SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 or 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For Quarter Ended March 31, 1996

Commission File Number 1-6659

PHILADELPHIA SUBURBAN CORPORATION -----(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania 23-1702594

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

762 Lancaster Avenue, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania 19010

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (610)-527-8000

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes	X	No	

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of March 31, 1996.

12,362,710

PHILADELPHIA SUBURBAN CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In thousands of dollars)

	March 31, 1996	December 31, 1995
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
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Property, plant and equipment, at cost	\$531,853	\$529 , 364
Less accumulated depreciation	94,801	92 , 459
Net property, plant and equipment	437,052	436,905
Current assets		
Cash	1,766	2,387
Accounts receivable, net	20,564	22,112
Inventory, materials and supplies	1,977	1,878

Prepayments and other current assets	379	537
Total current assets	24,686	
Regulatory assets Deferred charges and other assets, net	48,723 5,947	48,757 5,475
	\$516,408 ======	\$518,051 ======
Common stockholders' equity	\$160,864	\$156 , 976
Preferred stock of subsidiary with mandatory redemption requirements	4,214	5,643
Long-term debt, excluding current portion	172,985	175 , 395
Commitments	-	_
Current liabilities Current portion of preferred stock of subsidiary with mandatory redemption requirements Current portion of long-term debt Loans payable Accounts payable Accrued interest Other accrued liabilities	1,429 14,440 5,285 6,682 4,402 17,709	1,500 13,590 6,455 9,694 3,601 15,380
Total current liabilities	49,947	50,220
Deferred credits and other liabilities Deferred income taxes and investment credits Customers' advances for construction Other non-current liabilities	71,592 24,539 9,068	70,980 25,880 9,762
Total deferred credits and other liabilities	105,199	106,622
Contributions in aid of construction	23,199	23,195
	\$516,408 =====	\$518,051 =====

See notes to consolidated financial statements on page 4 of this report.

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PHILADELPHIA SUBURBAN CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (In thousands, except per share amounts)

(UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	1996 	1995
Earned revenues	\$29,290	\$25,712
Costs and expenses Operating expenses Depreciation Amortization Taxes other than income taxes	13,070 3,255 69 2,317	11,766 2,770 (17) 1,973
	18,711	16,492

Operating income	10,579	9,220
Interest and debt expenses	3,783	3,396
Dividends on preferred stock	127	167
Allowance for funds used during		
construction	(32)	(40)
Income before income taxes	6 - 701	5 , 697
Provision for income taxes	•	2,382
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Net income	\$ 3,968	ć 2 21E
Net income	۶ ۵ , ۶ ۵ ٥	\$ 3,313
	=====	=====
Net income per share	\$.32	\$.28
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Average common and common equivalent		
shares outstanding during the period	12,376	11,781
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PHILADELPHIA SUBURBAN CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW (In thousands of dollars)

(UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	1996 	
Cash flows from operating activities: Net income Adjustments to reconcile net income to net	\$ 3 , 968	\$ 3,315
cash flows from operating activities: Depreciation and amortization Deferred taxes, net of taxes on	3,324	2,753
customers' advances	(54)	140
Net decrease in receivables, inventory and prepayments Net decrease in payables and	1,696	2,485
other accrued liabilities Net increase in accrued interest Other	, ,	(2,337) 455 368
Net cash flows from operating activities	9,014	7 , 179
Cash flows from investing activities: Property, plant and equipment additions, including allowance for funds used during construction of \$32 and \$40 Acquisitions of water systems Other	(3,397) (74) (90)	(4,612) (11)
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(3,561)	(4,623)

45	409
(1,382)	(1,398)
(1,170)	1,595
7,474	1,908
(9,150)	
(1,500)	(2,857)
3,461	692
(3)	(5)
(3,538)	(3,283)
(311)	(150)
(6,074)	(3,089)
(621)	(533)
2,387	1,243
\$ 1,766	\$ 710
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See notes to consolidated financial statements on page 4 of this report.

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PHILADELPHIA SUBURBAN CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

Note 1 Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Philadelphia Suburban Corporation at March 31, 1996, the consolidated statements of income for the three months ended March 31, 1996 and 1995, and the consolidated statements of cash flow for the three months ended March 31, 1996 and 1995 are unaudited, but reflect all adjustments, consisting of only normal recurring accruals, which are, in the opinion of management, necessary to present fairly the consolidated financial position at March 31, 1996, the consolidated results of operations, and the consolidated cash flow for the periods presented. Because they cover interim periods, the statements and related notes to the financial statements do not include all disclosures and notes normally provided in annual financial statements and therefore, should be read in conjunction with the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1995.

Note 2 Restricted Cash

In August 1995, PSW issued \$22,000 First Mortgage Bonds as security for an equal amount of bonds issued by the Delaware County Industrial Development Authority. The proceeds from these bonds are restricted to funding the costs of certain capital projects. As of March 31, 1996, the Trustee for this issue held \$433 in an interest bearing account pending completion of the remainder of the projects financed with this issue. The amount held by the Trustee is included in the balance sheet as cash.

Note 3 Long-Term Debt

In January 1996, PSW retired \$5,000 First Mortgage Bonds

7.875% Series due 1997 at a premium of .331% or \$17 and \$4,150 First Mortgage Bonds 8.40% Series due 2002, at a premium of 2.1% or \$87. In April 1996, PSW retired \$10,000 First Mortgage Bonds 10.65% series due 2006, at a premium of 5.04% or \$504. The premiums paid on the early retirement of debt are capitalized and amortized in accordance with the Uniform System of Accounts presented by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission over the life of the long-term debt used to fund the redemption. The effect of these transactions on the

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PHILADELPHIA SUBURBAN CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) (In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

Company's Sinking Fund payments for the next five years was to reduce the payments by \$450 annually in 1996 and \$1,450 annually from 1997 to 2001.

In April 1996, PSW issued \$10,000 First Mortgage Bonds 6.99% Series due 2006. The net proceeds of this issue were used to repay amounts outstanding under PSW's revolving credit agreement and fund PSW's ongoing construction program.

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PHILADELPHIA SUBURBAN CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

Philadelphia Suburban Corporation ("PSC" or "the Company"), a Pennsylvania corporation, is the holding Company of Philadelphia Suburban Water Company ("PSW"), a regulated water utility. PSW provides water to approximately 265,000 customers in 81 municipalities within its 406 square-mile service territory. PSW's service territory is located north and west of the City of Philadelphia.

Financial Condition

During the quarter, the Company made \$3,397 of capital expenditures related to routine capital improvements and replacements, redeemed \$1,500 of preferred stock, retired \$9,150 in First Mortgage Bonds, and repaid \$1,382 of customer advances for construction.

During the first quarter of 1996, internally generated funds, available working capital and funds available under the revolving credit agreement were used to fund the cash requirements discussed above, and to pay dividends.

At March 31, 1996, the Company and PSW had \$3,715 and \$1,000 available, respectively under short-term lines of credit and PSW had \$17,250 available under its revolving credit agreement. In April 1996, as described in Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, PSW issued \$10,000 in First Mortgage Bonds and used the proceeds to repay amounts outstanding under PSW's revolving credit agreement and fund PSW's ongoing construction program.

Results of Operations

Revenues for the quarter increased \$3,578 or 13.9% primarily due to a 5.3% rate increase granted PSW in October 1995 and the acquisitions of Media Borough (Media) and four small water utilities.

Operating expenses increased by \$1,304 or 11.1% primarily as a result of the effects of the severe winter weather experienced in 1996. The effects of the severe winter weather caused maintenance problems, including a higher than average number of water main breaks, and additional treatment cost as raw water quality deteriorated with the snow melt. The increase in maintenance and production costs were partially offset by lower employee benefit expenses and a reduction in purchased water.

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PHILADELPHIA SUBURBAN CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (continued) (In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

Depreciation expense increased by \$485 or 17.5% over the prior year due to utility plant placed in service since the first quarter of 1995. Depreciation expense was approximately 2.4% and 2.3% of average utility plant in service in the first quarter of 1996 and 1995, respectively.

Amortization was a charge of \$69 compared to a credit of \$17 in the first quarter of 1995. The change is largely due to the absence in 1996 of \$68 of negative goodwill amortization associated with the December 1992 acquisitions of two water systems that was recognized in the first quarter of 1995 in conjunction with the June 1994 rate settlement and to the amortization of costs associated with the October 1995 rate settlement.

Taxes other than income taxes increased by \$344 or 17.4% primarily due to an increase in the base on which the Pennsylvania Capital Stock Tax is calculated and increased state regulatory taxes.

Interest expense increased by \$387 or 11.4% due to increased borrowing levels since the first quarter of 1995, partially offset by lower interest expense on the revolving credit facility.

Allowance for funds used during construction ("AFUDC") decreased by \$8 primarily due to the decrease in the balance of Construction Work in Progress ("CWIP"). The majority of the decrease in CWIP is associated with a \$4,600 operations center which was placed in service in the fourth quarter of 1995.

The Company's effective income tax rate was 40.8% in the first quarter of 1996 and 41.8% in 1995. The decrease in the effective tax rate is primarily due to a 1% reduction in the Pennsylvania Corporate Net Income tax rate.

Net income for the quarter increased by \$653 or 19.7% primarily as a result of increased revenues, partially offset by increased operating expenses, interest expense, depreciation and amortization. On a per share basis, earnings increased \$.04 or 14.3% reflecting the improvement in net income, offset by a 5.1% increase in the average number of shares outstanding. The increased number of shares outstanding reflects additional shares sold since the first quarter of 1995 through the Customer Stock Purchase Plan and the Dividend Reinvestment and Optional Stock Purchase Plan.

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PHILADELPHIA SUBURBAN CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

Part II. Other Information

There are no pending legal proceedings to which the Registrant or any of its subsidiaries is a party or to which any of their properties is the subject that present a reasonable likelihood of a material adverse impact on the Registrant. Reference is made to Item 3 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1995, which is included by a reference herein.

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

(a) Exhibits

Exhibit No. 27

Description

Financial Data Schedule

(b) Report on Form 8-K

None

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be executed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

May 14, 1996

PHILADELPHIA SUBURBAN CORPORATION _____

Registrant

Nicholas DeBenedictis

Nicholas DeBenedictis Chairman and President

Michael P. Graham

Michael P. Graham Senior Vice President - Finance and Treasurer

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(In thousands, except per share amounts)

This schedule contains summary financial information extracted from the consolidated balance sheets at March 31, 1996, and the consolidated statements of income and cash flow for the three months ended March 31, 1996, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to such financial statements.

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