

REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD
DERBY WELLFIELD CHEMICAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
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Brian: I call this public hearing to order. I'm Brian Eitzer. I'm the Presiding Member for this public hearing. I want to remind everybody that this meeting is going to be recorded and I'm going to read the Notice of Public Hearing.

The Representative Policy Board ("RPB") of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District will hold a public hearing to consider the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's Application for approval of the Derby Wellfield Chemical Improvements Project ("Application").

The public hearing will take place on Thursday, June 22nd, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Members of the public may attend the meeting in person at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut, or via remote access. For information on attending the meeting via remote access, and to view the application and accompanying information, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/mu6vxn53>. The Public Hearing is being held pursuant to Sections 10 and 19 of Special Act 77-98, as amended.

The Application contains confidential information subject to protection under C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E) for matters covered by Sections 1-210(b)(19)(i)(ii), pertaining to safety risk. Portions of the public hearing may be held in protected confidential session. In the event of a protected confidential session, members of the public will be asked to leave the public hearing during the confidential discussion and may rejoin after the confidential discussion has ended.

All users of the public water supply system, residents of the Regional Water District, owners of property served or to be served, and other interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning the matter under consideration. Questions may be submitted in writing to the board office by emailing jslubowski@rwater.com or by calling (203) 401-2515. Mario Rizzo, Chairperson, Representative Policy Board, South Central Connecticut Regional Water District, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut 06511.

That's the hearing notice. Procedure to be followed during this hearing: this application contains confidential information, which is protected under protective order. In event that there needs to be a confidential discussion, we are going to ask members of the public to leave. RPB members, FMA, management, OCA, Bruce McDermott, Murtha, and Jen Slubowski are invited to attend the discussion. At this point, RPB members and the OCA can ask questions related to the confidential information. Members of the public may return when the confidential discussion has ended. We will not be setting time limits on people's comments. Anyone wishing to offer testimony will be sworn in. You

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need to state your name, residence, and business affiliation if any, and you may be subject to questioning by the presiding member and members of the RPB.

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to ask questions at the end of the public hearing and are not required to be sworn in. All individuals who will testify to identify themselves by name, home address, and their organization. So if those are present, please rise and raise your right hand. If you're remote, also raise your right hand and I'd like you to give this oath.

Do you solemnly and sincerely swear, or affirm and declare, that the evidence you shall give concerning the case now in question shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth upon the pains and penalties of perjury or false statement?

All: I do. Yes, I do.

Brian: Okay. And I think at this point, we'll let the RWA begin their presentation. And identify yourself when you-

Sunny: Sunny Lakshminarayanan with the Regional Water Authority, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven.

Jim: Jim Hill, Interim Head of Operations, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven.

Rochelle: Rochelle Kowalski, RWA, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut.

Jeff: Jeff Donofrio, Office of Consumer Affairs.

Brian: Anybody else who's going to be presenting?

Mario: Orville.

Orville: I'm Orville Kelly. I'm the manager of Design and Construction in the Engineering Department.

Mario: And was Chris also ...

Brian: Chris Bone.

Mario: Chris swear himself in for testimony?

Chris: I'm here. My computer just rebooted so I'm back online now. I'm sorry I missed that.

Brian: You missed the swear in. Do you want to swear in again? Do you solemnly swear, or affirm and declare, that the evidence you shall give concerning the case now in question

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shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth upon pains and penalties of perjury or false statement?

Chris: I do.

Brian: And will you identify yourself for the meeting?

Chris: Chris Bone, Tighe & Bond engineering.

Brian: Anyone else we're expecting?

Jennifer: I think that's it.

Brian: That's it? Okay. Sunny.

Sunny: Brian, thank you. Right, so this application for the Derby Wellfield we submitted to the RPB on April 27th, 2023. I will have Orville Kelly, the manager of Design and Construction, part of the engineering and environmental services get into the presentation. It goes into the background, a little bit into the details, and then any questions, we will leave it open for more questions. Orville.

Orville: I thank you, Sunny. Again, a pleasant good evening everyone and thank you for the opportunity to present the Derby Wellfield Chemical Improvement Projects Application today. As it has been stated, I am Orville Kelly, manager of Design and Construction in the Engineering Department.

And so the project background, the Wellfield is located in Derby, Connecticut, serves 700 RWA customers in the Ansonia-Derby Service Area, as well as an additional 500 plus customers for the Aquarion Water Company, which is the East Derby system, where this Wellfield is the primary source of supply through an interconnection. The treatment facility was originally constructed in 1950 with three wells active, and later upgraded in 1988 with only one active well that produces approximately 0.66 MGD, million gallons per day. There has been no major upgrades to the system since acquired by the RWA in 2008. The chemical treatment at this facility consists of hypochlorite for chlorination, caustic for pH adjustment, phosphate for corrosion, and fluoride for tooth decay. Next slide please.

The chemical system includes the replacement of the fluoride, phosphate, caustic, and hypochlorite system. Each of these systems includes new bulk storage tanks, day tanks, transfer pumps, metering pumps, piping, valves, and instrumentations for controls. This Wellfield will be fully automated and optimized as per the RWA latest standard for overgrown water facilities. The building upgrades includes replacing the roof, brick masonry reappointing, concrete housekeeping pads, roof access above pumps, and infill of demolished skylights and wall openings. The heating and ventilation and air conditioning portion of the building will provide climate control for the spaces, chemical

rooms, such as new exhaust fans, unit heaters, vents, and dedicated control panels. The safety equipment includes new tempered water piping, backflow switches, flow switches, chemical coating, lighting fixtures, injection chamber, and then also the chemical rooms as well as safety [inaudible] and safety eye washes. Next slide please.

The project need. Replacing the chemical system will improve the reliability, safety, and consistency of this facility. The station will be more reliable because new equipment will replace obsolete equipment and components that exceeded their useful design life, will reduce staff and labor and maintenance issues, which can be intensive due to the room sizes, how small the rooms are. New equipment and piping will prevent chemical leaks and bring this facility up to current updated RWA safety standards by optimizing the room sizes and piping layout, preventing trip hazard as the room are small and difficult to maneuver around. Repairing the roof will also prevent potential leakage on equipment, as well as slip, trip, and fall hazards. Consistency by installing new equipment, the Wellfield can now be fully automated with equipment that are similar to other RWA Wellfield facilities, as well as familiar to staff, thus reduce risk of user errors. Next slide please.

Summary of Alternative Analysis. In determining the best course of action for improvements to the Wellfield, three different alternatives were evaluated. Alternative one, status quo, which is take no action. This alternative was not acceptable and quickly dismissed as it does not provide the means to address the known issue at the facility. If not improved and left online, equipment would potentially fail, and the chemical leaks from aging piping and fittings that cause health and safety risk would remain.

Alternative number two, the chemical system improvement, replacing with new chemical feed system will provide long-term solution, as well as reliable and safe by eliminating equipment and components failure. However, this alternative was dismissed because it did not address optimizing the existing building footprint by reconfiguring the existing chemical rooms and piping, as well as addressing the roof leak which could potentially damage equipment.

Alternative number three, chemical system replacement with building improvements. Replacing with new chemical feed system which provide all the benefits of alternatives number two, and implementing other building improvements which would provide permanent solution to components that are in need of replacement, such as the tempered eye wash station, and full replacement of the roof, which would eliminate leakage that could potentially damage electrical and instrumentation equipment.

Therefore, alternative number three was selected as the most favorable alternative as it meets all the project objective in safety, consistency, and reliability. By optimizing the building footprint, the potential will significantly improve safety by reducing slip, trip, and fall hazards. It also addresses the roof leaks and the miscellaneous building improvement. It is also the most cost-effective and ease of construction, as all this work will be completed while the Wellfield is fully shut down. Next slide please.

The Budget and Schedule. The project budget is estimated to cost approximately \$3.3 million, which includes a 20% contingency. It also takes into account the price escalation, as we are still experiencing effects, we believe, from the pandemics. Previous spend to date, \$142,000 with \$3.16 million budgeted in FY24 and FY25. It is expected that this project will be funded using RWA's bond and internally generated fund. The proposed schedule RPB submission and approval anticipated, April through July 2023, final design bid award, August '23 through October '23, with construction beginning November '23 and go through April 2025. Based on the ease of construction to perform this work during low demand season, it is anticipated that the active construction work will be from November 2023 through March of 2025. Next slide please.

Permits and Unusual Circumstances. Permits. This project involved replacement of existing chemical systems and roof replacement to existing facility, thus no major permitting is anticipated. There are no process changes, therefore we anticipate only the DPH water treatment system general permit, as well as local building permit will be required. In terms of unusual circumstances, unusual circumstances is due to the fact that we originally estimated that the budgeted project in FY22 would've been under the RPB limit of \$2 million, but with all the escalation and everything else, it is now over the \$2 million threshold, we believe based on recent inflation and the market price material increases. Next slide please.

And so in summary, the Derby Wellfield was last updated in 1988 and is a critical facility serving over 700 RWA customers plus an additional 500 plus Aquarion Water Company East Derby customers where this Wellfield is the primary source of supply. Hence, the proposed project will replace aging chemical feed system and equipment that has reached the end of its useful life, optimizes construction and project cost, improve stability, safety, and reliability of the Wellfield, and it is consistent with, and advances the policies and goals of the RWA. Thank you very much for your time and if you have any questions, we'll take them at this point.

Mario: I'll ask.

Orville: Sure. Mario.

Mario: Mario Ricoszi, Brantford. Thank you Orville for a very good and thorough presentation. On your alternatives, did you consider just extending water mains and not having it as an isolated system? And will the Derby tank assist, or would it assist, in providing that? And then if you wanted to continue to run it as an independent system, did you consider adding another well?

Orville: So to those line of questions, we have been looking at additional well on that site. Just based on its location, we have had some challenges because of where it is located. In terms of an independent system, the Derby Wellfield, while it is called as the primary source for the East Derby system, it is not the sole source, and so that system also assists the Seymour Wellfield. So it's not an independent in and of itself. It assists from

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that sense. The Derby tank? Yes, it is a great time for the Derby tank to be installed because this Derby tank does afford us the protection of taking this Wellfield offline and do the improvements, and still provide water protection, fire protection for the Ansonia-Derby system.

Mario: So the tank would not allow you to just eliminate the whole Wellfield in and of itself?

Orville: No, it will not.

Mario: Okay, thank you.

Orville: It will not. Thank you.

Brian: Anybody else have questions?

Mark: Yes, Mark Levine, Woodbridge. You said it produces 0.66, is that right?

Orville: That is correct.

Mark: To the Ansonia system or that's what it produces to everybody?

Orville: That's the total production.

Mark: And because we're doing all these improvements, are we going to increase what we charge Aquarion for water? I mean-

Orville: Could you repeat that question, Mark?

Mark: Yeah. Are we going to increase the price of water to Aquarion because of the updates we're doing to the system? Is it time to renegotiate that contract?

Orville: [inaudible]. Rochelle do you want to take that?

Rochelle: Yes, I'll take that question. So right now, Aquarion is under contract and there's predetermined methodology that we need to follow. However, we are going to talk to Aquarion regarding, not unique to this, but changing the methodology that we're using to do the costing as was presented in, not the last read application, but the application prior to that.

Mark: When is their contract up?

Rochelle: Their contract, they're allowed to renew it, so it's going through the renewal process. They've expressed their interest in renewing, but we've also indicated, and I believe it's actually maybe part of the record because it was a response to the interrogatory about our response to Aquarion indicating the areas that we want to negotiate with them.

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- Mark: So they can renew it at the existing rate or we're going to try to increase the rate?
- Rochelle: We're going to propose an alternative methodology that will in effect increase the rate.
- Mark: Okay. What happens if they say no? Is it that we can do this, redetermine the methodology, or is this just something we need?
- Rochelle: Yes, and I think we're actually in a public session.
- Mark: I don't care what the cost is, I just want to know that we're going to increase the price. It protects the [inaudible] of the Wellfield.
- Rochelle: We're going to propose a revised methodology. You might recall that the prior methodology goes back to like 1983, so this is an updated methodology for our wholesale customers that we're going to present to Aquarion as part of the renewal process.
- Mark: Okay. I don't know what that means, but okay.
- Brian: Do we need to go into executive session to discuss this further, Mark, or are you okay?
- Mark: No, I don't care what the price, I just want to get that it's going to be increased. That's all.
- Sunny: We can't talk about it.
- Mark: We're going to take into consideration the \$3.3 million that we're putting into this. It's just like any business, you got to get back what you put in. Otherwise, why are we providing this water to them? If it's not our customers, they have to find a way to get water to their customers, and we're putting 3.3 million into a system that we really aren't taking benefits off other than selling the water to Aquarion.
- Rochelle: But Aquarion is not the only customer here.
- Mark: I know that, but the customers that are left could probably be filled a different way, leftover customers. Hey, I just think that we should really consider charging more money. That's all.
- Brian: And is there any ... Tim?
- Tim: I just had a question relative to the complexity of this type of an operation, understanding that it's got to run 24/7, assuming it has to run 24/7. Do you do things parallel and then you switch one on and off with the system? How does that all go without getting too technical and off?

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Jim: Nope, don't need it. So it's like Orville mentioned, it's part of a combined system. So the Derby Wellfield, the Seymour Wellfield all pump into the same distribution system and it's also going to be supplemented through Ansonia-Derby and PRB, which is getting water from the West River system. So in order to do this project, when we put Derby tank in, it'll allow us to have the safety factor to actually turn that Wellfield off and do the work that we need to do.

Tim: Okay. Well, I figured you had a plan and I knew that-

Jim: We have a plan.

Tim: I just didn't have a full understanding of how it actually gets executed because it seems fairly complicated.

Sunny: Also, Tim, if you look at the schedule itself, we will only do it during winter shutdown. So that's why it runs for two years, so we do it in '24 from November to Feb/March, then again we do it during the next fiscal year.

Tim: Understood.

Sunny: That's why it runs during two fiscal years.

Tim: [inaudible] thank you.

Brian: Anybody else from the RPB have questions for the Authority? Hearing none, I'd like to ask to get comments from our OCA, Jeffrey Donofrio.

Stephen: Brian. Brian.

Brian: Yes.

Stephen: Hi, I'm sorry, I had my thing on mute here.

Brian: Okay. Steve, go ahead.

Stephen: Yes, I have several questions and some related to what Mark just talked about. If we need to go into executive session to discuss actual numbers, I'll wait for that. But I think this process is backward. If you haven't talked to Aquarion yet for a commitment on this, even if they were to commit to the next 10 years, we're spending money for a system that's going to last 30 years.

Brian: Okay. Steve, you know what? Have we decided? Should we go to the executive sessions so that we can answer questions?

Mario: I think that might be helpful.

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Brian: Okay. What's the process regarding the executive session?

Mario: I make the motion that we go executive session and discuss contractual obligation with the negotiations.

Tim: Second.

Mario: One second. We got to vote first.

Stephen: Do we need to say who's being invited?

Brian: I have notes on ... invited to the executive session are all RPB members, FMA, management, the OCA, Bruce McDermott from Murtha, and Jen Slubowski are all invited to attend the executive session. [inaudible]. Do we have any members of the public on?

Jennifer: No, we don't, but we have Raquel who is filling in for Bruce McDermott, so Raquel from Murtha.

Brian: No, that's okay. So Raquel is also being invited to the executive session.

Mario: Now we need to vote.

Brian: All in favor?

All: Aye.

Brian: All opposed? Very well. We're in executive session and we can stop the recording for now.

[PROTECTED CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSION FROM 7:28 P.M. TO 7:47 P.M.]

Brian: Okay, we are now back in our regular session and it is time to hear comments from the OCA.

Jeff: Thank you very much, Brian. Thank you.

So I issued a memo dated June 15th and I was holding onto completing the memo until I received the Authority's responses to my interrogatories, which I received on June 15th and one of my interrogatories, as you know, requested a business case evaluation, which the Authority did perform and provide on June 16th.

So hopefully you've seen my interrogatories and the Authority's two sets of responses and had the opportunity to review those materials because they are very pertinent to this application and the consideration by the RPB of the merits of the application. As we

know from the application, the Derby Wellfield was constructed in the 1950s and originally consisted of three gravel wells and as you heard from the Authority's testimony, from Orville's testimony, the first two wells were taken out of service in the 1980s due to poor water quality and decreasing yield.

I think the industrial area was across from Route 34 and that probably played a role in the water quality issues. So what we have here is the remaining Wellfield, which is not only the primary source of supply for the Aquarion East Derby interconnection, but also as we've heard from the Authority both tonight and in its derogatory responses, the system is used to supply over 700 of the Authority's customers in Seymour, Ansonia and Derby.

The East Derby system is supplied by the Authority pursuant to this 1984 contract, a copy of which was provided with the Authority's responses to the OCAs interrogatories. And the contract is currently set to expire December 31st, 2025 so about 2 and a half years from now but as indicated in the Authority's interrogatory responses, Aquarion has an option to extend the contract for an additional 10 years and has exercised that option.

In the Authority's derogatory responses, we received a copy of the Authority's June 2nd correspondence to Aquarion acknowledging the exercise of the option as well as indicating that a change to the water charge methodology is in order. We know from the application that in the 15 years since the Authority acquired the Derby Wellfield as part of its acquisition of Birmingham Utilities, no major upgrades have been made to the Derby well field. So the existing components are 35 years old and have clearly exceeded their useful life design. Useful life is 25 to 30 years and the reliability and the stability of the Derby Wellfield is obviously, I don't think anyone can say otherwise protected by replacing chemical storage and feed systems prior to leaks.

So if you look at my interrogatories, you see that a lot of the issues that are being discussed tonight are issues that I was concerned about whether or not absent the contract with Aquarion, this was an appropriate expenditure and the Authority indicated that there are 700 plus other customers that are dependent upon the Derby Wellfield and the Derby Wellfield is obviously at 35 years old in need of an upgrade as well as in need of being standardized and brought up to date within the RWAs current standards.

It's been 35 years since the Wellfield was rebuilt and certainly the reliability and safety of the facility are important considerations. We know it would've been less expensive to do the project a few years ago, but the project remains necessary and appropriate. The estimated cost of the project includes escalation to the midpoint of construction at the rate of 10% a year and a 20% contingency. Those budgeting practices make good sense given the scope and the timing of the project.

In reviewing the business case evaluation, which was provided last Friday night, I noted that the business case evaluation confirmed a lot of assumptions that I made but really didn't have tangible evidence to support with respect to lifecycle cost reductions that would result from the project, with respect to reducing risks associated with chemical handling, an analysis of how the benefits exceed the cost for the project, as well as how the project allows the Authority to achieve improvements and operational flexibility.

So I find the project to be in the public's best interest and recommend approval of the project. I think if you really dig into the business case evaluation that was performed, you'll find that the risk of not performing this project given the cost and given the fact that we're talking about approximately \$1 per year per customer as the cost for the project, the OCA represents all consumers and regardless of whether it's the 700 plus consumers outside of the Aquarion contract or one consumer having a risk of failure in a 35 year old facility that no upgrades have been made to since the Authority acquired the facility through its acquisition of Birmingham 15 years ago is not an acceptable outcome.

So like I said, the business case evaluation is an important tool. That's why I asked the Authority whether it had prepared one and the Authority to its credit to assist me in my review, did in fact in short order, prepare a business case evaluation that supports the conclusions that I reached and supports the recommendation that I made.

Happy to answer any questions.

Brian: Thank you, Jeff. Any questions for Jeff?

Mark: Mark Levine, Woodbridge.

Mark: Did you ask the question that if that field, if we... listen, I don't deny that the building needs to be repaired and done. That's not... and it's safety and all that. I do not deny any of that and I accept all those premises.

What I don't accept is when we put in the Derby Water Tank, once that water tank is up, will that replace... be put out or buy that Wellfield and can it supply the water to that area without using the well with that Wellfield? Because that tank is going to hold... we didn't have any tank in that area and now we're going to have a tank that holds millions of gallons of water.

Jeff: I think Mr. Kelly answered that question.

Mark: I don't think so.

Jeff: I think he did... I think he was asked that question whether or not the Derby Tank obviates the need for this project. Whether the Derby Tank could supply the customers that are supplied by the Derby Wellfield and be used as a source in lieu of the Derby

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Wellfield, but Mr. Kelly, you can correct me if I'm wrong I thought you already answered that question?

Mark: Do we see any numbers?

Jeff: Numbers in what respect? In terms of the number of customer...[inaudible 00:09:10]

Mark: And the tank in Derby compared to the amount of water that's produced in the Wellfield?

Jim: Okay, well you might want to think about it in these terms. So the tank itself, the Derby Tank has a finite amount of water in it and a portion of it's supposed to be used for fire protection. So it has a usable capacity, which is not the capacity of the Tank.

Jim: If we had sources of supply that were out of service, that tank is only going to supply the water for a short period of time and then you're done, there's no more water. If you don't have the source of supply on that side of the system. So why it will help? It won't. It doesn't. It doesn't not what it does ultimately replace the source of supply.

Jeff: Well let me approach it a little bit differently, was the Derby Tank designed with the idea of it replacing the Derby Wellfield?

Orville: No. It was never designed. The tank is there as a storage to provide fire protection and to provide pressure and that would allow us to now maintain these Wellfields before we weren't able to maintain them because we could never take them offline for any extended periods. And so that's all this tank is going to be doing, providing protection, fire protection for our customers and also providing some pressure in some areas where we knew we had low pressure, but we still needed the Derby Wellfield to provide the source of that water to be stored there.

Mark: What I don't understand is you say that when you use the well tank, when you use it up it's all gone. Isn't the tank being filled constantly? Isn't water going into that tank constantly? If it's being used?

Jim: Yes, when we have our source of supply running.

Mark: Yes...

Jim: When we come in potentially from that field...

Mark: That field you're talking about now does not supply the well tank does it? You say it only supplies the customers?

Sunny: It's just a question of moving the water though, Mark right. So we have to move the water, so if another source fails, we will have to move the water towards that site. So

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the storage does become completely a different thing than a source. Sources 24/7, 365. The storage, to the extent, whatever extent it can supply it is limited to 1 million gallons actually. That's what the storage capacity of the Derby Tank is...

Mark: Thank you...

Brian: Anyone else have questions?

Stephen: Yes, it's Steve, Hamden representative.

Stephen: I also don't have an issue with what's being proposed if you're going to use the well. The part that's missing from me is Aquarion here as part of the long range discussion on a commitment here to use this water and to help pay for it.

Sunny: Yes Steve, I think that's a very good feedback. So I think both you and Mark have expressed it and I think this is something that we wrote the letter as of June 2nd to Aquarion, having these in mind and certainly I think this is a feedback that we will take into the negotiations and whatever I would say fruitful negotiations we can make on the price itself, taking this into account the capital expense that we're going to do on the Derby as well as various other factors.

I think it's a valid feedback. We are certainly not, I would say opposed to it. We do welcome it, so certainly it'll be part of the negotiations and we will say put that as part of the increased, I would say pricing, whatever we have to negotiate.

Stephen: Yeah but from a business point of view, they have no commitment here and if for some reason you decide that you want to increase the price and they don't go for it, they may have an alternative and pull out. And where does that leave RWA, if that were to happen? Just comment sonny, I just...

Rochelle: Think the way the distribution is set up is there's currently no alternative for them.

Sunny: Where their supply?

Stephen: Right, well that should give you a great negotiating point. I hope it works.

Brian: Anyone else with questions for Jeff?

Brian: Hearing none.

Brian: Are there any members of the public who want to offer testimony?

Brian: No members of the public.

Brian: Any other questions from members of the RPB? Any additional questions or comments?

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- Jeff: The only additional comment if I could, that I wanted to make is the answers to the June 15th responses to the OCA's interrogatories, which are in the record okay.
- Jeff: The last document of the responses is a June 17th, 2016 letter from Ty and Bond to DEP and I would call everyone's attention to the statements that are made in that correspondence regarding the importance of the Derby Wellfield and the need for the Derby Wellfield as a supply source for the East Derby interconnection. I think that letter answers some of the questions that were raised tonight.
- Brian: Thank you, Jeff.
- Mark: That was before we ever decided to build a water tank in Derby though. The water tank was never there when that letter came out.
- Jeff: No, I understand that but the technical folks have said that the Derby Water Tank was not designed, and I don't remember in the discussions about the Derby Water Tank ever saying, Hey, why don't we design it so that we can take the Derby Wellfield offline.
- Mark: There's one other thing they forgot to ask and I'm sorry, I will stop after this I promise. Who owns the pipe in the ground, Aquarion or us?
- Sunny: Within the Geography that we serve. We own.
- Brian: Thank you.
- Brian: Any other questions?
- Mark: You didn't answer the question. Who owns the pipe that Aquarion serves?
- Brian: It was answered. He said, we own it.
- Sunny: No, no...I said within the Geography that we serve, I said we own it.
- Brian: Within The Geography we serve, we own.
- Sunny: Right...Interconnections. That's a different issue. So this is an interconnection, right?
- Mark: No, no... One more time.
- Mark: Who owns the pipe in the ground that Aquarion serves?
- Sunny: If it is an Aquarion's territory, then Aquarion will own the pipe. I mean I still...
- Mark: Do you know that for sure? That's all I'm asking.

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- Sunny: I was about to say that I don't know that for sure because I haven't read the rules and regulations. I know what RPB's our regional water Authority's rules and regulations are.
- Any pipe that we have within, I would say the towns that we serve, we own the pipe underneath the ground.
- Mark: Would you please find out who owns the pipe that Aquarium serves in that area? Thank you.
- Brian: All right. Anybody else? Any further comments? None. I'm going to ask Charles, will you read the list of exhibits?
- Charles: South Central Connecticut Regional Water District Representative Policy Board, Derby Wellfield Chemical Improvements Project June 22nd, 2023, Public Hearing Exhibits.
- Charles: Exhibit A. Application to the RPB for approval of the Derby Wellfield Chemical Improvements Project dated April 28th, 2023 the application.
- Charles: B. OCA's first set of Interrogatories dated May 24th, 2023.
- Charles: C. Notice of Public Hearing published on May 27th, 2023 in the Connecticut Post and the New Haven Register.
- Charles: D. Management's responses dated June 15th, 2023 to OCA's first set of Interrogatories dated May 24th, 2023.
- Charles: E. Management's second set of responses dated June 16th, 2023 to the OCA's first set of interrogatories dated May 24th, 2023.
- Charles: F. OCA's Memorandum dated June 15th, 2023.
- Charles: Finally, G. Public Hearing Presentation dated June 22nd, 2023.
- Brian: Thank you, Charles.
- Brian: Before I close this hearing, are there any other questions or comments? Hearing none the public hearing is closed.