



Interrogatories of Commission Staff

TO: St. Peters Bay Sewage Collection and Treatment Corporation
FROM: Cheryl Bradley
DATE: March 30, 2026
RE: 2025 Rate Application
DOCKET: UW 25 304

The Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission (the “Commission”), in its review of the 2025 Rate Application submitted by St. Peters Bay Sewage Collection and Treatment Corporation (the “Utility”), requests responses to the following interrogatories in order to assess the proposed rate increases.

General & Application Clarifications

1. The application requests that the proposed rate increases be effective December 1, 2025. As this date has now passed, please confirm how the Utility intends to proceed. Specifically:
 - a. Does the Utility continue to request that the rate increase be applied effective December 1, 2025 (i.e., retroactively)? Or,
 - b. Does the Utility wish to revise the proposed effective date?
 - c. If the Utility intends to revise the effective date, please identify the proposed new effective date and provide updated financial projections reflecting that timing.
2. Please confirm whether the Utility has provided notice of the proposed rate increase to its customers.
 - a. If yes, please describe how and when notice was provided, and include a copy of the notice.
 - b. If no, please indicate when the Utility intends to provide notice.

Forecast & Revenue Integrity

3. In Application UW25304, Schedule 7 shows "Other Revenues" of \$11,420 (without the increase) and \$11,991 (with the increase).
 - a. Please describe what is included in “Other Revenues” and how these amounts were calculated.

4. The application notes a planned sewer line extension on Cardigan road in 2028.
 - a. Will this project increase the number of customers served by the Utility?
 - b. If yes, are these customers included in your current projections?
 - c. If not included, please confirm whether this is because they will not be connected before the end of the projection period.
5. Please describe how and when the Utility bills its customers.
 - a. How often are customers billed (e.g. monthly, quarterly, annually)?
 - b. When are bills typically issued during the year?
 - c. How would a change in rates be implemented (for example, at the next billing cycle)?
 - d. If rates were approved with an effective date in the past, how would the Utility apply that change to customers?

Expense & Allocations

6. Please provide a detailed description what costs are included under the “Repairs and Maintenance - Sludge Removal.”
 - a. Please identify the main activities or services included.
 - b. Please explain why costs in 2024 were higher than in 2023 and 2025.
 - c. Please explain why project costs for 2026-2028 are significantly higher than 2025.
7. Power (electricity) costs decreased in 2025.
 - a. Please explain the reason for this decrease.
 - b. Given that electricity costs were lower in 2025, please explain how the Utility determined the higher projected electricity costs for 2026-2028.
8. Please describe the salaries and wages included in the sewer expenses.
 - a. Please identify the staff positions included and indicated whether they are dedicated to sewer services or shared with other functions.
 - b. For shared staff, please explain how their time and costs are allocated to sewer.
 - c. Please indicate whether these allocation percentages are based on actual time spent or estimates, and how they are determined.
9. Please describe what is included in “Contractual Services.”
 - a. Please indicate whether these costs are expected to change in 2026-2028.
 - b. If yes, please explain the reason for the change and what additional costs/services are included in the projections.
10. Depreciation expense increases in 2025.
 - a. Please explain the reason for this increase.
 - b. Please explain why depreciation returns to lower levels in the 2026-2028 projections.

Financial Position

11. Please indicate the amount of the Utility's outstanding receivables that relate to prior years.

- a. Please describe the Utility's approach to collecting outstanding receivables. Does the utility have a plan to collect these outstanding receivables?
- b. Please indicate how much of the outstanding receivables is over 90 days past due.
- c. Please identify whether the Utility is experiencing any challenges or issues with collections.

Additional interrogatories may follow. Please provide responses to the Commission by April 17, 2026.

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