, NBC  
Richard Bernier, NBC  
Jill Colby, NBC

**1. Call to Order**

Recognizing a quorum, R&R Chair Lazieh called the November 15, 2006 Rules and Regulations Committee meeting to order at 9:52 a.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes – September 27, 2006**

R&R Chair Lazieh asked if all Committee members have had a chance to review the minutes of the September 27, 2006 Rules & Regulations Committee meeting. Commissioner Montanari motioned to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2006 Rules & Regulations Committee meeting as written. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion, and the vote taken by the Rules & Regulations Committee was unanimous. The motion carries.

**3. Items for Action:**

A. *Review and Approval of Resolution 2006:42, Approval of Amendments to NBC's Rules and Regulations for Use of Wastewater Facilities Within the Narragansett Bay Commission District*

Mr. Pinault called Jill Colby, our legal counsel, to the table to explain the status of amendments to the NBC's Wastewater Facilities Rules and Regulations and the proposed schedule for adopting the amendments.

Ms. Colby stated that at the September 27, 2006 Rules & Regulations Committee meeting, her colleague Jennifer Harrington came before the Committee and discussed the proposed revisions to NBC's Rules and Regulations for Use of Wastewater Treatment Facilities Within the Narragansett Bay Commission District.

Ms. Colby stated that the following list of highlights reflect the changes in the draft document of September 27, 2006:

- Definitions for Categorical Industrial User and Non-significant Categorical User were added.
- A verbiage change was made to the term Significant Non-Compliance. The change was based on a mandate by the US EPA.
- In Section 4.5, Sewer Alteration Permits, the word "road" was eliminated from the Regulation, so that it would be clear to all users that all types of construction projects would be subjected to the Rules and Regulations.
- In Section 4.8, Building Sewer Connection Permit Application, Items D and E were added to the Regulation to incorporate items necessary to more effectively process Sewer Connection Permits.
- In Section 4.11, Permit Conditions, several additions were made to make the Regulation easier to understand and incorporated items that are typically utilized in the Sewer Connection Permitting Process.
- The remaining four changes to the Regulations were "numbering" changes that were made to ensure the correct reference was in-place.

Ms. Colby noted that upon receiving the R&R Committee's approval to proceed with the above-referenced revisions on September 27, 2006, NBC's Legal Section placed an advertisement in the Providence Journal Bulletin on Thursday, September 28, 2006 notifying the public of NBC's intent to promulgate the Proposed Wastewater Rules and Regulations. She noted that in addition, the advertisement invited the public to comment in-person at a public hearing that was held on Monday, October 30, or by written comment by November 3, 2006. The NBC did not receive any comments or objections to the Proposed Rules and Regulations.

Ms. Colby stated that the Legal Section is now seeking final approval from the Rules & Regulations Committee and full Board in the form of Resolution 2006:42.

Mr. Pinault noted that these are fairly minor changes to NBC's Rules and Regulations of Wastewater Facilities within the Narragansett Bay Commission District, some of the revisions are minor housekeeping changes. He also noted that as Ms. Colby stated earlier, no one came to the

Public Hearing, NBC kept the record open, we received no comments, and the proposed amendments are non-controversial.

Mr. Pinault stated that if the R&R Committee and Board of Commissioners approve Resolution:2006:42, then the approved, revised document will be filed with the Secretary of State's Office and will go into effect twenty days later.

R&R Chair Lazieh asked when the last time was that NBC revised these particular Rules and Regulations. Ms. Colby stated that the last time revisions were made was in 2004.

With no further questions or comments, Commissioner Montanari motioned to approve Resolution 2006:42, Revisions to NBC's Rules and Regulations for Use of Wastewater Facilities within the NBC District. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion, and the vote taken by the Rules & Regulations Committee was unanimous. The motion carries.

**4. Other Business**

None to report.

**5. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Committee, Commissioner Thompson motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Montanari seconded the motion, and the vote taken by the Rules & Regulations Committee was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Paul Pinault, *Secretary*