

1 STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
2 NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION

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4 IN RE:
5 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

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8 DATE: JANUARY 23, 2008
9 TIME: 11:00 A.M.
10 PLACE: NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION
11 ONE SERVICE ROAD
12 PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02905

13 BEFORE: VINCENT MESOLELLA, CHAIRMAN
14 RAYMOND MARSHALL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
15 DR. RICHARD BURROUGHS
16 PATRICK CAINE
17 BRUCE CAMPBELL
18 DAVID CRUISE
19 MICHAEL DI CHIRO
20 JONATHAN FARNUM
21 LESLIE GRAY
22 JOSEPH KIMBALL
23 JOHN MACQUEEN
24 AL MONTANARI
25 ALAN NATHAN
ANGELO ROTELLA
MICHAEL SALVADORE
KRISTIN SULLIVAN
LEO THOMPSON
RICHARD WORRELL

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1 ALSO PRESENT:
2 TERRY COTE TOM BRUECKNER
3 PAUL NORDSTROM LAURIE HORRIDGE
4 JAMIE COOK JOANNE PARKER
5 REBECCA J. SONGOLO DEBORAH SAMSON
6 KERRY M. BRITT JOSEPH ROBERTS
7 JENNIFER HARRINGTON JASON GALEGO
8 NATHAN DEAN IAN JARDIN
9 NATHAN DAGGETT TRAVIS H. COSTA
10 KYLE GANNON STEVE WHITNEY
11 KATHRYN KELLY JAMES KELLY
12 JUNEL DECENA SANDRA M. BROWN
13 SELENA MARTINEZ ROSE GROF
14 DIANE BUERGER JOHN MOTTA
15 ABIGAIL SWEENEY BARBARA DOLAN
16 WILLIAM C. DOLAN COLLEEN FEENEY
17 LEAH FOSTER CECILLE ANTONELLI
18 BRENDA SMITH ANAMARIA CLARKIN
19 FRANCIE BROWN SHERRI ARNOLD
20 ROBERT WAITE MANNY CORREIA
21 PAUL DESROSIERS CHARISMA DASILVA
22 MICHAEL CAPIRCHIO DAVID BROUILLARD
23 ANDREW HALL JONATHAN CHAFFEE
24 KEVIN MCCABE JAROD W. DOYLE
25 ROBERT NORTON JOE MCCOOEY
RON GOODINSON ANTHONY DIORIO
SAL CAPARELLI RICK MELLO
MARK HEALY SARA NADEAU
MICHAEL SPRING DAVID NEGRI S
PATRICIA CHIellini FERN JOHNSON
DAN DOLAN ELIZABETH TEIXEIRA
CYNTHIA WALTERS KATIE ARCHAMBAULT
JIM MCCAUGHEY CARMINE GONECONTE
18 PETER TROMBETTI BRENDEN MCLEAN
WADE POOLER JIM GOLDEN
19 NORMAN RODOLEWICZ CURT TIETZ
MIKE CARUOLO WALTER PALM
20 RENEE IMS JOE LAPLANTE
JOHN SCHUPP JOE PRATT
21 CHRISTINE COMEAU RICH BERNIER
JAMIE SAMONS KAREN GIEBINK
22 TOM UVA JOANNE MACERONI
JOAN DUCKWORTH GLORIA BORINO
23 GEORGE REDMAN HAROLD GADON
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1 (COMMENCED AT 11:10 A.M.)

2 MR. CHAIRMAN: Good morning, everyone.

3 Happy New Year to everyone, and welcome to the first

4 meeting of the Narragansett Bay Commission for 2008.

5 We will call the first meeting of the Narragansett Bay

6 Commission to order at 11:10 after recognizing a

7 quorum. First order of business is approval of the

8 previous minutes. Have all our members had an

9 opportunity to review the previous minutes? And if

10 so, are there any comments, questions, or corrections

11 on the previous minutes? Comments, questions, or

12 corrections? Hearing none --

13 MR. ROTELLA: Motion to accept the

14 minutes.

15 MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a motion to

16 accept the previous minutes by Commissioner Rotella,

17 seconded by Commissioner Caine, Commissioner Campbell,

18 and Commissioner Montanari. Hearing no further

19 discussion, all of those that are in favor will say

20 aye.

21 (VOICE VOTE TAKEN)

22 MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any opposed?

23 There are none opposed, and the motion carries. Next

24 order of business is the Executive Director's report.

25 Do you have a report, Mr. Secretary?

1 MR. MARSHALL: Yes, I do,
2 Mr. Chairman.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: Proceed.

4 MR. MARSHALL: What I will do is I
5 will defer that report and move on to the next two
6 items, the employee awards and the 25-year service
7 pins.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Any objection to
9 deferring the Executive Director's report? Hearing
10 none, next order of business is the employee awards
11 for 2007. Employee awards, Excellence Awards are
12 presented to one employee in the Executive division,
13 two employees of Administration and Finance and
14 Planning divisions, and three employees in the
15 Operations/Engineering Division. These awards
16 distinguish those individuals who stand out among
17 their colleagues demonstrating excellence in their job
18 performance. These awards cover fiscal year 2007 from
19 July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. From the
20 Executive division, Laurie Horridge will present an
21 award to that person in the Executive. Laurie?

22 MS. HORRIDGE: Hi. I'm happy to
23 present this year's excellence award for the Executive
24 division to Jen Harrington of the Legal section. As
25 many of you know, each day NBC is faced with a myriad

1 of legal issues. Jen prosecutes environmental
2 infractions on behalf of NBC and defends NBC when
3 necessary. This year she was thrown into overseeing a
4 complicated lien sale process mid-sale, and despite
5 her lack of experience in the area, she rolled up her
6 sleeves, and she did the job very well. She engages
7 in countless document and contract reviews, advises on
8 all types of agency matters, including ethics and
9 communications. To most people the experience would
10 be mind-numbing, but to Jen, she manages to find and
11 create excitement in navigating it all. In addition
12 to her keen legal skills, she's also a consummate team
13 player and was incredibly valuable to the Executive
14 division following legislation at the State House
15 during the last legislative session, and finally,
16 she's just a lot of fun to have around.
17 Congratulations, Jen, and thanks for all your hard
18 work.

19 (APPLAUSE)

20 MR. CHAIRMAN: Do you want to take
21 pictures now? Jen, congratulations. Next presenting
22 is Karen Giebinck from Administration and Finance.
23 Karen?

24 MS. GIEBINK: Good morning. I'm
25 pleased to make the presentation this year for the

1 Administration and Finance division's excellence
2 awards to Kathy Smith and Israel Morales.

3 (APPLAUSE)

4 MS. GIEBINK: Israel and Kathy are the
5 senior database administrators in the IT department,
6 also known as the DBAs, and this past year has been
7 one of their busiest and most productive. They
8 successfully upgraded the Oracle database software and
9 completed the complex upgrade from Oracle E-business
10 Version 11.5.7 to 11.5.10.2. In addition to these two
11 huge projects, Israel and Kathy still found time to
12 work with the developers to migrate all of the SQL
13 databases to a new server. They maintained the Hanson
14 and pretreatment applications, and did major work on
15 the LIMS application, and ensured that NBC's disaster
16 recovery system was operational. It's probably
17 obvious that the DBAs are very busy, and there are not
18 enough hours in the workday to complete all of their
19 work. Fortunately, Israel and Kathy are willing to do
20 what it takes to get the job done. This includes
21 working nights and weekends to install Oracle patches,
22 monitor progress of the major upgrades, and
23 occasionally staying up into the wee hours to ensure
24 that business applications are available the next day.
25 Israel and Kathy are true team players, professionals,

1 and major assets to NBC.

2 (APPLAUSE)

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: Presenting for Policy
4 and Planning is Tom Uva.

5 MR. UVA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
6 am pleased to present the two Planning, Policy, and
7 Regulations excellence awards today. The first
8 recipient, Rosaleen Grof.

9 (APPLAUSE)

10 MR. UVA: Come on up, Rose. Rose is
11 an exceptional player on our pretreatment clerical
12 team, an outstanding team. They process probably the
13 majority of the paperwork that's generated here at the
14 Narragansett Bay Commission. Rose is responsible for
15 creating purchase orders for the section, and has
16 developed a system to track the purchase orders
17 dealing with vendors, essentially ensuring the best
18 bang for our buck here at the Narragansett Bay
19 Commission, saving us money. Rose has also regularly
20 assisted the executive office with paperwork
21 preparation for the monthly Board meetings. She's
22 always helpful, always has a positive attitude, always
23 greets you with a smile. Rose is a pleasure to work
24 with, and I'm pleased to recognize her with a PP&R
25 excellence award.

1 (APPLAUSE)

2 MR. UVA: The next PP&R excellence
3 award is going to James Kelly, III, assistant EMDA
4 manager. Jim took on the role of assistant
5 pretreatment manager [sic] in 2006 and has done an
6 outstanding job. Jim has many accomplishments since
7 he was hired here at the NBC. In his role as
8 assistant EMDA manager, he is responsible for ensuring
9 that the many complex and intricate details of our
10 RIPDES permits for both of our plants are met and that
11 the reporting is done in a timely manner. I need my
12 glasses. In his role as assistant EMDA manager he is
13 responsible for ensuring that the many RIPDES
14 requirements are satisfied each day, 365 days a year.
15 He spends countless hours each month working with the
16 laboratory and operations staff scheduling monitoring
17 activities to ensure that the DMR reports are promptly
18 completed and ready for my signature the 15th of every
19 month. Jim routinely works late nights and weekends
20 to get this all done. He's a real team player, a team
21 leader, and a role model for the entire department.
22 Congratulations, Jim.

23 (APPLAUSE)

24 MR. CHAIRMAN: On behalf of
25 operations, Paul Nordstrom will be making a

1 presentati on. Two?

2 MR. NORDSTROM: Yes.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: Two presentati ons.

4 MR. NORDSTROM: Actual ly, we have
5 three reci pi ents, but one coul dn' t be here today. The
6 first reci pi ent is Bi ll Dol an, an operator at Bucklin
7 Point wastewater treatment faci lity.

8 (APPLAUSE)

9 MR. NORDSTROM: Bi ll has been an
10 operator at Bucklin Point since 1990, working a
11 variety of shi fts. In fact, he worked 3:00 to 11:00
12 last night and still made it here today, and he's
13 experi enced many chal lenges at Bucklin Point,
14 i ncl udi ng i ssues wi th weather, constructi on, and
15 equi pment. Bi ll serves as an exampl e of what we al l
16 stri ve to achi eve. He is focused, dedi cated, and
17 provi des ongoing support i n areas not di rectly wi thi n
18 hi s di rect responsi bi liti es. Not onl y is he
19 techni cally accurate and operati onally astute, but he
20 is al so a warm and cari ng person. Hi s desi re to l earn
21 and to be a contributi or to the NBC's success is a
22 great tool for the enti re agency. Bi ll?

23 (APPLAUSE)

24 MR. CHAIRMAN: Congratul ati ons.

25 MR. NORDSTROM: The second reci pi ent

1 is Mike Caruolo from Interceptor Maintenance.

2 (APPLAUSE)

3 MR. NORDSTROM: Mike is a relative
4 newcomer, arriving at IM in 2006 as an engineer.
5 However, he's already proven to be dedicated, focused,
6 and accurate. He's prepared a thorough, detailed
7 description of NBC regulator structures, and his
8 regulator workbook has proven to help all employees,
9 new and old, better understand existing field
10 conditions. He's always willing to help out, no
11 matter how much is already on his plate. He's
12 provided much valuable input and insight into many
13 jobs that he's assisted with. We are thrilled that
14 Mike is part of the NBC team.

15 (APPLAUSE)

16 MR. NORDSTROM: The third recipient,
17 Mike Starnino, who actually got off work about 7:00
18 this morning and will be back in 3:00 p.m. today, so
19 we'll award it at a separate time. Okay.

20 MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Paul.

21 MR. NORDSTROM: Yes.

22 MR. CHAIRMAN: The next award is the
23 employee of the year, and that's given by the
24 Executive Director, Ray Marshall.

25 MR. MARSHALL: The employee of the

1 year award is presented to one employee who has
2 exhibited outstanding work performance and has served
3 as a role model to all his fellow employees, and for
4 2007, the winner of that award is Manny Correia.

5 (APPLAUSE)

6 MR. MARSHALL: Manny has worked for
7 24 years for the Narragansett Bay Commission, and has
8 extensive knowledge of the plant. He has already
9 forgotten more than most of us will ever know about
10 the facility. We appreciate his input on a day-to-day
11 basis. I especially appreciate his input every time I
12 walk across the street. He's never shy to offer
13 suggestions and observations, and that's what makes
14 him so valuable to not only us but to the entire
15 wastewater community. Manny, congratulations.

16 (APPLAUSE)

17 MR. CORREIA: Thank you.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: The next award is the
19 Chairman's award. Other than an award which is
20 offered by the Commission for exceptional individuals
21 upon occasion, and one which is open to nomination by
22 any member of the Board, the Chairman's award is the
23 highest honor bestowed upon an employee by the
24 Commission. It's presented to one employee who has
25 exemplified the highest performance and standards,

1 going above and beyond the call of duty. The 2007
2 Chairman's award is presented today to Carmine
3 Goneconte.

4 (APPLAUSE)

5 MR. CHAIRMAN: Should I take the mike
6 or can they hear me?

7 MS. SAMONS: You, they can hear.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Congratulations,
9 Carmine. I need to get a chair to stand up. Carmine
10 Goneconte started at the Narragansett Bay Commission
11 26 years ago as a bottle washer. He's come a bit of a
12 way since then. Now, for tens of thousands of
13 visitors who've toured at Field's Point over the past
14 15 years, Carmine is the face of the Narragansett Bay
15 Commission. His brilliant explanation of the
16 wastewater treatment process on countless visitor
17 tours means the people who visit here walk away with a
18 complete, comprehensive understanding of what the
19 Narragansett Bay Commission does and what the Bay
20 Commission is. Carmine is one of those rare
21 individuals -- his golf game is not that great. He's
22 not as good as he thinks he is, but he's good. He
23 lets the Chairman win whenever he plays with me, so
24 he's a very intelligent, very intelligent guy.

25 MR. SALVADORE: Smart player.

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Rotella
2 can attest that my game is not very good. If my game
3 is not good, you can imagine how good Carmine plays.
4 But I have to tell you, I wrote a script here, but I
5 don't really need to look at this to relate to all of
6 you and the employees how strongly I feel about what
7 Carmine means to the Narragansett Bay Commission. His
8 efforts on a daily basis have helped to meet the Bay
9 Commission's mission, to set the standard for water
10 quality, not only in Rhode Island, but nationwide. He
11 is respected nationwide. I like to think, not only
12 because of his size, that he is a standout. He is a
13 standout because he believes in what he does. He
14 accomplishes the mission. And I am proud as Chairman
15 on behalf of the Narragansett Bay Commission Board of
16 Commissioners to have him as our employee. Thank you,
17 Carmine, for all your efforts.

18 (APPLAUSE)

19 MR. MARSHALL: We have service pins
20 that we give to employees at the five, ten, 15, and
21 20-year point. I have distributed all the service
22 pins when I toured all the facilities in the last
23 couple of weeks. The ones we reserve for today so the
24 Board members have the opportunity to congratulate you
25 also are those individuals who have 25 years of

1 service, and the date that we used as a benchmark for
2 that was May 2, 2007, because we took over the plant
3 from the City on May 2, 1982. So as I call your name,
4 I'd like you to come up here and accept your 25-year
5 service pin. The first person is Al Andrade.

6 (APPLAUSE)

7 MR. CHAIRMAN: Congratulations. Thank
8 you for all your help.

9 MR. MARSHALL: David Favi no.

10 (APPLAUSE)

11 MR. MARSHALL: Dave works the 11:00 to
12 7:00 shift, so he's probably home sleeping. Carmine
13 Goneconte.

14 (APPLAUSE)

15 MR. MARSHALL: Pat Pestana.

16 (APPLAUSE)

17 MR. MARSHALL: Ralph Ruggi ano.

18 (APPLAUSE)

19 MR. MARSHALL: Tom Schi avi tti .

20 (APPLAUSE)

21 MR. MARSHALL: He wasn't able to be
22 here today. Peter Trombetti.

23 (APPLAUSE)

24 MR. MARSHALL: And Ed Vivei ros.

25 (APPLAUSE)

1 MR. MARSHALL: So now we'll have our
2 picture taken.

3 (APPLAUSE)

4 MR. MARSHALL: I'd just like to point
5 out to you, Commissioners, you now get to see some of
6 the faces that work every day out there in the plant
7 and out in the collection system as well as in this
8 building. The men and women that do a great job every
9 single day that make certainly my job and the other
10 directors' jobs a lot easier, and allows me to give
11 you the great report I am privileged to give every
12 single month. So for the men and women of the
13 Narragansett Bay Commission out there, thank you very
14 much for all your good work, and keep it up, and we'll
15 try to continue to recognize you the best we can as we
16 move down through the years. Thank you.

17 (APPLAUSE)

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: We'd like to announce
19 that Rafael, for friends and family, we're going to be
20 taking additional pictures right outside. So I invite
21 you to stay around and take some pictures. Are we
22 done? Oh, today it's not only employees that are
23 going to be receiving something. The Commissioners
24 work hard as well through the years, and you know,
25 especially on the occasion of the completion of the

1 tunnel, I thought it would be appropriate for us to
2 have a memento of that occasion to help us see the
3 light at the end of the tunnel. So in such case, we
4 have something for the Commissioners. Do you want to
5 just pass these out? In addition to that, we have one
6 of these mementos for Harold Gadon and George Redman
7 as well. Joe, I have yours. Since Joe -- we're going
8 to be passing them out. I'll give you yours. So I'm
9 going to open mine and you can see what they are, and
10 then you can avoid the unraveling of the paper.

11 MR. SALVADORE: I thought mine would
12 come in a flatter thing, like an envelope, a check.

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: Unlike Hasbro, I will
14 tell you that batteries are included. Narragansett
15 Bay Commission blue with insignia, with the name
16 engraved as well or laser engraved I guess. This will
17 help them find the light at the end of the tunnel,
18 obviously, to spotlight or do whatever. We thought it
19 was an appropriate presentation for the Commissioners.
20 I hope you enjoy them. Want to pass it around?

21 MS. SAMONS: You don't get the
22 batteries until the end of the meeting, because I
23 don't want you playing with them.

24 MR. CHAIRMAN: Where are we now?
25 Commissioner Rotella?

1 MR. ROTELLA: While the staff, some of
2 the staff is moving about, I want to just take a
3 moment to congratulate both you as Chairman, Ray, our
4 Executive Director, and the entire management staff.
5 I think ceremonies like these where we recognize our
6 staff are a great thing for the staff morale, and I
7 congratulate everybody on putting all the work it took
8 to put it together. It's obvious that we've got some
9 great employees here at the Narragansett Bay
10 Commission. You and I have served on this Board for
11 many, many years and are very, very well aware of
12 that, but I think the recognition of the excellence
13 that our Board can depend upon from our employees is
14 truly, duly of note, and I'm very, very glad and happy
15 to attend these type of ceremonies. I really give you
16 guys a lot of credit when you get together.

17 MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Commissioner
18 Rotella. I appreciate you saying that. You know, I
19 can go down the list of, especially some of the
20 quasi-public agencies, who have taken note of some of
21 the practices of the Narragansett Bay Commission, many
22 of them who have adopted the processes that we have in
23 place, and I think that not often enough staff and
24 employees are not recognized for the fine work that
25 they do, and this is always, you know, the best part

1 of the job, having an opportunity to recognize those
2 that make this Commission what it is, and I'm proud to
3 participate, happy to participate in these kind of
4 events. So having said that, are we prepared to move
5 right along to the agenda? Okay. Next, Director, are
6 you prepared for your report now?

7 MR. MARSHALL: I'm going to waive my
8 report, Mr. Chairman. I just want to say that it is
9 up on the web site. We also gave you a hard copy of
10 it. I'm changing the format of it a little bit,
11 trying to make it a little easier to read, give you a
12 table of contents, et cetera. It's a work in
13 progress, so bear with me if it's a little hard to
14 follow in the beginning. I hope by next month we'll
15 have even a better version. That's all I have.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any
17 objections to Executive Director Marshall waiving his
18 report for this month's meeting? Okay. Moving right
19 along, next order of business are committee reports
20 and action items resulting. The first committee
21 reporting is the Joint Long-Range Planning and Finance
22 Committees. Commissioner Andrade was not available
23 today, so the Chair chaired both meetings. First
24 order of business --

25 MR. SALVADORE: Mr. Chairman?

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Salvatore?

2 MR. SALVADORE: I don't know if it's
3 appropriate or not, but before you get into Item A,
4 I'd like to refresh everyone's memory regarding a
5 motion that I made at the Long-Range Planning and
6 Finance Committee earlier this morning that has to do
7 with a request made by the Save the Bay group for
8 \$5,000. My motion was that their request should be
9 tabled, and it should be sent to committee for study.
10 I'd like to withdraw that motion, Mr. Chairman, and
11 ask that the Board of Commissioners reconsider the
12 Save the Bay's adjusted request for \$3,500 as of this
13 date.

14 MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Commissioner
15 Salvatore. There is a motion to reconsider a previous
16 motion made on Resolution 2008:01. Is there a second?

17 MR. ROTELLA: Second.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Farnum,
19 Commissioner Gray, Commissioner Rotella -- did you get
20 that -- second the motion. In such case, first item
21 for consideration is Item A, review and approval of
22 Resolution 2008:01, environmental enforcement fund
23 request from Save the Bay for support of a storm drain
24 marking program. Save the Bay has made a request of
25 the environmental enforcement fund for \$3,500. There

1 was significant discussion on it. We have a motion to
2 approve Resolution 2001 from -- is it Commissioner
3 Nathan or is it Commissioner Salvadore? Commissioner
4 Salvadore, seconded by Commissioner Nathan, in the
5 amount of \$3,500. Is there discussion on the motion?
6 Further discussion on the use of environmental
7 enforcement funds, Resolution 2008:01? Hearing none,
8 all of those that are in favor will say aye.

9 (VOICE VOTE TAKEN)

10 MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any opposed?
11 There are none opposed, and the motion carries.
12 Second order of business is review and approval of
13 Resolution 2008:02, which is also use of environmental
14 enforcement funds for rain barrel distribution for NBC
15 rate payers. This is -- I think all the Commissioners
16 are familiar with the program Jamie has been promoting
17 for water conservation. And is there a motion to
18 approve Resolution 2008:02? Commissioner Farnum moves
19 approval, seconded by Commissioner MacQueen and
20 Commissioner Thompson. Further discussion? Hearing
21 none, all of those that are in favor will say aye.

22 (VOICE VOTE TAKEN)

23 MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any opposed?
24 There are none opposed, and the motion carries. There
25 was no other business to come before the Joint

1 Committee. Next committee reporting is the
2 Construction, Engineering, and Operations Committee.
3 Commissioner Salvadore, do you have a report?

4 MR. SALVADORE: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

5 MR. CHAIRMAN: Proceed.

6 MR. SALVADORE: We met earlier this
7 morning. We have four items for the consideration of
8 the Board of Commissioners. The first item is review
9 and approval of Resolution 2008:03, award of contract
10 304.17, Resident Services, construction-related
11 service for Gate House, India Street, and we recommend
12 approval, Mr. Chairman.

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a motion to
14 approve contract award 304.17 RS Engineering,
15 construction-related services, Gate House on India
16 Street. Ray, do you care to expand on the resolution?

17 MR. MARSHALL: This is the facility
18 that is located just south of the hurricane barrier on
19 the east side of the Providence River. Pare
20 Engineering has done the planning design, and now we
21 want to retain their services for construction advice,
22 which will include shop drawing review and
23 construction support during the construction of the
24 facility. The project is about to be advertised and
25 bid, and we anticipate the cost will be somewhere in

1 the order of \$674,000. The negotiated ceiling for
2 Pare's contract is \$48,500.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a motion, and
4 we have a second. Is there further discussion on
5 Resolution 2008:03? Further discussion? Hearing
6 none, all of those that are in favor will say aye.

7 (VOICE VOTE TAKEN)

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any opposed?
9 There are none opposed, and the motion carries.
10 Further business, Commissioner?

11 MR. SALVADORE: We have Item B, review
12 and approval of Resolution 2008:04, authorization to
13 acquire permanent easements for Contract 304.7, the
14 Concord Street interceptor replacement, and we
15 recommend approval, Mr. Chairman.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a motion to
17 approve 2008:04. Is there a second? Second,
18 Commissioner Caine. Discussion? Ray, can you give a
19 brief explanation to the Board.

20 MR. MARSHALL: This is a project that
21 we actually completed a couple of years ago. It's on
22 Concord Street in Pawtucket, runs just west of and
23 parallel to Route 95, just up near the Colfax plant.
24 We had a project that was 2,235 feet in length. We
25 originally were going to line a large portion of that.

1 We found the pipe to be too far deteriorated and
2 decided to replace it in kind, so we built a parallel
3 sewer next to the existing one. We had to keep the
4 old one in place while we were doing the construction,
5 and it required us to take this easement that we're
6 requesting your approval on now. For compensation,
7 the City of Pawtucket will get \$7,000, \$7,043, and a
8 private company, Storage Acquisition, will receive
9 \$1,964. So that's to compensate them for the easement
10 that we had to take to build a new sewer as opposed to
11 lining the old sewer.

12 MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a motion and a
13 second to approve Resolution 2008:04. Is there
14 further discussion? Further discussion on Resolution
15 04? Hearing none, all of those that are in favor will
16 say aye.

17 (VOICE VOTE TAKEN)

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any opposed?
19 There are none opposed, and the motion carries.
20 Further business, Commissioner Salvatore?

21 MR. SALVADORE: Item 3 or C, review
22 approval of Resolution 2008:05, authority to enter
23 into a contract amendment to add a
24 reliability-centered maintenance workshop to Contract
25 115.00 D, and we recommend approval.

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: I have a motion for
2 Resol uti on 05. Is there a second? Commi ssi oner
3 Cai ne, Commi ssi oner Thompson, Commi ssi oner Farnum.

4 MR. MARSHALL: Thi s project i nvol ves,
5 i n addi ti on to the asset management program which
6 we've had underway for a couple of years, the program
7 i s really devel opi ng ni cely, and as we i denti fy
8 addi ti onal features which we thi nk wi ll enhance i t
9 even further, we try to move forward on those. The
10 RCM workshop that we ran for the Fi eld' s Poi nt
11 faci li ty and staff worked out very well, and to the
12 poi nt that Paul Nordstrom would now l i ke to do an
13 addi ti onal one for the -- excuse me -- for the Buckl i n
14 Poi nt -- for the Buckl i n Poi nt staff, and that wi ll
15 cost us about \$20,000, but i s well worth the
16 i nvestment. Paul can expand upon exactly what i t
17 i nvol ves i f you care to hear i t. I f not, we request
18 your approval i n 2008:05.

19 MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a motion and a
20 second on Resol uti on 05. Are there Commi ssi oners
21 i nterested i n hearing -- Commi ssi oner Worrell, are you
22 i nterested --

23 MR. WORRELL: No. I was going to move
24 i t.

25 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Commi ssi oner

1 Worrell seconds the motion. Are there any other
2 Commissioners interested in hearing what goes on in a
3 workshop? I didn't think so. Is there further
4 discussion on Resolution 05? Hearing none, all of
5 those that are in favor will say aye.

6 (VOICE VOTE TAKEN)

7 MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any opposed?
8 There are none opposed. That motion carries. Further
9 business, Commissioner Salvadore?

10 MR. SALVADORE: Item D, and it's our
11 last item, is review and approval of Resolution
12 2008:06, authorization to enter into an agreement for
13 Contract 08.809P with Camp, Dresser, and McKee to
14 provide professional engineering services for
15 preparation of a facilities plan amendment for
16 nitrogen removal and other improvements at the Bucklin
17 Point wastewater treatment facility. We recommend
18 approval of that item, Mr. Chairman.

19 MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a motion for
20 Resolution 06. Seconded by Commissioner Caine,
21 Commissioner Nathan. Explanation?

22 MR. MARSHALL: Yes, Mr. Chairman. At
23 Bucklin Point, as you know, we have upgraded the plant
24 there to remove nitrogen down to eight parts per
25 million. DEM wants us to go down five parts per

1 million. We have studied the existing plant. We've
2 determined that we can't do it with the facilities
3 that we currently have. We can get close, but not
4 good enough for DEM. So we now need to move to a new
5 phase and a new contract, and this resolution is to
6 approve the hiring of CDM to do the facilities
7 planning, and if they successfully complete that,
8 we're happy with their services, to move on to
9 additional phases of the project, which we'll come
10 back to you with, amendments to the contract, but for
11 this particular piece, we're asking for approval for
12 costs not to exceed \$154,000. We did go back out to
13 RFQP on this contract rather than just continue with
14 CDM, because we felt it was a new project. We were
15 starting from the ground up, and we wanted to make
16 sure that there was fair and open competition for the
17 work. We've had it in internal committee. Paul
18 Nordstrom, Tom Brueckner, and Terry Cote reviewed all
19 the proposals and made this recommendation through me
20 to you. So we request your approval of Resolution
21 2008:06.

22 MR. CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Salvadore,
23 did you move approval of the Resolution 06? Did you
24 move approval already? I think you did.

25 MR. SALVADORE: I moved approval, yes.

1 MR. COMMISSIONER: Was there a second?
2 Was that Commissioner Caine? Commissioner Caine, did
3 you second that?

4 MR. CAINE: I did.

5 MR. CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Worrell,
6 did you second that as well?

7 MR. WORRELL: No, but I will.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Commissioner
9 Worrell. Is there further discussion on Resolution
10 06? Further discussion? Hearing none, all of those
11 that are in favor will say aye.

12 (VOICE VOTE TAKEN)

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any opposed?
14 There are none opposed, and that motion carries. I
15 believe that concludes your report?

16 MR. SALVADORE: That concludes my
17 report for Wednesday, January 23, Mr. Chairman.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.
19 Okay. Moving right along, the next committee
20 reporting is the Personnel Committee. Commissioner
21 Campbell?

22 MR. CAMPBELL: The Personnel Committee
23 met, and we approved four changes for amendments to
24 the organizational plan. Do they have to be approved
25 by the full Board?

1 MR. MARSHALL: No.

2 MR. CHAIRMAN: The next committee
3 would be the Legislative Committee. We don't have
4 one, but Joanne, is there anything? We know the
5 legislative session has begun.

6 MS. MACERONI: Yes. And I'm starting
7 to -- I'm reviewing legislation as it's introduced.
8 Thus far there have only been maybe about 140 Senate
9 bills, 140 or 50 House bills, and as you know, that
10 usually progresses to a total of 3,000 by the end of
11 the year. So it's just getting started, and as of now
12 there is nothing that so far has proved to be a
13 problem to the NBC.

14 MR. CHAIRMAN: I'm sure you'll keep us
15 apprised.

16 MS. MACERONI: I will. I'd be happy
17 to, Mr. Chairman.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: The next committee is
19 our Rules and Regulations Committee. I don't believe
20 they met. Long-Range Planning was part of the Finance
21 Committee. We're going to be scheduling -- ask the
22 Chairman to schedule a meeting sometime in the month
23 of February to review our long-range plan, including
24 capital improvements at our facility. Next committee
25 reporting is the Citizens Advisory Committee.

1 MR. GADON: The CAC meeting was held
2 on January 16. Tony Ferri, a CAC member, notified us
3 by E-mail that the company which employed him, Bungee
4 Corp., is closing and leaving Rhode Island. They were
5 an NBC-monitored company. They were formerly known as
6 Colfax. The closing of this company does affect the
7 revenues to NBC as another company involved in
8 manufacturing closes. We did discuss the letter to
9 the editor criticizing NBC by Mr. Kenneth Berwick. We
10 were informed that NBC responded by inviting
11 Mr. Berwick to visit NBC, and he has not accepted that
12 invitation, nor have we seen Executive Director Ray
13 Marshall's letter to the editor as yet published.
14 Jamie delivered the December monthly report, which
15 included total nitrogen over which NBC recently
16 concluded an agreement with DEM on which the limits to
17 be achieved were shown. October 2008 is the scheduled
18 opening of the use of the wet water tunnel. Since the
19 CAC is allowed two members on the Long-Range Planning
20 Committee, which is scheduled to become more active,
21 it was announced that I, in addition to George Redman,
22 would be attending those meetings. Once again,
23 congratulate the Chairman on keeping the meeting right
24 on time in spite of everything that went on, and
25 George and I thank you for the gift to light our way

1 as we follow our path.

2 MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Harold.
3 Next committee reporting is the Executive Committee.
4 Executive Committee did not meet this month. The next
5 committee is the Ad Hoc Committee on Compensation.
6 We're going to be scheduling a meeting, Commissioner
7 Kimball, on that. The Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics did
8 not meet. However, in advancing the discussion
9 regarding the question that got -- Commissioner Gray
10 raised, we did manage to generate a vendor list, and
11 here it is. It has not been transmitted -- I don't
12 believe it has yet, right?

13 MR. MARSHALL: No.

14 MR. CHAIRMAN: It has not been
15 transmitted to your computer, but we did generate a
16 vendor list for all of the Commissioners. It's quite
17 lengthy. I only have one hard copy. We can pass it
18 around, just so you can see. I don't know when we're
19 going to be prepared to transmit it to you
20 electronically. Any of the members of the Commission
21 who wish to have a hard copy are certainly welcome to
22 it, and we'll transmit that post haste. If you -- how
23 long? You don't know when?

24 MR. MARSHALL: I don't know how long
25 it will take to put it up on the site. I don't think

1 too long, but in the meantime if you would like a hard
2 copy, send an E-mail to Joanne, because I think she
3 E-mailed all of you fairly recently about the Board
4 meetings and committee meetings, so you could easily
5 just hit a reply to her, say please send me a copy of
6 the vendor list. We'll get one right out to you. We
7 will also notify you when the list is actually
8 available electronically on the Board's site, so --
9 but it shouldn't be too long.

10 MR. CHAIRMAN: I think it's important
11 to get onto the site. This way you can compare very
12 readily any matter that comes up for consideration by
13 the Board, a financial matter that comes up for
14 consideration by the Board. You know, you'll be able
15 to get your vendor list right online and make a
16 determination as to whether or not any conflicts
17 exist, and we think it's another step forward in
18 trying to resolve any potential conflict issues.

19 MR. CAINE: Any confidentiality issues
20 or requirements for that? I assume not. Everything
21 is public that we do.

22 MR. CHAIRMAN: Public information.

23 MR. CAINE: Just making sure.

24 MR. CHAIRMAN: No meeting has taken
25 place on the Ad Hoc Paperless Board Committee. I

1 think we're --

2 MR. ROTELLA: I want to, if I could,
3 Mr. Chairman, just get some -- we've had the computers
4 now for a couple months, and obviously the staff has
5 done a lot of work in putting this whole process
6 together. I think it's moving along rather well. I
7 see a lot of Commissioners using it here at the Board
8 meetings. Thoughts? Comments? Can we make it
9 better? Is it a good idea? Is it working? Is it
10 not? Anybody?

11 MR. GRAY: Great idea.

12 MR. THOMPSON: Terrific.

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: It's good to see a
14 little less reliance on the documents, so I think it's
15 working out well, and I think it was a good decision
16 on behalf of the Board to move in this direction.

17 MR. GRAY: Is there a way that you'd
18 like us just to inform the staff that we're happy not
19 to get the paper mailed to us anymore?

20 MR. CHAIRMAN: That would be great.

21 MR. NATHAN: Me, too. I don't want
22 the paper.

23 MR. CHAIRMAN: I think we need to set
24 a target date for those who unequivocally just want to
25 have a package sent, and we'll do that, and then

1 hopefully, maybe by June or -- those who -- by June, I
2 think hopefully we'll be there, and those who want to
3 continue receiving a package, we can do that as well.

4 MR. GRAY: One comment. When you
5 would normally send it out, send us an E-mail that
6 it's online.

7 MS. MACERONI: That it's online, yes.

8 MR. ROTELLA: That's a good thing.

9 MR. CHAIRMAN: I think training is
10 certainly available at any time. Who are we notifying
11 for training?

12 MR. MARSHALL: I think they're
13 notifying IT directly. Is that correct, Deb?

14 MS. SAMSON: I think Joanne was --

15 MR. CHAIRMAN: I saw an E-mail go
16 through recently with someone's name on it from IT
17 that we called for training.

18 MS. MACERONI: Deb Samson would be --

19 MR. CHAIRMAN: That's it.

20 MR. MARSHALL: If you need anything,
21 let us know. If you want to come in, they can spend a
22 half hour, an hour, whatever you have at your
23 convenience, and we'll just try to keep working on
24 this to make it easier and easier, and we'll keep
25 adding more to the site. In other words, if we have

1 some photos of some construction activity that we
2 think you'd be interested in, we might start putting
3 those up there for you. So this is evolving, and
4 hopefully it will just keep you better informed.

5 MR. GRAY: I have one question. I
6 know in October when the tunnel gets flooded, it's
7 probably the last time any human will be able to look
8 at it. Do you have any public thing planned where the
9 public will be able to see the finished product before
10 it's covered in our product?

11 MR. CHAIRMAN: You know, I asked the
12 same question. I don't know. I mean, what -- if
13 we're going to do that, I think it's something we're
14 going to have to plan very carefully, because --

15 MS. SAMONS: We do have an event
16 planned for the inauguration of the tunnel. It's
17 really not feasible for anyone to get down in it.
18 Rich and his crew were out there last week, and
19 there's no longer any electricity or any fresh air
20 down in the tunnel itself, so I mean, the flashlight
21 would come in really handy down there, but I don't
22 know of too many --

23 MR. GRAY: So there's no way to do
24 anything for the public.

25 MS. SAMONS: You know, I mean,

1 that's -- we weren't really generally letting the
2 public down in the tunnel anyway because of the
3 liability issue, but we do plan on having a public
4 event to mark the --

5 MR. CHAIRMAN: Ray was just saying we
6 might be able to get into the pump station.

7 MS. SAMONS: The pump station.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: We can get into the
9 pump station, right?

10 MS. SAMONS: Well, if you're nice to
11 Rich.

12 MR. MARSHALL: I'm sure we can talk
13 Rich into it. An event that will allow the public to
14 at least see the tunnel pump station, maybe go down
15 into the pump room, things of that nature. The
16 elevator will be working at that time. And we can run
17 some tours along those lines. It may take a while to
18 get people in and out, but we won't be loading anybody
19 in man cages and lowering them down in a crane. They
20 had an extensive safety program that they had to go
21 through to walk the tunnel last week, the entire three
22 miles of it, just to do a routine inspection. So it
23 won't be possible to get people into that part of
24 project, but certainly into the pump station itself
25 is -- and if you want to walk down the stairs and back

1 up, there's really no restriction.

2 MR. CHAIRMAN: How many of our
3 Commissioners have actually been down in the pump
4 station or who hasn't been? I can tell you, just to
5 go into the pump station is quite an event, and if we
6 can work that out, we're in the planning stages now,
7 because I know it's just, you know, coordinating it,
8 it's going to be a bear, but I would highly recommend
9 it if you can, if you're not claustrophobic, and I am,
10 but I did it, and you don't feel claustrophobic at
11 all. I recommend that. It's quite an event for you.
12 So let's see if we can get that in the plan. Okay.
13 Next report, Chairman's report. A couple of things
14 I've already covered, which are asking the chairman of
15 the Compensation Committee and Long-Range Planning to
16 schedule meetings prior to next month's meeting. I
17 would like to report that -- you may recall back in --
18 actually, it's 2004 now. We made some changes in an
19 attempt to bring more parity between our non-Union
20 employees and our Union employees with regard to their
21 pension program, and we -- that program took effect on
22 February of '05, correct?

23 MR. MARSHALL: Yes. That's correct.

24 MR. CHAIRMAN: We did institute a new
25 pension program in February of '05, but the matter

1 I lingered on at the Public Utilities Commission since
2 2004. I'm happy to report to you today that this
3 month, this month in 2008, we received a report to
4 which you are all entitled if you care to read it, a
5 report from the Public Utilities Commission suggesting
6 that the Narragansett Bay Commission is within its
7 rights and has full authority to implement changes
8 with regard to pension benefits for its employees.
9 It's kind of a lengthy report. A couple of comments I
10 think are editorial comments by some of the
11 commissioners, which we expected, but nonetheless, the
12 findings were positive, and this report will be
13 available to you upon request. It's -- how many pages
14 is it? It's 27 pages of the Public Utilities
15 Commission's findings, going back in 2004. I don't
16 know. Is that possible?

17 MR. MARSHALL: Sure.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Maybe we can get this,
19 when we're doing the vendor list, maybe we can get
20 this online. Can we do that? Great. Then let's do
21 that. Let's transmit this electronically to all the
22 members so it will be available to them on their
23 computer, and if you wish a hard copy, we will make
24 that available to you as well. Okay. That concludes
25 the Chairman's report. The next scheduled Commission

1 meeting is --

2 MR. MARSHALL: March 5.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: March 5. So having
4 said that, I think the desk and my computer went
5 blank. I think the next order of business is new
6 business. Is there any new business to come before
7 the Commission? New business before the Commission?
8 Other business of any kind? Do any of the members
9 have any other business they care to discuss? Hearing
10 none -- Commissioner Rotella, motion to adjourn?
11 Motion to adjourn, but before I do that --

12 MR. REDMAN: Did you see that piece
13 on the History Channel about recycling the sludge?

14 MR. CHAIRMAN: I personally did not.
15 Did any of the other Commissioners see it on the
16 History Channel about recycling?

17 MR. REDMAN: It's a terrific piece.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Will it air again?

19 MR. REDMAN: Hopefully we can see it
20 again. The thing is they use it for golf courses,
21 they use it for agriculture. They use it for
22 everything.

23 MR. MARSHALL: I did not see that
24 piece, but I'd be very interested in seeing it, but
25 one thing I'd like to point out to the Board, the

1 contract that you approved several years ago that we
2 have with Synagro -- they process all our biosolids
3 from both Field's Point and Bucklin Point. Part of
4 that contract required them to recycle or reuse
5 50 percent of the biosolids that we generate within
6 the first couple of years of operation. It's going to
7 take them a while to reach that point, and for 2007,
8 they have met that goal. What the product is being
9 used for is it's being taken to Maine. It's being
10 blended with other materials, and it's being used as
11 an agricultural soil amendment in the State of Maine
12 primarily, although they do have other markets, but
13 apparently, they have a very enlightened program up
14 there. They monitor it very closely, and it's been a
15 huge success in the State of Maine. It would be great
16 if we could get something going like that here in
17 Rhode Island. We just need the cooperation of the
18 regulatory people, but we have achieved the goal of 50
19 percent recycle of our biosolids, and that's something
20 that most agencies cannot point to.

21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Are all the
22 Commissioners familiar with that process we went
23 through? How many years ago was that?

24 MR. MARSHALL: Actually, we started in
25 June of 1998. We signed the agreement in May of 2004,

1 I believe. And the first full year was 2006. They
2 were just short of the recycle goal in that year, and
3 in 2007, the second full year, they met the goal of
4 50 percent recycling.

5 MR. CHAIRMAN: And not only are we
6 meeting the goals, but in the process we've saved a
7 lot of money for the Narragansett Bay Commission, and
8 we've saved the rate payers a lot of money as well.

9 MR. GRAY: Ray, roughly how many tons
10 a year of that solid do we produce?

11 MR. MARSHALL: Dry tons, we probably
12 generate 40 dry tons per day total approximately, so
13 40 times 365. It's a lot of material.

14 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Other business?
15 We've moved on to adjournment. George, I'd like to
16 welcome you back. It's nice to see you.

17 MR. REDMAN: Thank you.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Rotella
19 did move to adjourn. I think there was a second by
20 the entire Board. All those in favor will say aye.

21 (VOICE VOTE TAKEN)

22 MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any opposed?
23 There are none opposed, and the motion carries. The
24 meeting is adjourned. Do not forget your batteries.

25 (CLOSED AT 12:01 P.M.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Carole J. Ogden, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, accurate, and complete transcript of my notes taken at the above-entitled meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 28th day of January, 2008.

CAROLE J. OGDEN, RPR, NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission expires 10/4/08.