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## Senate of Pennsylvania

### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

All Senators

FROM:

**Senator Tim Solobay** 

DATE:

February 15, 2011

SUBJECT:

Co-Sponsorship Memo#9: Cost recovery for water utilities

In the near future, I plan to reintroduce HB 194 of 2009-10, which was originally sponsored by Rep. Preston.

This legislation amends Title 66 (Public Utilities) to add a section which will provide for mechanisms to allow water utilities to recover fixed costs associated with system improvement projects. These projects include improvement to water and wastewater quality, fire protection reliability and projects that will allow for more advanced long-term system capabilities.

The utilities will provide tariffs that establish a sliding scale of rates or other mechanism upon which the appropriate rate adjustments for the water or wastewater projects will be made. These tariffs will be provided to the Public Utility Commission, which will oversee any adjustments or rate recoveries of these fixed costs.

If you have any questions or would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Rachel Moore at <a href="mailto:rmoore@pasenate.com">rmoore@pasenate.com</a> or 7-1463.