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Via Electronic Filing

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
PA Public Utility Commission
P.O. Box 3265
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Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v. Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority
Docket Nos. R-2023-3039920 (water); R-2023-3039921 (wastewater); and
R-2023-3039919 (stormwater)

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

In compliance with Paragraph 8 of the Scheduling Order issued July 10, 2023, enclosed for electronic filing please find The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority's Proof of Publication indicating that: (1) notice of the Public Input Hearings held on July 25 and July 27, 2023 in the above-referenced proceeding was published in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* on July 16, 2023; and (2) notice of the Public Input Hearings held on August 29, 2023 in the above-referenced proceeding was published in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* on August 13, 2023.

Additionally, pursuant to Paragraph 8 of the Scheduling Order, PWSA published notice of the Public Input Hearings on its website and on social media. The hearings also received significant media attention. Details of PWSA's outreach efforts regarding the Public Input Hearings are provided below.

- For the Public Input Hearings held on July 25 and 27, 2023:
 - On July 16, 2023, notice was published in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* and an event listing was published on PWSA's website.
 - On July 18, 2023, PWSA issued a press release and posted this to its website. PWSA began sharing information on social media.
 - On July 20, 2023, PWSA sent a targeted quarterly newsletter to community groups.
 - From July 18 through July 27, 2023, ten announcements were posted to PWSA's Twitter account, including links to the press release and website event listing.
 - From July 18 through July 26, 2023, four announcements were posted to PWSA's Facebook page, including links to the press release and website event listing.

- Prior to the hearings, between July 18-24, 2023, the hearings received media coverage by KDKA, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Next Pittsburgh, WTAE, KDKA Radio, KDKA TV, and WPXI.
- Once the hearings were in process, between July 25-27, 2023, the hearings received media coverage by WTAE, KDKA, WPXI, WPGH (Fox), KDKA Radio, KDKA Morning Show, and WESA.
- For the Public Input Hearings held on August 29, 2023:
 - On August 9, 2023, PWSA shared the PUC's press release on social media.
 - On August 13, 2023, PWSA published notice in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.
 - On August 22, 2023, PWSA published an event listing on its website and promoted the hearings on social media.
 - PWSA posted seven announcements to Twitter, including sharing the PUC's press release and ongoing reminders in the week prior to the hearings.
 - PWSA posted four announcements to Facebook, including sharing the PUC's press release and ongoing reminders in the week prior to the hearings.
 - Prior to the hearings, from August 13-25, 2023, the hearings received media coverage by WTAE-TV and Next Pittsburgh.
 - After the hearings, on August 31, 2023, the hearings received media coverage by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and KDKA Radio.

Copies to be served in accordance with the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Lauren M. Burge*

Lauren M. Burge, Esq.

Enclosure

cc: Certificate of Service w/enc.

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Notice
Public Input Hearings Regarding the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority's (PWSA) Proposed Rate Increases
The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) has scheduled two in-person and two telephonic public input hearings to gather information and hear from ratepayers regarding PWSA's proposed rate filing to increase water, wastewater conveyance, and stormwater services by \$146.1 million over three years.
The PUC is the state agency that is investigating the proposed rate changes and will make the final determination as to what increase, if any, is just and reasonable.
The Public Input Hearings will be held in person at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at the Jeron X. Grayson Community Center, (Media Room), 1852 Enoch Street Pittsburgh, PA 15219 and telephonically, at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2023.
To testify at these hearings, you may pre-register either by:
• Contacting the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) at 1-800-684-6560 or consumer@paoca.org to participate in the in person or telephonic public hearings, or
• Visiting PWSA's website at <https://www.pgh2o.com/news-events/events-meetings>, choose the link for the public input hearing you wish to attend and submit your registration.
If you do not wish to testify but want to listen to the telephonic public input hearing on July 27, 2023, you may contact the OCA to obtain the call-in information by 3:00 pm on Wednesday, July 26, 2023.
Para revisar este aviso en español, visite www.pgh2o.com/ourwaterfuture

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Climate

La. project aims to restore miles of land lost to coastal flooding

By Kevin McGill
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Nearly \$3 billion in settlement money from the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster that devastated the Gulf Coast and killed hundreds of thousands of marine animals is now funding a massive ecosystem restoration in southeastern Louisiana's Plaquemines Parish.

The sparsely populated land divided by the Mississippi River delta, is marbled by bayous and bays. Farms, fishing camps and shrimp boats share the region with oil rig supply vessels and industrial storage. And it's about to host a vast undertaking meant to mimic Mother Nature: Enormous gates will be soon be incorporated into a flood protection levee.

The aim is to divert some of the river's sediment-laden water into a new channel and guide it into the Barataria Basin southeast of New Orleans.

If it works, the sediment will settle out in the basin and gradually restore land that has been steadily disappearing for decades. State coastal officials call it a first



Alex Brandon/Associated Press

Coastal erosion has broken through the marsh grass in the Barataria Basin near Port Fourchon, La. Officials are breaking ground in southeast Louisiana on a nearly \$3 billion project to fight coastal wetland loss.

-of-its-kind project they are certain will work, even as climate change-induced rising sea levels threaten the disappearing coast.

Gov. John Bel Edwards called it the largest such ecosystem restoration project in the state's history. "Quite frankly I'm not aware of one on this scale any where in

the country and they're are few in the world that can match the size of this project," he said at Thursday's groundbreaking.

Bren Haase, chair of Louisiana's Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, estimates the project will build from 20 square miles to 40 square miles over the next 30 to 50 years.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projected creating of as much as 21 square miles by 2070. Subsidence and sea level rise will diminish the returns, so much so that a net loss of land remains likely. But that can be seen as a factor increasing the importance of the effort.

"As land loss accelerates due to sea-level rise and subsidence, more of the remaining wetland area would be attributed to diversion operations," the statement's executive summary said.

Coastal experts say south

Louisiana was built by sediment deposited as the river continuously altered its own meandering course over thousands of years.

Efforts to constrain the river with flood protection levees and huge flow-control structures safeguarded cities and communities that developed along the banks as the river became a medium of navigation and commerce. But the development also stopped the millennia-old process of building land naturally.

That is a major reason Louisiana's marshy coastal wetlands have given way to growing swaths of open water, posing a myriad of environmental concerns. Those concerns include worry about the erosion of land that serves as a natural hurricane buffer for New Orleans.

"The Mississippi River built Louisiana — and finally reconnecting it with coastal



Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority via AP

This computer rendering provided by Louisiana's Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority depicts the planned Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion project, which, when completed in five years, will channel sediment-laden Mississippi River water into southeast Louisiana's Barataria Basin.

areas that are currently starved of freshwater and sediment will ensure our future," U.S. Rep. Garrett Graves, a Republican, said in a news release. Mr. Graves supported the project in Congress and served as a top coastal restoration official under former Gov. Bobby Jindal.

Channeling water from the Mississippi into the basin poses environmental and economic problems, too. Even as it granted permits for the project, the Corps noted the environmental costs of introducing non-salty river water into coastal areas where aquatic animals thrive in salty or brackish water. The changes could kill bottlenose dolphins and have varying effects on fish and sea turtles. Fishermen have long opposed the project because of its expected effects on shrimp and oysters.

Kerri Callais, a board member for the Save Louisiana Coalition, which opposes the diversion, is among opponents who favor other coast-building methods, including rebuilding barrier islands and using pipelines to pump sediment to land-depleted areas.

"These are projects that we know will build land, will not take decades, and will not take the livelihoods, culture, and heritage of our citizens away," Ms. Callais, a member of the governing

council in neighboring St. Bernard Parish, said in an email.

Opposition has remained despite state promises of efforts to mitigate harm. On Tuesday, for instance, coastal officials outlined \$10 million in planned spending on a variety of projects to aid fishers and oyster harvesters who will have to change the areas where they work or make other adjustments as a result of the project. Millions more in spending is planned to help communities near the river that might see increased flood threats from the project, including elevation of roadways.

Some environmental groups see the potential benefits. Matt Rota, senior policy director for the nonprofit Healthy Gulf, said the project will use less energy than sediment pumping, and he acknowledged the need to work with the river on its natural ability to build land.

"This diversion, if it's successful, is more passive," Mr. Rota said, "which means it can keep going, whether or not we have money or the fuel."

Still, Mr. Rota said, Healthy Gulf wants to see more done to help locals who depend on fisheries and oysters for their livelihoods. He said state and federal governments must also work harder to limit pollution upriver.



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DAY TOURS

WINE BEER & SHOPPING TOUR
AUG. 25 \$169
North Country Brewing beer sampling, Timber Creek Top & Table lunch, Volant Mill Winery wine tasting, Knockin Noggins Winery & Ciderery wine tasting, free time to shop & browse at Volant's cute shops & distillery.

ON GOLDEN POND
AUG. 27 \$170
Theatre show Lake Erie, lunch at Concourse of Union Station - Erie's Train Station built in 1927, visit Tom Ridge Environmental Center.

CORKS & FORKS
SEP. 8 \$185
Penn Shore Winery, Burch's Winery & Farm Market lunch and wine tasting, Arundel's Cellar & Brewing winery built in a 100 year old barn, Lake Shore Winery beautiful winery with breathtaking view, Meeder's restaurant for homemade dessert!

DEEP CREEK ART & WINE FESTIVAL
SEP. 9 \$219
Visit Candyland, High Country Creamers sample cheeses, ART WINE & BEER FESTIVAL, Scenic Chairlift Ride & Mountain Coaster Ride w/breathtaking views of Deep Creek Lake, dinner at WISP RESORT featuring All American Steak Out-house cut New York Strip Steak!

MERCER TOUR
SEP. 13 \$179
Wendell August Forge, the Cheese House, family style meal at TARA, delicious comfort food, Avenue of 444 Flags, Kranyiaks huge gift shop with everything from plants to toys.

L OF A GOOD TIME!
SEP. 28 \$169
Visit North East Railway museum, Erie's oldest Lighthouse- Erie Land Lighthouse, Concourse of Union Station, a 1927 train station, Lake Lovers Cruise on Lake Erie, scenic drive along Route 5, Libations a Southshore Winery.

WINERY TOUR
OCT. 5 \$169
Visit four wineries & brewery company, Lunch at a unique BBQ Restaurant.

WISP RESORT DEEP CREEK MD
OCT. 12 \$187
Visit a true Artisanal Farm, see how snow is made for the resort, see Maryland's largest waterfall at Swallow Falls State Park, lunch at Wisp Resort, sit on the deck and enjoy the beautiful view above the lake, shop at the Farmer's Market home to over 700 candies!

CASINO TOURS

RIVERS CASINO BONUS: \$10 SLOTS
SEP. 6, OCT. 4, NOV. 8 \$30

LADY LUCK NEMACOLIN BONUS: \$20 SLOTS
AUG. 9, SEP. 13, OCT. 11 \$35

SENECA NIAGARA BONUS: \$70 SLOTS & \$30 FOOD
SEP. 11-13 (PLAY BINGO ON SEP. 12) \$299 PP DBL
OCT. 22-24, NOV. 19-21 \$309 PP DBL
BONUS: \$100 FREE SLOT PLAY AND \$40 FOOD CREDIT

ROCKY GAP BONUS: \$20 SLOTS
AUG. 16, ADD SEP. 19, OCT. 18 \$35

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BONUS: \$20 FREE SLOTS & \$10 FOOD CREDIT
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MULTI DAY TOURS

NIAGARA FALLS, ON SEP. 26-28 \$599 PP DBL
Guided tour of Niagara Falls, Skyline ride to the top w/lunch, Falls Illumination, Visit Floral Clock, Hornblower Cruise, Niagara Skywheel, Tour Niagara on the Lake w/ wine tasting, Niagara Casino, four meals. Passport required.

NASHVILLE AUG. 23-27 \$1599 PP DBL
Gaylord Opryland Resort accommodations, buffet dinner & country music variety show at Nashville Nightlight Theatre, Grand Ole Opry, Admission to Country Music Hall of Fame, tour Historic RCA STUDIO B, record your own song! Ryman Auditorium, the Mother Church of Country Music, a National Historic Landmark, professional guided tour of Nashville, homestyle buffet lunch at Wildhorse Saloon, line dancing lessons, admission to the Hermitage, home of President Andrew Jackson, Progressive Antebellum Dinner, home of James K. Polk, Elm Springs, Historic Athenaeum. Eight meals.

WILDWOOD SEP. 10-14 \$689 PP DBL
Deluxe Oceanfront accommodations, 10 meals, sightseeing Dolphin Watch Boat Cruise, visit Cape May & Cape May Lighthouse, Sunset Beach, Smithville, Sunset Beach, Wildwood Boardwalk, Atlantic City Casino w/ Bonus Package, fantastic luncheon at Tomasello Winery, Ice Cream Social, a night of Special Entertainment. Full breakfast daily at hotel.

MYRTLE BEACH
SEP 10-15 \$1,279 PP DBL
Oceanfront suites at beautiful Beaker's Resort, overnights at Mount Airy, NC and Beckley WV. Tour Mt. Airy, Beckley, and Myrtle Beach. Three shows-Legends in Concert, Carolina Opry, "Iconic" @ Alabama Theatre, shopping at Broadway at the Beach, dinner @ Golden Corral Mt. Airy, dinner @ Paula Deen's Family Kitchen, Joe's Bar & Grill, All-u-can-Eat Gourmet Seafood Buffet @ Giant Crab, free beach time or shopping, free evening for shopping at Tamarack state run craft store w/locally made merchandise, five breakfasts.

ARK ENCOUNTER & CREATION MUSEUM
SEP. 25-28 \$825 PP DBL
Dinner cruise along the beautiful Ohio River, tour Cincinnati, tour the Creation Museum, bringing the pages of the Bible to life, show in Stargazer's Planetarium, full day at the Ark Encounter, jaw dropping exhibits, full size Noah's Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible, seven meals.

MT. RUSHMORE & BLACK HILLS OF SOUTH DAKOTA
SEP. 28 - OCT. 6 \$1769 PP DBL
Eight nights lodging-Guided tour of Chicago, Wisconsin Dells cruise, Corn Palace & Wall Drug, Badlands National Park, Guide for two full days in Black Hills, Crazy Horse Mountain Carving, Museum North American Indian, Mt. Rushmore, Custer State Park, Journey Museum, Black Hills Gold Factory, Historic Deadwood, Mt. Moriah Tour, sixteen meals.

RAILS & SAILS OCT. 16-20 \$1199 PP DBL
Four nights, two train rides, Essex Steam Train & Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad, three cruises, M/S/MT. Washington Cruise w/buffet lunch, Lighthouse Lovers Cruise, Maine Lobster Bake dinner w/entertainment, narrated Boston Harbor Cruise, Narrow Gauge Railroad & Museum, visit historic Old Portland, Shipyard Brewery, Wolfeboro NH, 8 meals.

ASHVILLE BILTMORE CHRISTMAS
NOV. 7-10 \$1,757 PP DBL
Stay onsite at Village Hotel on Biltmore Estate, Candlelight Christmas tour, tour Asheville, Grove Park Inn lunch, Flat Rock Playhouse, private dinner at Café on the Veranda, dinner at Stable Café at Biltmore Estate, free time for shopping, Biltmore Estate gardens & winery, seven meals.

BOARDWALK TO BROADWAY DEC. 3-6 \$645 PP DBL
IT'S HERE-YOU'VE BEEN ASKING FOR IT! Three days in Atlantic City at the Tropicana Hotel & Resort, one day in the Big Apple-NEW YORK CITY! See the Rockettes Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall, Dinner at Carmines in NYC, casino bonus \$40 free slot play and three food vouchers at \$25 each-\$75.

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The Public Input Hearings will be held telephonically at **1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2023.**

If you wish to testify at these hearings, you are encouraged to pre-register by 4:00 p.m. on August 28, 2023, by contacting the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) at 1 (800) 684-6560 or by emailing consumer@paoca.org.

Email exhibits to the OCA at consumer@paoca.org by August 28, 2023.

Customers are encouraged to pre-register, but may participate in the Public Input Hearings, either to testify or to listen, by using the following toll-free call-in information.

Conference Number: (877) 929-1529
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