

**Minutes  
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board  
April 7, 2011  
2:30– 4:30 p.m.**

**Mercer Island Council Chambers  
9611 SE 36<sup>th</sup> Street  
Mercer Island, WA 98040**

<b><u>Board Members</u></b>	<b><u>Board Alternates</u></b>	<b><u>Wholesale Utility Representatives</u></b>	<b><u>SPU Attendees</u></b>	<b><u>Other Attendees</u></b>
Matt Everett Walt Canter Dave Hilmoie Nancy Ahern Ron Little	Terry Smith John Thompson	Kathleen Keene Margaret Wiggins Fanny Yee Lynne Danielson Stu Turner Charlotte Haines Ron Ricker Dick Swaab Kathleen Quong-Vermeire Mark Parsons Ron Sheadel Jerry Thornton Jim Rick Gary Cline Fanny Yee	Terri Gregg Regina Carpenter	Mike Harris Tom Hoffman Byron Murgatroyd

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

2. **Minutes/Agenda**

The February 3, 2011 minutes were approved by consent of the Operating Board.  
The agenda for the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting was approved.

3. **New Business**

▪ **Tolt Slide Monitoring**

Dave Hilmoie, SPU Drinking Water Director, gave a power point presentation on the slide monitoring of Tolt pipelines 1 & 2. SPU has noticed ground movement is occurring faster during the wet season, TPL 2 is moving more than TPL1. A leak test was done on TPL 1 late last year and it has increased by 1gpm. TPL1 is currently out of service and another test will be done next month. A Geo-Tech consultant presented preliminary results in March 2011 and the model indicated that the ground water is not a significant factor which is contrary to SPU's results. SPU to authorize an additional \$15K - \$45K to further explore

and reconcile consultant's data. Next results expected in May 2011. SPU will do a business case looking at dewatering the area before making a financial decision to proceed to AMC for approval.

**Rate Study Update & Amortization of True-up balance**

Regina Carpenter, SPU Sr. Economist gave an update on the current rate study. She requested that the Operating Board give a recommendation on the rate path options presented. After much discussion on the debt recovery and the rate study process the Board voted 5-0 to recommend Seattle use Option 2, to front load the rate in the first year 2012 versus the last year of 2014.

**Agenda Materials**

- Handout – Current water supply conditions
- 2012-2014 – Wholesale Rate Study

**4. Executive Summaries and Other Business**

- **Water Supply Status – Flood Management** – SPU is still in flood management and reservoir recovery mode, snow pack has increased to near normal levels for this time of year.
- **Algae – Tabellaria** is the dominant species to date. Cyclotella is roughly 1%
- **SPU Operating Board Welcoming Ceremony** - Welcoming the new members of the Operating is tentatively scheduled to take place at the May 5<sup>th</sup> OB meeting.
- **SPU Operating Board Retreat** – Tentative scheduled for late June 2011
- **Incident Coordination Annex Update** – Annex will be sent back out to all participants in the new format
- **Tolt Pipeline – Brightwater Tunneling project** - Update on the tunneling project that they have passed Lyons Creek and SPU's critical areas.
- **Fluoride Update** – Dave Hilmoie reported that the State will be lowering fluoride levels and as soon as they are enacted SPU will lower levels and notify all Wholesale customers
- **Legislature** – Update given on a number of the House and Senate Bills
  
- **Future Meetings**  
  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
April 7<sup>th</sup>

**5. For the Good of the Order**

- Welcomed Lynne Danielson, Olympic View W & S Districts new Manager to the Operating Board
- Wished Kathleen Keene, WD 20 Commissioner happy retirement and thanked her for her participation on the Operating Board.
- Stu Turner, Shoreline WD requested to hear an update on negotiations with City of Shoreline. Will bring Judi Gladstone, SPU back for an update.
- Japan nuclear crisis – Dave Hilmoie, SPU gave an update on radiation levels being reported and levels are very low and that SPU is monitoring levels on DOH's website.

**6. Public Comment Period**

No comments provided.

7. Meeting Adjourned

Approved by:

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Chair, Nancy Ahern

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