

A. Identification and Coding Information

1. Project Number: Agency Number: Update Code: A-103.01 Change

2. Date: October 1, 2012 Revised:

3. Project Name: Anaerobic Digestion/Combined Heat & Power (Piscataway WWTP)

4. Program: Sanitation 6. Planning Area: Bi-County

5. Agency: WSSC

7. Pre PDF Pg.No.: 8. Req. Adeq. Pub. Fac.

B. Expenditure Schedule (000's)

Cost Elements	(8) Total	(9) Thru FY '12	(10) Estimate FY '13	(11) Total 6 Years	(12) Year 1 FY '14	(13) Year 2 FY '15	(14) Year 3 FY '16	(15) Year 4 FY '17	(16) Year 5 FY '18	(17) Year 6 FY '19	(18) Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design & Supervision	23,197	1,177	20	22,000	4,400	6,600	600	3,600	3,600	3,200	
Land											
Site Improvements & Utilities											
Construction	110,000			110,000			6,000	36,000	36,000	32,000	
Other	13,202		2	13,200	440	660	660	3,960	3,960	3,520	
Total	146,399	1,177	22	145,200	4,840	7,260	7,260	43,560	43,560	38,720	

C. Funding Schedule (000's)

WSSC Bonds	73,228	606	22	72,600	2,420	3,630	3,630	21,780	21,780	19,360	
Federal Aid	73,171	571		72,600	2,420	3,630	3,630	21,780	21,780	19,360	

D. Description & Justification

DESCRIPTION

This project will develop a comprehensive program for the engineering, design, construction, maintenance, and monitoring and verification necessary to add sustainable energy equipment and systems to produce biogas at a regional/centralized location at the Piscataway Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The program will provide a reduction in energy and energy-related costs (electricity, natural gas, transportation, and disposal of biosolids) which may in part be guaranteed by the contractor. The potential guaranteed reduction component includes annual avoided energy costs as well as operations and maintenance, chemicals, and biosolids transportation and disposal costs. The program will enhance existing operating conditions and reliability while continuing to meet all permit requirements, and ensure a continued commitment to environmental stewardship at WSSC sites. The scope of work will include, but is not limited to, the addition of anaerobic digestion equipment, thermal hydrolysis pretreatment equipment, gas cleaning systems, hydrogen sulfide and siloxane removal, tanks, piping, valves, pumps, sludge dewatering/thickening equipment, grit removal, effluent disinfection systems, instrumentation, flow metering, power measurement, and combined heat and power generation systems.

In March 2009, the WSSC received approval for a federal Department of Energy grant of \$570,900 for the feasibility study/conceptual design phase. This amount has been supplemented by \$362,765 from the WSSC toward the feasibility study. On June 16, 2010, the WSSC awarded the study contract to AECOM Technical Services, Inc., of Laurel, Maryland. The study was completed in December 2011, and the Thermal Hydrolysis/Mesophilic Anaerobic Digestion/Combined Heat & Power facility recommendation to be constructed at the Piscataway WWTP was presented to the Commission in April 2012. The WSSC will continue to pursue federal capital funding cost sharing as the project develops.

JUSTIFICATION

Plans & Studies

Appel Consultants, Urban Waste Grease Resource Assessment-NREL (November 1998); Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Opportunities For and Benefits Of Combined Heat and Power at Wastewater Treatment Facilities (December 2006); Brown & Caldwell, Anaerobic Digestion and Electric Generation Options for WSSC (November 2007); Metcalf & Eddy, WSSC Sludge Digestion Study for Piscataway and Seneca (December 2007); Black & Veatch, WSSC Digester Scope and Analysis (December 2007); JMT, Prince George's County Septage (FOG) Discharge Facility Study (February 2008); JMT, Western Research Institute (WRI) Biogas Feasibility Study Scope of Work - WSSC (April 2008); JMT, Montgomery County Septage (FOG) Discharge Facility Study (January 2010); Facility Plan for the Rock Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (January 2010); AECOM Technical Services, Inc., Anaerobic Digestion/Combined Heat & Power Study (December 2011).

E. Annual Operating Budget Impact (000's)

		FY of Impact
Program Costs	Staff
	Other
Facility Costs	Maintenance
	Debt Service	3425 20
Total Costs.....		3425 20
Impact on Water or Sewer Rate.....		7¢ 20

F. Approval and Expenditure Data (000's)

Date First in Capital Program	FY 10
Date First Approved	FY 10
Initial Cost Estimate	345
Cost Estimate Last FY	79,258
Present Cost Estimate	146,399
Approved Request, Last FY	3,300
Total Expenditures & Encumbrances	1,177
Approval Request FY 14	4,840
Supplemental Approval Request Current FY (13)	

G. Status Information

Land Status: No land or R/W required
 % Project Completion: P-100%
 Est. Completion Date: (See "Specific Data" for details.)

H. Map Map Reference Code:

MAP NOT APPLICABLE

D. DESCRIPTION & JUSTIFICATION (CONT.)

Agency Number: A - 103.01

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Specific Data

The EPA is urging wastewater utilities to utilize this commercially available technology (anaerobic digestion) to produce power at a cost below retail electricity, displace purchased fuels for thermal needs, produce renewable fuel for green power programs, enhance power reliability for the wastewater treatment plant to prevent sanitary sewer overflows, reduce biosolids production and improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay, and to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) and other air pollutants. In April 2009, the EPA announced that greenhouse gases contributed to air pollution that may endanger public health or welfare, and began proceedings to regulate CO₂ under the Clean Air Act.

Based on AECOM's feasibility study work as of May 2011, the capital cost (detail design + construction) estimate for the regional/centralized plant to be located at the Piscataway WWTP based on a Thermal Hydrolysis/Mesophilic Anaerobic Digestion/Combined Heat & Power (TH/MAD/CHP) process supplemented by restaurant grease fuel design is \$110 million, with a 36 month construction period. Environmental benefits (to be verified prior to completion of the Concept Development Phase) are as follows:

1. Recover 1.7 MW of renewable energy from biomass
2. Reduce Greenhouse Gas production by 11,800 tons/year
3. Reduce biosolids output by more than 50,500 tons/year
4. Reduce lime demand by 4,100 tons/year
5. Reduce nutrient load to the Chesapeake Bay
6. Reduce 5 million gallons/year of grease discharge to sewers
7. Produce Class A Biosolids

The economic benefits (to be verified prior to completion of the Concept Development Phase) are as follows:

1. Recover more than \$1.5 million of renewable energy costs/year
2. Reduce biosolids disposal costs by ~ \$1.7 million/year
3. Reduce chemical costs by ~ \$400,000/year
4. Hedge against rising costs of power, fuel, and chemicals
5. Net Payback of 15 to 18 years (net based on capital cost of TH/MAD/CHP minus capital cost of lime stabilization upgrade of WSSC WWTP facilities through 2030)

Cost Change

Order of Magnitude cost estimates were increased due to a higher degree of accuracy inherent in the conceptual design that was completed as part of the final component of the feasibility study. The cost increase also includes adequate redundancy for additional thermal hydrolysis pretreatment trains to operate in the event one or more trains are down due to unforeseen circumstances or maintenance.

STATUS Planning

OTHER

The project scope has remained the same. Now that the feasibility study has been completed, the Commission has a defined scope, capital cost, and energy and energy-related cost savings estimates to be able to proceed with the detailed design and construction of the anaerobic digestion, biomass, and combined heat and power generation system facilities.

It is envisioned that either the entire project, or only portions of the project that include the thermal hydrolysis, anaerobic digestion or combined heat and power, include a guarantee by the contractor that the capital cost will be paid back 100% from energy and energy-related cost savings with the payback period not exceeding 15 years. The energy savings for other completed WSSC Energy Performance projects have surpassed the contracts' guaranteed amount every year of the monitoring and verification period.

COORDINATION

Montgomery County Government, Prince George's County Government, Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, Maryland Department of the Environment, Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources and WSSC Projects S-53.21, Seneca WWTP Enhanced Nutrient Removal, S-53.22, Seneca WWTP Expansion, Part 2, S-96.12, Piscataway WWTP Enhanced Nutrient Removal and S-96.14, Piscataway WWTP Facility Upgrades.

NOTE This project supports 100% System Improvement.