

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

3 In Re: Monthly Board Meeting of the Commission

4 DATE: March 6, 2012
5 TIME: 11:00 a.m.
6 PLACE: Narragansett Bay Commission
Corporate Office Building
One Service Road
Providence, RI 02905

7 PRESENT:

- 8 Vincent Mesolella, Chairman
- Raymond Marshall, Secretary–Executive Director
- 9 Angelo S. Rotella, Vice Chairman
- Robert Andrade, Treasurer
- 10 Joseph DeAngelis, Esquire
- Richard Burroughs
- 11 Bruce Campbell
- Mario Carlino
- 12 Michael DiChiro
- Jonathan K. Farnum
- 13 Ronald Leone
- Joseph Kimball
- 14 John MacQueen
- Joan P. Milas
- 15 Alan Nathan
- Michael Salvadore
- 16 Leo Thompson
- Richard Worrell
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18 ALSO PRESENT:

- 19 Sherri Arnold, NBC
- Lawrence Banek, NBC
- 20 Rich Bernier, NBC
- Eric Bogosian, NBC
- 21 David Brouillard, NBC
- Gary Cook, NBC
- 22 Manny Corriea, Jr., NBC
- Stephen Cote, NBC
- 23 Joe Crosby, NBC
- Greg DaCruz, NBC
- 24 George Dolan, NBC
- Charles Donovan, House Oversight

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1 ALSO PRESENT, cont.

- 2 Jack Fascitelli, NBC
Linda George, Senate Policy
- 3 Karen Giebink, NBC
Jennifer Harrington, NBC
- 4 Laurie Horridge, NBC
Brian Lalli, NBC
- 5 Joe LaPlante, NBC
Anthony Lena, NBC
- 6 Joanne Maceroni, NBC
William McBorrough, NBC
- 7 Richard Mello, NBC
Al Montijo Jr., NBC
- 8 Steven Morelli, Jr., NBC
Karen Musumeci, NBC
- 9 Paul Nordstrom, NBC
Joe Pratt, Louis Berger Group
- 10 Jimmy Proulx, NBC
Michael Salvatore, NBC
- 11 Deborah Samson, NBC
John Schupp, NBC
- 12 Ansumana Sirleaf, NBC
Eugene Sorkin, NBC
- 13 Michael Spring, NBC
Thomas Uva, NBC
- 14 Michael Wolfe, NBC
John Zuba, NBC

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1 (MONTHLY BOARD MEETING COMMENCED AT 11:00 A.M.)

2 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Welcome. Recognizing a
3 quorum, I'll call the meeting of the March 6th Board of
4 Commissioners to order. The first order of business is
5 the Approval of the Minutes of December 20, 2011. Have
6 all of our members had an opportunity to review the
7 previous minutes, and if so, are there any comments or
8 questions? Commissioner Kimball.

9 COMMISSIONER KIMBALL: Mr. Chairman, there's
10 one small correction I think needs to be made, and
11 that's on Page 36, Line 16. The gentleman from TD
12 Securities who was there at that meeting, his name is in
13 the record as Bob Cole. His name is actually Rob Kolb,
14 K-o-l-b.

15 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Is that the only
16 correction?

17 COMMISSIONER KIMBALL: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: So noted. The record
19 will reflect the proper spelling of the gentleman's
20 name. Other than that, are there any other comments or

21 questions with regard to the approval of the December
22 20, 2011 meeting? Commissioner Worrell.

23 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: I think I mentioned
24 this in the CEO Meeting, but perhaps we might want to
25 correct what appears to be typo on Page 5 of the minutes

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1 where it states that Commissioner Farnum was both the
2 proposer and one of the two seconders of the same
3 motion.

4 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Let the record reflect
5 that at the earlier Construction Engineering and
6 Operations Committee, a correction to the minutes was
7 made whereby Commissioners Farnum and MacQueen...

8 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: Farnum and
9 MacQueen.

10 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Farnum and MacQueen.
11 Commissioner MacQueen made the motion?

12 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Commissioner Farnum made
13 the motion, and the record reflects that Commissioner
14 MacQueen and Farnum seconded the motion.

15 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: So, the record should
16 reflect that Commissioner Farnum made the motion, and
17 Commissioner MacQueen seconded the motion. Other
18 corrections to the previous minutes?

19 THE COMMISSION: (No response)
20 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Further comment?
21 THE COMMISSION: (No response)
22 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: In such case, all of
23 those that are in favor of approval of the previous
24 minutes will say aye.
25 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

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1 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?
2 THE COMMISSION: (No response)
3 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,
4 and the motion carries.
5 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)
6 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Old Business. Is there
7 any old business to come before the Commission this
8 morning, old business of any nature?
9 THE COMMISSION: (No response)
10 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Hearing none, moving
11 right along to Item Number 4, which is Acknowledgment of
12 Awards. Environmental Protection Agency-Excellence
13 Award at Field's Point.
14 For purpose of the presentation of these awards, I
15 would like to call Carmine Goneconte, who is our Manager
16 of Operation at our Field's Point Wastewater Treatment

17 plant. Carmine, would you come forward please?

18 Welcome. Proceed.

19 MR. GONECONTE: Thank you very much. Thank

20 you for the opportunity to just say a couple of words.

21 Each time we win an award at Field's Point, we always

22 try to recognize somebody special, whether they're years

23 of service or something they've done recently, and

24 usually, that's somebody who works the day shift hours

25 or on the maintenance crew, as some of the guys in the

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1 back are.

2 When we got this award, we decided that it would be

3 nice to recognize people that you don't see that often,

4 the members of the 3 to 11 and the 11 to 7 shifts. Most

5 of you know that our facility runs 24 hours a day, 7

6 days a week. We, as the managers, are there only 40 of

7 those hours.

8 The success of the facility is in the hands of other

9 people more that it is ours in reality, and these guys

10 are golden guys. We don't have any female operators

11 yet, but these men come in at 11:00 at night and work

12 until 7 in the morning or 3 in the afternoon to 11 at

13 night when we're home having dinner our out and about or

14 getting ready to go to bed.

15 This is the group of people that come in and run the
16 facility, and they do the exact same work as the day
17 shift does. They keep things running, they respond to
18 problems, they upgrade the facility, they're doing
19 painting projects at 2, 3 in the morning, and we thought
20 it would be nice to recognize that group of employees;
21 so we invited them all, and six of them are here. There
22 are five on the 11 to 7 shift and five on the 3 to 11
23 shift, 11 to 7, and two supervisors who work those
24 general hours. Can I introduce them?

25 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Please do.

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1 MR. GONECONTE: We have shift supervisor,
2 Michael Salvatore here; our process monitor on the 3 to
3 11 shift, George Dolan; Operator II on the 3 to 11
4 shift, Ansumara Sirleaf; Process Monitor on the 11 to 7
5 shift, Gary Cook, one of our oldest employees; one of
6 our new employees, Jim Proulx from the 11 to 7 shift,
7 and another process monitor, Steve Morelli, Jr., from
8 the 7 to 11 shift.
9 John Tatro, our other supervisor, wanted to be here,
10 but he worked from 3 in the afternoon yesterday to 3
11 this morning, and it's just tough for him to come back
12 after just a short amount of time; but he did want to be

13 here, and some of the other people got out of work at 7
14 this morning, and they're sleeping. Habits are such
15 that they're home sleeping. So, I just wanted to
16 recognize those, and thank you for the opportunity. I
17 appreciate it.

18 (APPLAUSE/AWARD PRESENTATION)

19 RAYMOND MARSHALL: We're going to go right
20 over here, in-between those two doors. We're going to
21 have a photograph taken. This is the award, right
22 Carmine?

23 MR. GONECONTE: That is the award.

24 RAYMOND MARSHALL: We'll bring this down
25 here.

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1 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have another award.

2 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Carmine, you want to talk
3 about Joe's award and Steve's? We'll have them come up
4 to this end of the room because it will just be a few
5 individuals.

6 MR. GONECONTE: At the January meeting of
7 the New England Water Environment Association, one of
8 our employees, Joseph LaPlante, our O&M support
9 supervisor, was awarded the Alfred E. Peloquin Award.
10 That is a service to the wastewater industry. He was

11 nominated by the local association of operators, the
12 Narragansett Water Pollution Control Association.
13 This is a very prestigious award that goes out to one
14 person a year in the New England area, and Joe works
15 very hard for us; and he works for the Narragansett
16 Association as their treasurer, and he's on several
17 committees on the New England Water Environment
18 Association, and for all of his work and effort in the
19 past year, he was awarded the Alfred E. Peloquin Award,
20 and he received it on January 25th up in Boston. Joe.

21 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Come on up.

22 (APPLAUSE/AWARD PRESENTATION)

23 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Thank you, Joe.

24 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you, Joe.

25 MR. GONECONTE: The last award for the

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1 Field's Point group is the New England Water Environment
2 Association Operator Safety Award, and one of our
3 process monitors, Stephen Cote, earned that award at the
4 January meeting.
5 Stephen is the Chairman of the Plant Safety
6 Committee, and under his chairmanship and leadership,
7 he's really worked hard to improve the safety conditions
8 at the plant. He's very meticulous. He goes out there,

9 and if there's anything out there, even if it's a hose
10 that's laying around that should have been coiled up, he
11 brings it to the supervisor's attention, and he does a
12 great job with it. He has excellent leadership skills.
13 In addition to his normal work skills as a process
14 monitor, he's very involved with the process control at
15 the plant, and a very, very active intelligent person.
16 So, he was nominated by Paul Desrosiers. Paul sent
17 in the nomination papers for Stephen for this award, and
18 throughout New England, he was chosen for the operator
19 safety award. Stephen Cote, congratulations.

20 (APPLAUSE/AWARD PRESENTATION)

21 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Again, thanks to all the
22 guys from Field's Point. You really do a wonderful job
23 in addition to all the times that Carmine mentioned.
24 Just remember, while you're celebrating a 4th of July
25 cookout, Thanksgiving or Christmas, we have people at

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1 the plant that are working each and every day. So, we
2 wouldn't be able to meet all of our permits and to be
3 the agency that we are without the men and women at the
4 Narragansett Bay Commission, so thank you, guys.

5 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you, guys. We
6 have another award. This is the NACWA-Public

7 Information & Education Award. It's for educational
8 programs. Ray?

9 RAYMOND MARSHALL: We're going to have Jamie
10 Samons accept this award because this was solely her
11 idea. This is the award we won for 2010 World Toilet
12 Day, and you all know that we got a tremendous amount of
13 publicity out of this.

14 It's probably one of the most successful public
15 relations efforts that we've undertaken here at the Bay
16 Commission, and you would have paid money to see the
17 look on my face when she first came in and pitched this
18 to me a couple of years ago.

19 I asked her, I said, are you sure this is legitimate?
20 Are you sure this is going to work? She was so
21 convincing that I said, okay, go for it, and of course
22 it's turned out to be a remarkable event. We've done it
23 two years in a row, now.

24 The award that she received for this is, it was given
25 a couple of weeks ago out in Los Angeles, and we had

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1 probably 150 to 200 people at the Award Ceremony that
2 night; and this was among maybe a dozen other awards
3 that were presented.

4 By far this was the best received, and there were the

5 most questions on this award than all of the others
6 combined. So, I want to thank her for her creativity
7 and her hard work putting this together and have her
8 come up here and accept this award.

9 (APPLAUSE/AWARD PRESENTATION)

10 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have one more award,
11 that's the GFOA-Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.
12 Ray, do you want to speak on this one?

13 RAYMOND MARSHALL: This is an award that I
14 know that you probably recognize because we have won it
15 so many times consecutively now. The work that Karen
16 and Sherri Arnold and Pam Duckworth do in order to put
17 together our budget, which will be coming before you in
18 just a few short weeks, is a document that takes just
19 hundreds and hundreds of hours of time to put together;
20 and it's not just putting a bunch of numbers on the
21 paper. I mean, everything has to be tied together with
22 our Strategic Plan, with our evaluation program, and
23 everything has to drill down from the top and flow
24 through the entire document.
25 It's a very stringent set of criteria that they have

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1 to meet to get this award, and every year, the committee
2 from the GFOA that evaluates these submissions require

3 or except more and more from organizations that have won
4 it in prior years; so the bar is always being raised,
5 and they do a great job, and I'd like them to come up,
6 Karen Giebink, Sherri Arnold and Pam Duckworth, to
7 receive the award that we have won.

8 (APPLAUSE/AWARD PRESENTATION)

9 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you. Great job.

10 Does that do it for awards?

11 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Yes, it does.

12 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: Mr. Chairman.

13 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Commissioner Salvadore.

14 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: I don't have an

15 award, but I'll tell, you deserve an award.

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: I do?

17 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: Yes, you do, for

18 the radio program you were on and the television program

19 you were on explaining to the listening audience what it

20 is we do here, and it was just wonderful.

21 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: And I salute you.

23 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you very much. I

24 don't know if anyone heard that or saw that on TV or on

25 the radio. I'd like to talk a little bit about it

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1 during the Chairman's Report, but I can tell you that
2 the reaction to it so far has been very positive,
3 positive for the Commission as well, so thank you very
4 much.

5 Although Commissioner Rotella is not here, I would
6 like to bring before the Board some resolutions of
7 appreciation. This Resolution of Appreciation is for
8 former Commissioner Brown. It reads:

9 Whereas Richard Brown was appointed by the Mayor of
10 East Providence, Rhode Island to the Board of the
11 Narragansett Bay Commission on March 18, 2008, and

12 Whereas he has shown great support to the
13 Narragansett Bay Commission in its mission to play a
14 leadership role in the protection and enhancement of
15 Narragansett Bay and its tributaries by providing safe
16 and reliable wastewater collection and treatment
17 services to its customers at a reasonable cost and

18 Whereas he served on the Narragansett Bay
19 Commission's Rules & Regulations as well as Long Range
20 Planning Committees, and has advocated for clean water
21 through a variety of initiatives,

22 Now therefore be it resolved that the Narragansett
23 Bay Commission shall extend its sincere appreciation to
24 Richard Brown for his service on behalf of the State of
25 Rhode Island and the ratepayers of the Narragansett Bay

1 Commission. I'll have a motion to approve this
2 Resolution of Appreciation.

3 COMMISSIONER MILAS: Motion to approve.

4 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: Second.

5 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: Second.

6 COMMISSIONER BURROUGHS: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Commissioner Milas,

8 seconded by Commissioners Carlino and Worrell and

9 Burroughs. All in favor will say aye.

10 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

11 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

12 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

13 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,

14 and that motion carries.

15 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: This is a Resolution

17 for the departed Governor J. Joseph Garrahy.

18 Whereas, it is with deep sadness and regret that this

19 Board of Commissioners has learned of the passing of

20 former Governor J. Joseph Garrahy; and

21 Whereas, Governor Garrahy served as Governor of the

22 State of Rhode Island from 1969 through 1976 and,

23 "Whereas, he as a remarkable man whose passion for

24 public service was evident in his commitment to

25 improving the quality of life for all Rhode Islanders;

1 and

2 Whereas, his awareness of the importance of
3 Narragansett Bay led him to create the Governor's
4 Sewerage Facilities Task Force to address the
5 Environmental Protection Agency's mandate on the City of
6 Providence's Wastewater Treatment Facility; and

7 Whereas, under his leadership, the Narragansett Bay's
8 Water Quality Management District, now known as the
9 Narragansett Bay Commission, was created; and

10 Whereas, he demonstrated great support for the
11 Narragansett Bay Commission and its mission to play a
12 leadership role in the protection and enhancement of
13 Narragansett Bay; and

14 Now therefore, be it resolved that the Narragansett
15 Bay Commission hereby expresses our deepest condolences
16 to Margherite Garrahy and the entire Garrahy family.

17 Presented on March 6, 2012. Motion.

18 COMMISSIONER MILAS: Move approval.

19 COMMISSIONER KIMBALL: Move approval.

20 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Commissioner Milas

21 moves approval, Commissioner Kimball. I think it's safe

22 to say the entire Board of the Narragansett Bay

23 Commission. All of those that are in favor will say

24 aye.

25 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

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1 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

2 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

3 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,
4 and the motion carries.

5 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

6 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you very much.

7 Moving right along, the next order of business is the
8 Executive Director's Report. Mr. Secretary, do you have
9 a report?

10 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I do.

11 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Proceed.

12 RAYMOND MARSHALL: If you go to my report on
13 your iPads, on Page 2 we summarized the results of what
14 was seen in the effluent at the treatment plants.

15 Both plants have been running excellent effluent
16 results, and the flows are actually very low for this
17 time of year because of the lack of snowfall and the
18 limited amount of rain that we have, so the plants are
19 running well.

20 If you go to Page 5, I note the awards that we just
21 handed out to our staff, and again, I can't emphasize

22 about how important these individuals are or these men
23 are as a group to our operation here. Without them, we
24 wouldn't be achieving the results that we are
25 continually recognized for.

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1 Going to Page 6 and referring to the Bucklin Point
2 Treatment Plant, as their numbers for BOD and suspended
3 solids are very good, but what's interesting is that the
4 nitrogen removal levels over at Bucklin Point have
5 really held up very well over the course of the winter,
6 which is very unusual, in part it's because of the
7 warmer weather than we normally get, but also in part
8 because we're learning to run the system more
9 efficiently, more effectively, and they are one of the
10 last groups within the organization to adopt asset
11 management.

12 They're doing so with great enthusiasm, and things
13 are really working out well at that facility, as they
14 have at Field's Point and Interceptor Maintenance in
15 terms of asset management efforts.

16 Page 8, I note that there were no dry weather
17 overflows in January. That's a very good thing for us.
18 Overall, Interceptor Maintenance is running well.
19 I'll go to Page 12 now in the Engineering Section.

20 The water quality modeling that we've been doing in the
21 Bay, that Dr. Kincaid from URI has been doing, is really
22 paying dividends now.

23 It's becoming more and more recognized as the
24 authority on what actually is happening in the Bay, and
25 it's extending as far out as into Massachusetts with

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1 what's going on with Worcester and trying to make sure
2 that whatever public monies are spent, whether they're
3 spent here in Rhode Island or whether they're spent in
4 Massachusetts, that they actually result in meaningful
5 and measurable water quality improvements, rather than
6 just be thrown into the grinder in order to, in theory,
7 meet some requirements that might not have any actual
8 measurable results.

9 So, it's very important work that you authorized us
10 to invest in that is paying dividends and will continue
11 to in the years to come.

12 We're also, if you just go to one more page, one page
13 over, Page 13, our Hydraulic Modeling of our system is
14 proceeding very well. We awarded that project several
15 months ago, and that's going to give us a lot of
16 important information on how we can manage the flows in
17 our system as we bring all of these new CSO facilities

18 online.
19 Speaking of our CSO facilities, we have bid a number
20 of contracts now. The most recent set of work they're
21 doing in engineering is on easements associated with the
22 coming work, but we've had great success in terms of
23 bidding this work in the current environment, and the
24 way we broke the contracts out; and I will give you some
25 numbers on that when I get to the Construction aspect of

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1 my report.
2 So, Engineering's been staying busy on cultivating a
3 number of projects that they've had on a moving-forward
4 basis.
5 On Page 16 is our Construction Report. The Field's
6 Point project is going very well. The biological
7 nutrient removal job is probably about 80 percent
8 complete right now, and the contractor's doing a
9 wonderful job. We've had very few problems with the
10 work and with his performance.
11 As it turns out, he was also the low bidder on the
12 project that we're going to be starting over at Bucklin
13 Point in the next few weeks.
14 The wind turbine project, which you might have
15 noticed the wind turbines as you drove down the street,

16 obviously, they now dominate the skyline in this area,
17 maybe in all Rhode Island, they must be the most notable
18 new additions. We've got a lot of positive feedback on
19 them.

20 To watch them actually be put into place was really a
21 fascinating experience. There were a couple of men who
22 worked on that job that I wouldn't want their job for
23 all the money in the world, standing on top of a tower
24 waiting for the blades to be brought over to them so
25 they can secure them onto the turbine itself.

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1 While they are up and visually impressive, they are
2 not currently working, of course. Now we need to run
3 all the duct banks and connect all the wires between
4 them and our main feed into the plant.

5 It's comparable to when, if you're building a house,
6 once you get the windows, doors and siding up, the roof
7 is on, it doesn't mean the inside of the house is
8 complete, so you can't move in yet.

9 There's quite a bit of work left to do. We're
10 thinking right now sometime this summer that they should
11 be generating power. We are still coordinating with
12 National Grid on how we tie into their system so we can
13 backfeed all of the power that we don't need on a windy

14 day, and push that out onto the grid.
15 National Grid is understandably concerned that their
16 system will be protected properly. They're trying to
17 evaluate fully what that means and what they need to do.
18 We have indicated to them that there's a sense of
19 urgency for them to come to that determination.
20 I've corresponded with Mike Ryan from National Grid,
21 and he's appointed someone from his organization to
22 coordinate all of their activities to all of ours; so
23 they're actually working through the project manager
24 from Gilbane who is our contractor on that work.
25 So, we are optimistic that the project will continue

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1 to go well, and they are right now set in a neutral
2 position; so they will spin a little bit, but the blades
3 are, basically, turned 90 degrees to the wind so that
4 the wind just kind of streams across them and doesn't
5 actually catch any of the actual power of the wind.
6 They are not all pointed in the same direction.
7 That's just the way they happened to put them up. Once
8 they're operating, they will all point in the direction
9 of the wind, so the nose of the unit will actually point
10 into the wind, once they're all operating the way
11 they're intended to. So, any questions on the wind

12 turbines?

13 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

14 RAYMOND MARSHALL: The towers themselves
15 with the house on top, 230 feet high. The blades reach
16 up about another 135 feet, so we're talking about 365
17 feet above ground. That's how far the tip of the blade
18 sticks up.

19 It's kind of interesting because if you look at them
20 from this perspective, they look pretty big, but
21 sometimes, the further away you get, the larger they
22 look, the more they dominate the skyline. It's kind of
23 an interest phenomenon. So, that was all on Page 16.

24 After that we have a whole list of contracts starting
25 at the bottom of 16 onto Page 17. A number of these

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1 contracts won't start until the spring. Some are
2 already in operation or are already under construction.
3 One of the projects is just about complete. One of the
4 smaller ones that is part of Phase II, and one of the
5 larger jobs is about half complete right now.

6 It might be interesting to know that with the nine
7 Phase II contracts that we've already bid to CSO, the
8 final engineer's estimate was \$136 million, and the low
9 bid totaled \$88 million, so we're running about 35

10 percent below the engineer's estimate at this point in
11 time.

12 We have a couple of more bids we'll be opening in
13 early April to be awarded. They'll be coming before you
14 to award them in May, and we have one today, also, that
15 we'll ask your approval on.

16 So, we're about \$48 million under the engineer's
17 estimate right now, so we're getting really, really good
18 prices. That's part of the environment out there.

19 There's not a lot of work on the street.

20 It's also because we chose to, rather than have just
21 a couple of large projects, we decided to have a couple
22 of small ones, a bunch of medium size jobs, and only one
23 or two large ones. What that did is increase the
24 competition for the work because more contractors were
25 able to bid on it.

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1 Rather than just a couple of very large national or
2 regional firms always being in the mix, now we have a
3 lot of, a number of the local firms, who have been able
4 to be the low bidders and are successfully completing
5 the work.

6 So, I know that's something that the Chairman and the
7 Board have expressed an interest in doing to the

8 greatest extent possible on our work, and this
9 particular application has been very successful.
10 Page 19 we start Administration and Finance. We're
11 running about 4 percent below budget overall, so that's
12 a very good thing.
13 Page 20 we reference Docket 4305, which is our
14 request for a 2.25 percent across-the-board increase for
15 debt service, on some borrowing we're going to do
16 through Rhode Island Clean Water Finance. That's still
17 under consideration.
18 The FY-13 Operating Budget which will come before you
19 in June for approval, it's well underway, and we're
20 putting the finishing touches on it right now.
21 Page 21 through 22, I list everything that IT is
22 doing. Probably the most important thing that they're
23 doing is, hopefully, answering any of your questions and
24 providing any help you need to fully utilize your I
25 iPads. Hopefully, they're working out well for you.

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1 Again, if you have questions or if you have some
2 concern that it's not functioning the way it should,
3 make sure you give the IT section a call, or call Karen
4 Musumeci, and she'll arrange for IT to meet with you to
5 try to get it straightened out. We want to maximize

6 their effectiveness for you.

7 Page 23, in January we billed just over \$7 million,
8 and we collected a total of just about \$7 million; so
9 the money seems to be flowing in well at this point.

10 On Page 25, we did manage to get out all of our W2s
11 and 1099s for the calendar year 2011 by the deadline
12 that is required of us.

13 Page 26, I know that Human Resources has submitted
14 our semi-annual EEO report which the state requires of
15 us.

16 Policy and Planning has been working on any number of
17 interesting projects, which would begin on Page 27.

18 Page 28, I know that we are doing some radon testing
19 in our buildings, which is required every three years,
20 so we have that underway, something a little different
21 than what you might normally see in my report with
22 regards to PP&R's activities.

23 Going all the way out to Page 32 and 33, I note that
24 the level of sampling that we're doing continues to be
25 robust along with the analysis that the lab does, which

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1 appears a few pages later on 37.

2 Again, a lot of this data is used to monitor not only
3 what we do and the impacts we're having on water quality

4 out in the Bay, but also in modeling of the Bay which
5 will help us document just how much of an impact we are
6 providing.

7 The bottom of Page 38, the facility that doesn't
8 receive a lot of attention but is an important part of
9 our arsenal is the septage station. In the wintertime
10 it normally slows down because they don't pump out many
11 tanks, but we did get 123 deliveries in January, more
12 than I would have expected, and brought in \$548,000
13 worth of revenue, so that was unexpected for this time
14 of year.

15 Going to Page 41, under Executive, the wind turbines
16 did provide a number of great opportunities for us to
17 get positive public exposure. We were on Channel 12,
18 and there was a nice article in the ProJo as well, so
19 those are pretty unique projects that actually get the
20 attention in a positive fashion of the media; and we'll
21 try to keep coming up with projects that gain similar
22 outstanding attention. The General Assembly is in
23 session, as you well know, so as someone once said, that
24 means no one is safe.

25 Page 42, there were 543 bills introduced at the time

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1 of the writing of the report, and Joanne has gone

2 through and reviewed about 240 of them and circulated
3 them throughout the agency for comment to make sure that
4 anything that's being proposed up there will not reduce
5 our effectiveness in accomplishing our mission.

6 We are preparing for another lien sale, which is in
7 early May. Page 43 summarizes the last couple of lien
8 sales. You can see how much money we're able to bring
9 in from those activities. It's an important part of
10 what we do here to maintain our financial stability.

11 That is about it, Mr. Chairman. I will turn the meeting
12 back over to you, unless there are any questions.

13 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: All of the members have
14 heard the Executive Director's report. Pursuant to the
15 report, do any of our members have any comments or
16 questions of the Executive Director?

17 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

18 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Comments or questions
19 of the Executive Director pursuant to his report?

20 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

21 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Hearing none, moving
22 right along to Committee Reports and Action Items
23 Resulting. The first committee reporting is the CEO
24 Committee. Commissioner Salvadore, do you have a
25 report?

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1 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: Yes, I do, Mr.

2 Chairman.

3 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Proceed.

4 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: The CEO Committee

5 met earlier today, and we have six resolutions for the

6 Board of Commissioners this morning, the first being,

7 Review and Approval of Resolution 2012:01; Contract

8 119.00DB-Regulatory Compliance Building Land Acquisition

9 Project, with a Recommendation to Increase the Limit of

10 Change Order Requests, and CEO recommends approval, Mr.

11 Chairman.

12 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion to

13 approve Resolution 2012:01, Contract 119.00DB, the

14 Regulatory Compliance Building Land Acquisition Project.

15 We have a motion. Do we have a second?

16 COMMISSIONER MacQUEEN: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Second, Commissioner

18 MacQueen. Discussion on the motion. Commissioner

19 Carlino.

20 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: What is the new limit

21 that we're going to increase to on the change order

22 request?

23 RAYMOND MARSHALL: It is \$14,913 above the

24 5 percent authorized limit, and that will bring the

25 total to \$73,568.

1 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: If any of the members
2 require an explanation of any of these resolutions, many
3 of them deal with change orders, some are quite
4 extensive, the explanation will be quite extensive, but
5 if you require a full explanation, we're happy to walk
6 through all of the issues.

7 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: They have it in the
8 backup, Mr. Chairman.

9 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: They have it in the
10 backup as well. So, having said that, we have a motion,
11 and we have a second for approval of Resolution
12 2012:01. Discussion on that resolution?

13 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

14 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Hearing none, all of
15 those in favor will say aye.

16 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

17 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

18 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

19 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,
20 and that motion carries.

21 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

22 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Further report, Mr.
23 Chairman.

24 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: Item B, Mr.

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1 Contract 303.09C, the Woonasquatucket Combined Sewer
2 Overflow Interceptor Regulator Modifications Increase
3 Change Order Request Authorization Limit, and CEO
4 recommends approval, Mr. Chairman.

5 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion to
6 approve Resolution 2012:02, Contract 303.09C, Regulator
7 Modifications. Have all of the members had an
8 opportunity to review the explanation? If so, we have a
9 motion.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Commissioner Andrade
12 seconds the motion. Discussion on Resolution 2012:02.

13 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

14 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Hearing none, all of
15 those that are in favor will say aye.

16 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

17 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

18 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

19 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,
20 and that motion carries.

21 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

22 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Further report, Mr.

23 Chairman.

24 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: Item C, Review and

25 Approval of Resolution 2012:03, Contract 303.05C-OF 027,

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1 Increase Change Order Authorization Limit, and CEO

2 recommends approval on Item C, Mr. Chairman.

3 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you. The

4 Chairman moves approval of Resolution 2012:03. Is there

5 a second?

6 COMMISSIONER FARNUM: Second.

7 COMMISSIONER MacQUEEN: Second.

8 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Commissioner Farnum,

10 Commissioner MacQueen, Commissioner Worrell. Just,

11 basically, because of the magnitude of the resolution,

12 perhaps a brief explanation is necessary.

13 RAYMOND MARSHALL: This project was awarded

14 in June of last year, and the Notice to Proceed was

15 issued in July. Rocchio Corporation is the contractor.

16 His low bid was 6.58 million.

17 It's a sewer separation contract on the East Side of

18 Providence in the vicinity of Hope Street. It involves

19 about 3 miles of new drain pipe, 100 new manholes, 126

20 new catch basins, another mile of pipe that needs to be

21 lined as well as modifications to a number of sewer
22 manholes, waterline relocation, street paving, very
23 extensive contract.

24 We've encountered two major issues to date on this
25 job that we're asking for your approval of, and the

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1 Chairman is right. This is a significant request.

2 The first problem relates to the soils that are out
3 there. We did borings. The soils appeared to be
4 adequate for use as backfill after the new drainpipe was
5 installed. What we found was that the soil had a higher
6 moisture content than we expected.

7 In addition, it was, rather than on the sandy side,
8 it was on the silty side. I won't get too technical
9 here. Sand drains well, silt doesn't drain well. It
10 gets very mushy and sloppy when it's wet, especially
11 when you start disturbing it.

12 So, what we found that the contractor has had to do
13 in order to get good compaction in the trench, is he
14 takes the material out of the trench, he'll haul it off
15 offsite, he'll spread it, dry it, and then he can bring
16 it back to backfill it. Of course, there's a certain
17 sequence of operations there that requires him to have a
18 stockpile of material he can use that's already dry.

19 If it rains for a couple of days and he can't get the
20 material to dry because sometimes you have to bring in
21 good clean gravel or new gravel onto the job and use
22 that as his backfill, and all of that is because you
23 can't leave the pipe with a poor support vent, and you
24 also can't pave over material that you can't pack well
25 because its integrity will be compromised.

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1 So, the Construction Group has negotiated some change
2 orders with the contractor, which we believe to be
3 legitimate, that one is the double handle of the
4 material that is taken offsite, dried and bring it back,
5 and the other is to bring in new material, depending on
6 the situation, and that's over a four change order
7 sequence, and that total is nearly \$800,000.

8 That projects out not only what we've accomplished so
9 far, but what we think it will take to finish the job.

10 The job right now is about 15 percent complete. We
11 still, of course, have another 85 percent to go. That's
12 the first problem.

13 The second is the utilities, and it's mainly the
14 waterlines. We did check with the Water Board as to
15 where all the waterlines were according to their
16 records, and we put those on the plans. We've tried to

17 design the new facilities around those waterlines, and
18 we also had the contractor call Dig Safe so the utility
19 would come out and then mark on the street where their
20 facilities are located.

21 Even though we've done that, we've still run into
22 numerous conflicts, either the utilities are not what
23 the plans showed or they're not where they're shown on
24 the street or both. There are utilities that aren't
25 shown anywhere on the plans or marked on the street, but

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1 they are there.

2 So, all of these bumps in the road, so to speak, have
3 caused problems with the contractor. He's had to do
4 some extra work as a result to relocate some of the
5 facilities we want placed, and simply delay claims when
6 we run into situations that require relocation of repair
7 work, which the Water Board does themselves.

8 So, we're asking for a contingency of \$100,000 to
9 deal with those utility conflicts that I just outlined.
10 In total, 800 for soils, problems, 100,000 for utility
11 conflicts, we're asking for \$900,000 in authorization
12 over and above the original 5 percent allowance provided
13 for in our policies, and that amount is \$329,000, by the
14 way. So, this is an additional \$900,000 for those two

15 problem areas that we continue to encounter.

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: In addition to that,
17 Ray, would go through the minor details as to what the
18 original budget was? I think we had those numbers and
19 where we are today.

20 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Yes, we did. I mentioned
21 to you earlier that we're running about 35 percent under
22 the original engineer's estimate. On this particular
23 job, the engineer's final estimate was 9.65 million, and
24 the low bid on this was 6.58 million. So, his low bid
25 was about 3 million less than the engineer's final

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1 estimate.

2 So, in the big picture, if we use all of the 900 and
3 all of the 5 percent, we might finish around 7.8
4 million, still a couple of million under the engineer's
5 original estimate.

6 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: So, having heard that
7 explanation, do we have a second, by the way? We had a
8 motion and a second?

9 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Commissioner Campbell
11 seconded the motion. Having heard the explanation, are
12 there any comments or questions with regard to

13 Resolution 2012:03?

14 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

15 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Hearing none, all of
16 those that are in favor will say aye.

17 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

18 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

19 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

20 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,
21 and the motion carries.

22 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

23 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Proceed with your
24 report, Chairman Salvadore.

25 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: Item D, Review and

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1 Approval of Resolution 2012:04, Contract 303.11C-

2 Woonasquatucket Combined Sewer Overflow Interceptor West

3 Change Order Request Number 5, and CEO recommends

4 passage, Mr. Chairman.

5 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion to

6 approve Resolution 2012:04, Contract 303.11C; is that

7 right?

8 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Is there a second?

10 COMMISSIONER FARNUM: Second.

11 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Second Commissioner

13 Farnum and Commissioner Worrell. Once again, this is a

14 pretty significant change order, which I believe would

15 require some explanation. It is quite detailed.

16 You have in front of you the diagram, which should

17 assist you in the explanation of the change order so you

18 can refer to it. So, having said that, do we have any

19 more of these (indicating)? If anyone needs this, take

20 this.

21 RAYMOND MARSHALL: The graphics that Rich

22 has in his hands, if anybody needs one, just kind of put

23 your hand up. We'll give one to you. It will really

24 aid in the explanation of what we're doing here.

25 Anybody else need one?

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1 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

2 RAYMOND MARSHALL: If you refer to the

3 graphic, that would be the best way for me to proceed

4 here. First of all, let me orient you to where we are

5 in the system.

6 On the far right-hand side of the sheet would be

7 Route 6, and then the footbridge goes over Route 6,

8 Merino Park is on one side, there's a bunch of soccer

9 fields, and there's basketball courts. This is the
10 opposite side where the Hartford Avenue Housing Project
11 is located.

12 The yellow line that you see there is part of the
13 original contract, 303:11C, which was awarded to
14 DiGregorio back in June of last year. They began their
15 work, or they received their notice to proceed in July.
16 Their bid price was \$6.85 million.

17 The blue line that you see at the top of the sheet is
18 the largest contract in Phase II, and you awarded that
19 one back in December. That is the joint venture of
20 Barletta and Shank, and the project was 59.999 million.

21 So, I'm just trying to set the stage here for the
22 explanation.

23 There was, in addition to those two contracts in this
24 area, there was a third contract that we had put
25 together. That contract included the two green

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1 structures that you see on the graphic as well as the
2 pink structure, and that's how we intended to originally
3 bid all of these.

4 What we determined once we really started evaluating
5 how we would do the work, tie everything together and
6 still keep flow going through our system, we determined

7 that rather than by-pass pump out of the yellow sewer,
8 which at the flows we're talking about, up to 25 million
9 gallons per day in wet weather, that we needed a better
10 solution than that. That was really problematic for us.

11 The more we thought about it, the more we considered
12 with all the ramifications where the Woonasquatucket
13 River is, immediately adjacent to the site you can see
14 it right underneath the road, bridge and footbridge.

15 So, what we determined was, the best way to improve
16 the situation would be to take the pink structure out of
17 that grouping of three that is with the other two green
18 ones, and move it into the contract with the yellow
19 pipe; and then we would then use that pink structure as
20 our wet well to pump from. We'd have a better reservoir
21 to draw from. It's just, if flows start pouring down
22 upon us at 25 million gallons a day, we're going to have
23 to be ready to handle a very huge volume of flow.

24 So, what we did is we asked the contractor,
25 DiGregorio, who had the work shown in yellow, and that

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1 extends down several thousand more feet, to give us a
2 price for that structure to add to his contract because
3 we felt it was in the best interest of our operation in
4 our construction activities to have it available for

5 when the work shown in blue and the work shown in green
6 was actually done.

7 After some back and forth negotiation on this item,
8 the number that we arrived at that we thought was fair
9 and reasonable was \$767,800, a big number for sure, but
10 one that we were confident was justified with the work
11 that had to be done.

12 By the way, this is a very, very difficult area to
13 work in. If you have the opportunity, you might have
14 seen what they're doing as you ride along Route 6, but
15 if you'd like to go down there and see it more in
16 person, just contact Rich Bernier, and he'll arrange to
17 take you down there. Very difficult, very tightly
18 constrained, a lot of issues to deal with.

19 We believe that we'll all be better off if this item
20 is put into DeGregorio's Contract 303:11C, and we're
21 asking for your approval to increase the change order
22 amount by \$767,800; so that would be in addition to the
23 5 percent that we're authorized to award on the policy.

24 Right now out of that about \$342,000, there's only
25 been \$32,000 in change overs so far on this job, and

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1 it's about half done, if I remember correctly.

2 What we should have done, if we had to go back and do

3 it all over again, we should have included that
4 structure shown in pink in the contract shown in yellow
5 originally. That's the way we should have done this,
6 but hindsight is always 20/20, so rather than exacerbate
7 the situation, we decided to alleviate the situation and
8 to put the pink structure into the yellow contract. Any
9 questions?

10 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

11 RAYMOND MARSHALL: I might also add that we
12 have now recently bid the two green structures we bid
13 that contract. We have a low bidder for you in our
14 recommendation. That's your next item, and we expected
15 that that would be a competitive bid between the
16 contractor that has the work shown in blue and the
17 contractor that has the work shown in yellow, and that's
18 exactly what happened. The closest of those bids is
19 remarkable, and we'll get to that in just a few minutes.

20 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: With regard to
21 Resolution 2012:04, we have a motion and we have a
22 second, and as the Executive Director said, I said
23 earlier, I have visited this site several times,
24 trampling through 2 feet of snow. I was corrected, of
25 course. We had no snow this year, but I thought I'd

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1 make it a little more dramatic than it actually was; and
2 I will tell you can't determine, just from looking at
3 this illustration how incredibly complex and difficult
4 this job is. If you have an opportunity to get into
5 that general area, you'll see exactly the reason and the
6 logic behind doing what was done here.

7 In addition to that, one of the things that the
8 Executive Director didn't mention is that there's an
9 access road here, and had we not bifurcated this
10 project, that access road would have been part of the
11 contract that's in yellow. When they came in to do the
12 contract, they would have to probably rip up that entire
13 access road. So, all in all, I think it worked out well
14 in the final analysis, and so I think it's money well
15 spent. Commissioner Campbell.

16 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Where ultimately
17 does the blue line go?

18 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We don't know.

19 COMMISSIONER BURROUGHS: Off the map.

20 RAYMOND MARSHALL: It goes all the way down
21 through Olneyville, all the way down Harris Avenue, and
22 it ultimately connects into the tunnel and the drop
23 shaft that we're going to build right next to the Cuffee
24 School.

25 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have our fingers

1 crossed. I think we'll do a better job than the last
2 bridge that was built.

3 Okay, you've heard the explanation from the Executive
4 Director. Are there any other questions or comments
5 regarding Resolution 2012:04? Commissioner Carlino.

6 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: I'm going to recuse
7 myself.

8 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Let the record reflect
9 that Commissioner Carlino recuses himself.

10 (COMMISSIONER CARLINO RECUSING FROM VOTE)

11 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Anyone else?

12 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

13 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: In such case, all of
14 those that are in favor of approval of Resolution
15 2012:04 will say aye.

16 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

17 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

18 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

19 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,
20 and that motion carries.

21 (COMMISSIONER CARLINO RECUSED FROM VOTE)

22 (MOTION PASSED)

23 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Further report?

24 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: Item E, Review and
25 Approval of Resolution 2012:05, Contract 303:14C,

1 Woonasquatucket Combined Sewer Overflow Interceptor, OF
2 054, Recommendation for Award and CEO recommends
3 passage.

4 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Okay, we have a motion
5 to approve Resolution 2012:05, Award of Contract WCSOI
6 OF 054. Is there a second?

7 COMMISSIONER DiCHIRO: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Commissioner DiChiro
9 seconds the motion. This matter is the matter that ties
10 into the matter we just discussed. It involves the two
11 structures you see in green, and as the Executive
12 Director alluded to, if you go to one of the pages in
13 the resolution, you'll see how closely these two
14 contracts were bid.

15 Basically, there was a \$3,000 difference between the
16 two contractors that bid, the low bidders. One, of
17 course, being the Barletta Group and the other being the
18 DiGregorio Group. The low bidder was DiGregorio in the
19 amount of \$2,368,683, which, of course, validates the
20 negotiation on the pricing for the structure that you
21 see in pink.

22 RAYMOND MARSHALL: There are two structures
23 in the jobs that you're acting on now, so it would come

24 out to about 1.18 million per structure; and we
25 negotiated a price of 767,000 on the structure in pink.

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1 So, I think it indicates that our staff did a good job
2 negotiating with the contractor on the price of that
3 work.

4 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Having heard that
5 explanation, are there any questions with regard to
6 Resolution 2012:05? Commissioner Carlino. I will
7 expect you are recusing yourself?

8 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Let the record reflect
10 that Commissioner Carlino recused himself on this vote.

11 (COMMISSIONER CARLINO RECUSING FROM VOTE)

12 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any comments
13 or questions with regard to Resolution 2012:05?

14 RAYMOND MARSHALL: I just have to put this
15 on the record. I've been doing this for over 39 years
16 now. I've never seen a bid this close, .15 percent. It
17 just doesn't get any better than that for an owner like
18 us where the prices are that competitive.

19 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: All right. All of
20 those that are in favor will say aye. Commissioner
21 Nathan.

22 COMMISSIONER NATHAN: Just curious, what was
23 the engineering company's thought that the estimate
24 would be on this?

25 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Actually, the engineer's

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1 final estimate on this was \$2 million, so the engineer
2 was low on this one. They estimated 2 million, and it
3 came in at 2.3.

4 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Okay, all of those that
5 are in favor will say aye.

6 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

8 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

9 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,
10 and that motion carries.

11 (MOTION PASSED)

12 (COMMISSIONER CARLINO RECUSED FROM VOTE)

13 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Further report,
14 Commissioner Salvadore.

15 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: Our last item is
16 Item F, Review and Approval of Resolution 2012:06,
17 Planning and Preliminary Design for Utility Reliability
18 Enhancement for the Field's Point Campus, and CEO
19 recommends passage, Mr. Chairman.

20 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion to
21 pass Resolution 2012:06 for Preliminary Design for
22 Utility Reliability Enhancement. Do you want to go over
23 this?

24 RAYMOND MARSHALL: I can just mention, the
25 poles out on Service Road are old. We're concerned

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1 about the integrity of them, and a lot of the lines that
2 are there are no longer used.
3 We simply have contacted National Grid, and we've
4 asked them to find an alternative to what's out there.
5 We need to have a more reliable delivery of electricity
6 to our complex down here. They said that they would do
7 that, if we paid them to do that, so that's what this
8 money is for.

9 Potentially, they could be put underground, and
10 potentially, they could be relocated over to Shipyard
11 Street and then come back up New York Avenue. It's a
12 prudent thing to do for all the investment we're making
13 down here in the Field's Point region, and we ask your
14 approval.

15 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion to
16 approve Resolution 2012:06. Do we have a second?

17 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: Second.

18 COMMISSIONER MILAS: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Commissioner Worrell,

20 Commissioner Milas. Further discussion on the matter.

21 Commissioner Worrell.

22 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: I would love to see

23 these lines all get buried. I'm a great believer of

24 burying the lines. It's not it's going to cost us more.

25 My suspicion is that that additional cost will be very

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1 much warranted, and I hope that the estimate that we get

2 from Grid will somehow or another be able to justify the

3 cost differential to bury those lines, which I think is

4 something we should do now.

5 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: I think we heard from

6 Tom Uva from our staff tell you that when he gets the

7 report in and the estimate for cost options, he's going

8 to provide the Commissioners with it and then whatever

9 the Commission's pleasure, we'll move forward. All of

10 those in favor of passage -- I'm sorry, Commissioner

11 Carlino.

12 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: I'm going to recuse

13 myself from this one also because I work at National

14 Grid.

15 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: I understand that.

16 (COMMISSIONER CARLINO RECUSING FROM VOTE)

17 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: All of those that are

18 in favor will say aye.

19 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

21 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

22 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,

23 and that motion carries.

24 (COMMISSIONER CARLINO RECUSED FROM VOTE)

25 (MOTION PASSED)

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1 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Further report?

2 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: That concludes our

3 report for March 6th, Mr. Chairman.

4 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you very much.

5 The next committee reporting is the Finance Committee.

6 Commissioner Andrade, do we have a report?

7 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Yes, I do, Mr.

8 Chairman.

9 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Proceed.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: There was one item as

11 a result of the Finance Committee meeting earlier today,

12 and that is the Review and Approval of Resolution

13 2012:07, Authorization to Change the Provider Trustee

14 Services. It seems that Wells Fargo has closed their
15 little office, and their recommendation is to move to
16 U.S. Bank. I make a motion to approve the resolution.

17 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: I have a motion to
18 approve Resolution 2012:07. Is there a second?

19 COMMISSIONER FARNUM: Second.

20 COMMISSIONER DiCHIRO: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Commissioner Farnum,
22 Commissioner DiChiro. Discussion.

23 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

24 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Hearing none, all of
25 those that are in favor will say aye.

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1 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

3 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

4 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,
5 and the motion carries.

6 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

7 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Does that conclude the
8 report?

9 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: That does, Mr.
10 Chairman.

11 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Proceeding right along

12 to the Personnel Committee. Commissioner Campbell.

13 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: There was a meeting
14 of the Personnel Committee, and there was a change to
15 the organizational chart; but I don't think it requires
16 a Board approval.

17 RAYMOND MARSHALL: That's correct.

18 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you very much.

19 No other report?

20 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: No.

21 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There was no Long Range
22 Planning Committee meeting. There was no meeting of
23 Rules and Regulations. The next committee reporting is
24 the Citizens Advisory Group. Harold, do you have a
25 report for us today?

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1 MR. GADON: Short report, Mr. Chairman. Due
2 to inclement weather, the meeting was canceled last
3 week, but we do intend to meet again on April 4th. With
4 the permission of the Chairman, we intend to invite the
5 CAC members to attend a future NBC Board Meeting to
6 observe how an efficient operating board works and enjoy
7 the fine lunch provided.

8 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you, Harold. The
9 Executive Committee did not meet, nor did the Ad Hoc

10 Committee on Compensation or Ethics Committee.

11 Legislative Report, there she is, Joanne.

12 MS. MACERONI: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman.

13 The Legislative Report is on your website. The staff
14 and I are continuing to review legislation that has been
15 introduced.

16 On Thursday there were 100 bills introduced in the
17 Senate, and bills are still being introduced at a high
18 volume; but for now, these are the ones that we are
19 concentrating on.

20 The NBC itself did not introduce a legislative
21 package, but we have several bills there that would
22 affect us.

23 In the Governor's budget this year, there are two
24 articles that would affect the NBC. The first would
25 require the NBC to transfer \$3,073,000 to the state

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1 controller by next year. The debt service cost on
2 general obligation bonds issued on behalf of the NBC,
3 there has been a \$87.7 million bond referendum that was
4 issued in 1980 which actually funded the renovations of
5 Field's Point and the major projects of the Narragansett
6 Bay Commission at that time.

7 Also, Article 5 is for a referendum on November 2012

8 that would authorize 20 million through the Clean Water
9 Finance Agency. 12 million of that is going to be
10 leveraged to finance wastewater infrastructure. We do
11 participate in Clean Water Finance Agency's funding, so
12 we would ask all of you to vote for it.

13 The rest of the bills, most of them you will see were
14 here last year, and they continue to be. The next one
15 has to do with lien sales, which we are supporting.
16 Another one, which would require our contractors to
17 submit the names of the subcontractors prior to bidding
18 on a project.

19 The next bill we're following closely. This bill
20 would amend the state purchasing statute and would
21 require that we select a Rhode Island consulting firm as
22 opposed to an out-of-state firm. It also does not give
23 preference to companies who are here in Rhode Island
24 whose main office is not in Rhode Island. If you have
25 an office in Rhode Island and employ Rhode Islanders,

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1 they're not considered resident consultants.

2 Last year the bill pertained to engineers, architects
3 and consultants. We were able to get engineers taken
4 out of last year's bill, but they left in consultants.

5 I went to testify on the bill last week, and I

6 advised the committee that many engineering firms are
7 also consulting firms, so they took the engineering
8 firms out last year for the reasons that we laid out for
9 them. Hopefully, they'll do that this year.

10 The sponsor indicated they may now be looking at
11 contractors, something giving Rhode Island contractors
12 preference.

13 It's important to understand that the way the statute
14 reads now, we are required to give preference to Rhode
15 Island firms all things being equal. So, if we compare
16 an out-of-state company to a Rhode Island company, they
17 can all do, both do the same thing, it behooves us to
18 select a Rhode Island firm, which we do. We try to do
19 that whenever we can, but with the cutting-edge
20 technology that we have here at the Bay Commission, many
21 times we do have to go out of state to select a firm.

22 So, we're following that very closely, and hopefully,
23 we'll be able to work on some amendments with the
24 sponsor.

25 The next two bills have to do with labor. Again,

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1 they were here last year. The 7349 would, basically,
2 deprive employees of the rights and privacy associated
3 with the secret ballot. We feel that if this bill

4 passes, the union representatives would be subject to
5 intimidation for votes, et cetera, so for the employees,
6 we think that this is not a very good bill.

7 The next bill, they call it the Ban the Box Bill. It
8 mandates that an employer cannot look at someone's
9 criminal record prior to actually hiring them. The way,
10 the procedure now is, even the state applications,
11 there's a little box on there that you have to check off
12 if you were convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor, and
13 you have to explain what that is. That helps us to, if
14 someone was, let's say convicted of embezzlement, is
15 that somebody we would really want to hire in our
16 accounting department? I don't know.

17 But again, having that information allows the
18 employer to make the right decision for the company.
19 So, again, we oppose that as does the chambers and the
20 business community.

21 The last bill is the Chairman's favorite. It would
22 require that before an agency adopts any regulation,
23 they would need General Assembly approval. Our staff is
24 still reviewing that to see how we would want to
25 proceed.

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1 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: I'm sure they're going

2 to be favorably disposed. Does that conclude your
3 report?

4 MS. MACERONI: That concludes my report.
5 I'm sorry, one other thing. The Chairman and the
6 Executive Director will be making a presentation before
7 the Senate Oversight Committee on March 19th. The
8 Senate Oversight Committee is holding hearings with all
9 quasi publics to develop a better understanding of the
10 quasi public, and their goal is to improve the policies
11 and procedures and increase transparency and
12 accountability in regard to the quasi publics. So, we
13 will be there.

14 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you. I'd just
15 like to elaborate on a couple of the bills of the most
16 significant one, because I think all of these are
17 subject to change. The very first bill on the agenda,
18 7323, this is where the NBC would be required to
19 transfer to the State Controller the amount of
20 \$3,073,000.

21 So, I called the Director of Administration, Richard
22 Licht, on a matter completely and totally unrelated to
23 this. He picks up the telephone, and he says, before
24 you start hollering. Why would I holler? Mr.
25 Mesolella, what are you calling me about? I told him,

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1 and he goes, oh, I thought you were calling me about the
2 \$3 million I was going to take from the Narragansett Bay
3 Commission, and then I started to holler.

4 So, I arranged a meeting with the Director of
5 Administration, the Budget Officer, his name is Tom
6 Mullaney and Rosemary Booth Gallogly, she's the Budget
7 Director. So, the Executive Director and Karen Giebink
8 and Laurie Horridge and I went to meet with Richard
9 Licht, the Director of Administration, Rosemary Gallogly
10 and Tom Mullaney.

11 We started to talk through the issue. It gets very
12 complex, except to say that we explained to them that
13 our funds are, basically, in silos, and all of those
14 funds are committed to specific projects. There are
15 issues of, bond indenture issues. There are a whole
16 litany of reasons why they could not just come in and
17 swipe the \$3 million.

18 We went on to say, of course, with very amiable
19 discussion, we went on to talk about the fact that we
20 consider ourselves to be part of the solution, not part
21 of the problem, and we agreed that we will continue
22 these discussions.

23 It appears as though Narragansett Bay Commission
24 employs a method of, basically, I don't know what to
25 call it, it would be a straight line depreciation of our

1 debt, and we're about ready to retire the Narragansett
2 Bay Commission's portion of the original \$87.7 million
3 bond issue. It's about \$300,000, and it's June. When
4 is it payable, June? Whenever.

5 MS. GIEBINK: Yes.

6 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: It's our very last
7 payment. So, Narragansett Bay Commission has,
8 basically, paid off its obligation.

9 The state, on the other hand, does not employ such a
10 logical process, and on their portion of the original
11 \$87.7 million debt, they still have existing, well, if
12 they swipe this 3, they'll have \$18 million in debt
13 left to pay on the original Narragansett Bay
14 Commission's general obligation bond.

15 Their argument is that all of that money, \$87.7
16 million, went towards improvements that were put into
17 the Narragansett Bay Commission. Therefore, they feel
18 it's appropriate to ask us to contribute in these tight
19 fiscal times to a resolution of that budget issue.

20 The meeting ended with an agreement that we would
21 continue to discuss the issues. We have issues that
22 deal with our bond indenture as well as the Public
23 Utilities Commission, so Lori and Karen are continuing
24 along with Bond Counsel to review those matters. We are

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1 Subsequent to that meeting, I appeared in front of
2 the House Finance Committee, I don't know what date that
3 was, but it was a couple of weeks ago, to give testimony
4 with regard to the \$3 million, and we explained our
5 position.

6 We explained that there were a number of positions,
7 issues which I just alluded to, that we were working
8 with the Department of Administration to kind of resolve
9 this issue because it seems to me it's going to be a
10 perennial issue. If it's not this year, it will be up
11 next year and the year after and the year after, and I
12 think it would behoove us to try to enter into some kind
13 of resolution to resolve the entire matter of the \$21
14 million, to wit, we'll come back to this Board and
15 explain how we intend to do that and solicit your
16 support and permission, quite frankly, to do that. I
17 think that explains it pretty much. Commissioner
18 DiChiro.

19 COMMISSIONER DiCHIRO: Wouldn't that require
20 PUC approval, or is that money that's already here or
21 new money?

22 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Well, I don't know. I

23 don't know. I can give you my opinion, but that's what
24 Laurie and Karen are doing as we speak, going through
25 the issues that would be involved in, basically, a

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1 scooping of the dough, so we'll come back and report.

2 Of course, I've asked Counsel DeAngelis to remain in

3 communication with the -- administration as well.

4 Commissioner Kimball.

5 COMMISSIONER KIMBALL: Mr. Chairman, I think

6 it would be in our best interest and all of our best

7 interest to have Karen and her folks, in addition to her

8 duties here at the Narragansett Bay Commission, to

9 completely oversee the finances of the State.

10 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: I agree. Commissioner

11 Worrell.

12 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: Mr. Chairman, I think

13 I heard you say that we've already straight line

14 amortized all of our obligations on the bond issue,

15 except for \$300,000 which we'll be doing in June.

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thereabouts, sometime,

17 yes, before the year.

18 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: Right. Well, if they

19 take \$3 million more from us, aren't we paying double on

20 that obligation?

21 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: One could make that
22 argument, yes. We've laid out all the arguments as we
23 see it. The real danger here, as far as I can see, is
24 the uncertainty of what would happen this year, the
25 following year, the following year. We could be

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1 fighting this battle for the foreseeable future because
2 I don't see finances getting any better in the immediate
3 future in Rhode Island.

4 So, what we're hoping to do is to come up with a
5 comprehensive solution to the issue. I don't know what
6 that might be, but we've laid out all the arguments.

7 I think for anyone who doesn't remember the original
8 bond issue in 1980, it was \$87.7 million. There was an
9 agreement that the Narragansett Bay Commission will pick
10 up a portion of that original obligation bond, and
11 payment of that portion will be supported by ratepayers.

12 What was that, 15 percent, Karen?

13 MS. GIEBINK: 14 percent.

14 RAYMOND MARSHALL: I think it was 14
15 percent.

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: 14 percent, 15 percent.

17 We agreed, the Narragansett Bay Commission accepted 15
18 percent of the liability for the repayment of the \$87.7

19 million. I've been around here a long time. I know all
20 of these numbers.

21 So, the State through the General Obligation Bond,
22 the balance of that would be for the other beneficiary
23 of a cleaner bay downstream, which would be the other 85
24 percent. Was there any Federal money involved in that?

25 MS. GIEBINK: No.

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1 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: So, it's General
2 Obligation Bond. So, we've amortized our 15 percent to
3 be done by the beginning, before the end of the
4 beginning of the fiscal year, and the State did not do
5 the same. So, I don't know how they manage their
6 finances. We were looking to you to kind of analyze
7 that, Jo.

8 So, there lies the problem. We are working on it.
9 It is a significant problem, and once we come up with a
10 potential solution, a resolution to it, we'll come back
11 before the Board and discuss what that might be, and it
12 kind of ties into the Chairman's report. In a few
13 minutes, I'll go into it then.

14 COMMISSIONER THOMPSON: Does solution mean a
15 compromise?

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: It could very well mean

17 a compromise, yes. It could very well mean a
18 compromise. Commissioner Milas.

19 COMMISSIONER MILAS: After your meeting with
20 the Director, I happened to have had a meeting
21 immediately thereafter with a very large group of people
22 discussing some of the reorganizations of some of the
23 state departments, and he publicly stated in front of a
24 very large group how tremendous Narragansett Bay
25 Commission runs, and why are they not the model for a

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1 number of the state departments, et cetera?

2 He didn't realize that I was a Commissioner at the
3 time, and I said, on behalf of the Narragansett Bay
4 Commission, I'd like to thank you for those comments.
5 He's, like, why? Because I'm a Commissioner. You're
6 kidding. Well, you tell the Chairman and you tell...

7 I mean, there was a very large number of people there
8 of influence, so how this all ends up is one thing, but
9 it certainly did not fall on deaf ears.

10 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Well, thank you very
11 much. That's nice to hear. Commissioner Worrell.

12 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: Just one more
13 question. Of the \$87 million bond issue back in 1980,
14 that was general obligation with the State, not

15 necessarily all to be used for construction here?

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Nope. It was used for
17 the Narragansett Bay Commission. That's their argument.
18 Their argument is, you got all the dough, so you should,
19 even though we didn't pay, we should. That's it in a
20 nutshell. We'll work it out. I'm confident that we'll
21 work it out or get something for it.

22 There are other issue here, but we've already gone
23 way past, 20 minutes past so far. Thank God we brought
24 lunch in today. So, that's all I really have to say on
25 that at this moment. The rest of the bills I'm sure are

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1 subject to change in discussion, and we'll have more to
2 talk about at the next Board Meeting with regard to
3 legislation.

4 Thank you for the voice of reason. They always look
5 for Joanne, the voice of reason, at these committee
6 hearings, and we're very well fortunate to have Joanne
7 up there representing us. Thank you, Jo.

8 There's no other further legislative report. The
9 Chairman's Report. Getting back to this just for a
10 moment, we're continuing to monitor this and continuing
11 to have ongoing discussions with regard to not only this
12 bill, but others.

13 I want the Members of the Commission to know that one
14 of the other things I did in the last month or so, I was
15 called to the Governor's office to talk a little bit
16 about the Commission.

17 I met with Stephen Hourahan. It gave me an
18 opportunity to talk about the Commission, the members,
19 and of particular importance, and it was timely as well,
20 I said to him, you know there's a bill in the General
21 Assembly where the Budget Office, the Governor's Office
22 is looking to scoop about \$3 million of Bay Commission
23 money which really doesn't exist. You don't know that,
24 but it doesn't exist. It's committed, and it's
25 earmarked for our projects; but we're trying to work to

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1 a solution, and the one thing that I truly believe has
2 been one of the benefits and contributes to the success
3 of this agency is the longevity and the continuity of
4 this Board.

5 So, I imposed my views to Steve that I know that
6 there are nine members, Governor appointments, that are
7 really serving out of their term, and I tried to impress
8 in the best way that I could that much of the success
9 that the Narragansett Bay Commission enjoys because of
10 all of you and that you participate and that you

11 contribute and the continuity of this Board is paramount
12 in contributing to its success, continued success, and
13 that we would very much appreciate having all of our
14 Board in its entirety reappointed.

15 So, we're hoping. He seemed favorably disposed. I
16 don't know what's going to happen. However, he did
17 mention that it doesn't look like anything's going to be
18 happening in the too-near future because the Senate is
19 committed to the issue of judge selection, so this is
20 kind of on the back burner; so that I don't think
21 there's anything going to happen in the next couple of
22 weeks. So, that's where we are with regard to that
23 matter.

24 Commissioner Salvadore mentioned that he was able to
25 catch the Buddy Cianci Show. I did appear on the radio,

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1 talked about, it started off with just generally some of
2 the successes of the Narragansett Bay Commission, and we
3 started to talk to them; and I pulled out seven pages.

4 I said, you can't see it, but I got seven pages of
5 awards that the Narragansett Bay Commission has won.
6 Should I reiterate all of the awards?

7 But he did want to talk a little bit about the
8 turbines. He said he was driving down Route 95, and he

9 happened to notice. I said, they went up. It's really
10 a compliment, and they should be commended for how fast
11 they went up, no glitches, they went up really quick.
12 You drive by one day, and the next day you come by, and
13 there's three turbines standing there without a glitch,
14 and it was a very successful project.

15 The first wind farm in the state successfully
16 erected. Tom Uva deserves a lot of credit for that.
17 Tom, thank you for all of your efforts.

18 COMMISSIONER THOMPSON: A team effort here,
19 Mr. Chairman, a team effort. I'm just one --

20 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: It was your concept
21 from the very beginning. I recall that original
22 conversation, and thank you.

23 I talked a little bit about the fact on the radio, a
24 little bit about the fact that the new pension proposal
25 for the state and two, three municipalities, the concept

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1 of a hybrid of defined contribution and defined benefit,
2 and you know I'm going to be 40 pretty soon, how that
3 concept was included, and one of the reasons why it is
4 is because I made General Treasurer Raimondo aware of
5 the fact that we actually had a working plan for the
6 last 7 to 10 years, and they should take a look at it.

7 She was unaware that we had a working, solvent
8 successful plan in place, and so we talked a little bit
9 about that, and then, of course, the loaded question
10 was, and this has become the object of discussion, was,
11 okay, what's going on with Providence Water Supply, and
12 are you intending to buy it, and if so, when, how much
13 will you pay? All of that.

14 I couldn't be specific, of course, except to say that
15 I reminded him that our first conversation in 1980 or
16 1979 when I was appointed to this Board as Chairman of
17 the Negotiating Committee to acquire Field's Point, that
18 that was really my first negotiation with Buddy Cianci.

19 He wanted \$100,000,000 for the plant, and I offered
20 him a buck; and I reminded him that we were closer to my
21 number than his number and then went on to say that our
22 second discussion was the acquisition of the Providence
23 Water Supply system, that we had actually come to an
24 agreement, but because of some particular political
25 turbulence at the time, it never was concluded because

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1 it needs approval.

2 We had subsequent conversations with the prior
3 administration, Cicilline, two preliminary discussions
4 with Mayor Tavares. We are extremely interested. The

5 efficiency in operations would be recognized almost
6 immediately.

7 Providence Water and Narragansett Bay Commission are
8 really anomalies in metropolitan areas. They're usually
9 joined all over the country. Rhode Island, Providence
10 is an anomaly in that regard, and we should consider
11 that.

12 He did mention that in his opinion, as humble as it
13 is, and you know how humble he is, that Narragansett Bay
14 Commission should be a model for regionalization for the
15 entire state. He was very complimentary to this
16 Commission, and he's been very supportive publicly to
17 the Commission as well.

18 Of course we did the TV show for Saturday morning and
19 Sunday morning, and the reaction has been very positive.
20 So, that's that.

21 One other thing, we were doing awards earlier today.
22 One award which was neglected to be mentioned is that
23 our Executive Director, Ray Marshall, has recently
24 received a Freeman Award from the Providence Engineering
25 Society.

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1 This award is for outstanding achievement and
2 contributions to the civil engineering profession, and

3 we would like to congratulate Ray on that achievement.

4 (APPLAUSE)

5 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Okay, the next meeting
6 is April 10th. Having said that, all of that, that
7 concludes the Chairman's Report. Are there any
8 questions of the Chairman? I'm happy to answer any
9 questions about anything that I had to say today.

10 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

11 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Item Number VII is New
12 Business. Is there any new business to come before the
13 Board?

14 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

15 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Other business? Any
16 other business. Commissioner Carlino.

17 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: I just want to share
18 with the Commissioners, I'm probably the newest member,
19 so I always wanted to get a tour of the facility, and
20 like everyone else, we get busy, and this year I'm
21 teaching a class, an energy industry class at CCRI, so I
22 got a bunch of students that are learning about the
23 energy industry, electric, gas, renewable energy. So,
24 what a great place to take them, is to have a tour here.
25 Rich Bernier, who I want to thank, took us on the

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1 tour last month, and I can't, the operation here is
2 just incredible. Just to see it all, we went down into
3 the tunnel, and we saw the whole facility. You gain a
4 real appreciation for what you've accomplished here and
5 what we've accomplished being on the Board.

6 I know I'm the type of person, I can sit here and I
7 can learn, but I tend to learn more when I can see it
8 and touch it, and I don't literally mean touching it,
9 what's out there; but what a great experience, and the
10 students really learned a lot. I really want to thank
11 Rich. Phil Albert also helped and Eugene Sorkin, so I
12 really wanted to thank them.

13 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you very much.

14 Other business? Commissioner Campbell.

15 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Just one other
16 comment, I really appreciated the updates on the
17 erection of the wind towers, and I was able to come and
18 watch the insertion of the generator, a 100,000-pound
19 generator, into the nasal, and then a couple of days
20 later was able to come back and watch them place the hub
21 in the propellers, and it was really extremely
22 interesting. A little cold to be out there.

23 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Karen Musumeci was
24 running the crane. They were able to stay up on top of
25 that. For everyone, thank you. It was an interesting

1 project.

2 I just want to say before I move on to adjournment,
3 when I went to see Steve Hourahan in the Governor's
4 Office and I expressed to him how committed everyone is
5 and how everyone participates and contributes and how
6 committed everyone is, at that moment, of course, I've
7 always known it, but I personally want to express my
8 appreciation to all of you for all you do, every single
9 day, and your commitment to NBC. Thank you very much.
10 Having said that, Commissioner Rotella wishes to move on
11 to Item Number 9.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN ROTELLA: Motion to adjourn.

13 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion to
14 adjourn. Second.

15 COMMISSIONER KIMBALL: Second.

16 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Commissioner Kimball,
18 Commissioner Salvadore. All in favor will say aye.

19 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Any opposed?

21 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

22 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: None opposed, the
23 motion carries.

24 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

25 (HEARING CLOSED AT 12:38 P.M.)

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4 I, Heather Marie Finger, do hereby certify
5 that the foregoing is a true, accurate, and complete
6 transcript of my notes taken at the above-entitled
7 hearing.

8 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand
9 this 29th day of March 2012.

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HEATHER MARIE FINGER, CSR, NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 4/02/12

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