Gas

Fiscal Year 2024

Revenue

Charges for Services

Revenues are forecasted based upon results of the 2023 Rate Study, which evaluated 2020-2022 statistics obtained from our customer information system, and further refined by staff to include actual FY 2022 revenue.

Expenditures

Administration Services: Decrease of \$6,090 due to a decrease in salaries and benefits

Engineering: Increase of \$3,830 due to a change in salary allocations

Distribution: Increase of \$236,130 due to an increase in salaries and benefits

Service: Increase of \$5,210 in salaries and benefits

Meters and Regulators: Increase of \$33,850 due primarily to increases in small tools and uniforms

Gas Control: Increase of \$57,000 in salaries and benefits

Debt Service: Increased by \$4,600 or 5% compared to FY23

Capital Expenses

Regular Capital

Equipment and Vehicles

Shared with Water Fund								
Vehicles: 4 vehicles (including aftermarket expenses)	\$ 100,000							
Machinery & Equipment: Fusion equipment	\$ 5,000							
Other Regular Capital								
Meters and regulators	\$ 182,785							
Projects: Contractors, locators, and other materials	\$ 166,000							

Projects

The following projects are included in the Gas Fund:

Project Name	Project Cost	Funding Source
Pittsylvania County Natural Gas Expansion	\$ 1,100,000	Revenues
Gas Total	\$ 1,100,000	

Adopted Budget - FY 2024

Gas

Calculation of Contribution to(from) Fund Balance/General Fund

	Adopted Budget FY 2	2023	Adopted Budget FY	dopted Budget FY 2024		
Estimated Revenue						
Rev-Use Money/Property	286,550		345,110			
Charges for Services	22,408,490		27,234,710			
Miscellaneous Revenue	8,500		7,500			
Total Estimated Revenue		22,703,540		27,587,320		
Operating Expenses						
Administration Services	3,532,540		3,432,680			
Engineering	374,400		378,230			
Gas Control	14,196,860		18,759,650			
Distribution	572,840		808,970			
Service	308,270		313,480			
Meters & Regulators	125,380		159,230			
Capital Expenses	866,130		558,860			
Capital Projects	3,000,000		1,100,000			
Total Operating Expenses		22,976,420		25,511,100		
Net Operating Income (Loss)		-272,880		2,076,220		
Add:						
Depreciation		1,690,430		1,554,450		
Deduct:						
Debt Service Principal		88,430		93,030		
Capital Expenditures from Current C	Operating Funds	0		0		
Contribution to City's General Fund		3,196,330		3,199,330		
Contribution To(From) Retained Earnings		(1,867,210)		338,310		

Revenue categories for this fund are as follows:

REVENUE – USE OF MONEY/PROPERTY: This revenue category includes: **Interest on Investments -** All of the City's funds are invested in secured accounts in an attempt to earn the highest possible return. Investment earnings are a function of the money marketplace and swings in the revenues reflect higher or lower interest rates. Other sources include: **Rental Income that is offset by vehicle and equipment charges to the divisions for daily and monthly usage. Sale-Salvage and Surplus Property -** This revenue represents the sale of surplus vehicles and equipment and funds received from the sale of scrap metal.

CHARGES FOR SERVICES: The major revenue source for the Gas Fund are customer charges. The residential customer class is the largest part of that revenue stream representing approximately 13,168 customers. The commercial customer class represents approximately 1509 customers, and the industrial base represents 19 firms, six interruptible and five transport customers. There are 54 municipal class represents gas sold to the City for its municipal facilities. Other revenues in this category include penalties for non-payment and reconnection fees. The monthly charge for the Purchased Gas Adjustment is also included in Charges for Services. In FY22, the gas fund completed a twenty-year gas main replacement project.

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE: Miscellaneous revenue includes charges to customers who request alternation or expansion of their existing services and for amounts billed to third parties for damages to equipment and infrastructure.

	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Adopted	FY 2024 Adopted	Increase/ (Decrease)
Revenues:					
Rev-Use Money &					
Property	\$ 163,840	\$ 248,963	\$ 286,550	\$ 345,110	\$ 58,560
Charges for Services	19,682,733	26,054,800	22,408,490	27,234,710	4,826,220
Miscellaneous Rev	13,512	5,615	8,500	7,500	(1,000)
Totals	\$ 19,860,085	\$ 26,309,378	\$ 22,703,540	\$ 27,587,320	\$ 4,883,780

Danville has been in the gas distribution business since 1876. In 1950, the City was the first to begin receiving natural gas from the new, Transcontinental Gas Pipeline allowing Danville access to gas produced along the Gulf Coast. Danville has a gas-purchasing contract with Muni-Gas of Houston, Texas to purchase wholesale gas discounted from the market price.

Danville's gas system includes more than 356 miles of mains that are 1 to 12 inches in diameter. Thirteen regulator stations allow Danville to supply just under 13,000 customers. Danville Utilities-Water and Gas is staffed with employees equipped to handle both natural gas and potable water distribution system construction, maintenance, and service.

	FY 2021		E1 FY 2022			FY 2023		FY 2024	Increase/	
		Actual	Actual		Adopted		Adopted		(Decrease)	
Expenditures:										
Personnel Services	\$	62,900	\$	69,075	\$	123,510	\$	132,390	\$	8,880
Employee Benefits		57,268		13,703		48,640		46,690		(1,950)
Purchased Services		75,341		86,204		73,280		78,140		4,860
Internal Service		19,948		29,032		27,760		38,280		10,520
Other Operating Exp		192,042		216,008		241,780		225,080		(16,700)
Cost Allocation		1,274,512		1,228,055		1,296,200		1,329,220		33,020
Capital Outlay		442		-		500		500		-
Depreciation		1,556,838		1,566,670		1,690,430		1,554,450		(135,980)
Debt Service		38,833		34,384		30,440		28,850		(1,590)
Transfer Out		3,186,330		3,321,330		3,196,330		3,199,330		3,000
Totals	\$	6,464,454	\$	6,564,461	\$	6,728,870	\$	6,632,930	\$	(95,940)

Expenditures

Personnel

The Division Director position is allocated 50/50 to Water Distribution and Gas.

			FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Position Title		FTEs	FTEs	FTEs	FTEs
DIVISION DIR OF WATER & GAS		0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500
	Total	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500

Gas Engineering performs complex work managing the design, planning, and coordination of projects to ensure reliable, safe and efficient operation of Danville's natural gas system. This is accomplished by managing projects for new main and service installations, main rehabilitation, economic development, roadway construction and relocations; performing system testing and calculations for adequate capacity; reviewing plans and engineering work performed by consultants and interpreting and implementing regulations related to construction of the gas distribution system. In addition, Gas Engineering maintains and supports the Gas Geographic Information System, ensures compliance with Pipeline Safety and various environmental regulations, including the Distribution Integrity Management Program (DIMP), and performs investigations for response to regulatory and compliance issues. The Gas Engineering group provides technical and operational support for measurement, leak survey and cathodic protection.

Expenditures

	-	FY 2021 Actual				FY 2023 Adopted		FY 2024 Adopted		Increase/ (Decrease)	
Expenditures:											
Personnel Services	\$	169,689	\$	171,462	\$	247,450	\$	247,570	\$	120	
Employee Benefits		22,016		20,598		29,410		27,680		(1,730)	
Purchased Services		18,784		24,554		49,660		55,560		5,900	
Internal Service		11,609		1,038		14,800		1,300		(13,500)	
Other Operating Exp		3,345		7,554		27,730		34,790		7,060	
Capital Outlay		5,952		3,096		5,350		11,330		5,980	
Totals	\$	231,395	\$	228,302	\$	374,400	\$	378,230	\$	3,830	

Personnel

	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Position Title	FTEs	FTEs	FTEs	FTEs
W&G PROJECT MANAGER				0.500
CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500
W&G CORROSION TECHNICIAN		0.500	0.500	
WG GIS ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
W&G SR ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
W&G CHIEF ENGINEER	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500
W&G COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR	1.000	0.500	0.500	0.500
SENIOR SECRETARY	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250
Tota	l 4.250	4.250	4.250	4.250

The Gas Control group manages the purchase and dispatch of the City's natural gas supply. The division participates in negotiations for acquiring gas and delivery contracts to meet system and customer needs and develops and administers cost-effective capacity and commodity procurement strategies. Gas control monitors system pressures, customer usage, capacity limits, and weather to optimize throughput and revenue. The technicians install, operate, and maintain electronic gas measurement equipment.

Expenditures

	F	FY 2021 Actual				FY 2023 Adopted		FY 2024 Adopted		Increase/ (Decrease)	
Expenditures:											
Personnel Services	\$	273,573	\$	268,117	\$	352,280	\$	385,590	\$	33,310	
Employee Benefits		35,460		32,135		41,920		45,330		3,410	
Purchased Services		14,890		9,982		22,970		40,310		17,340	
Internal Service		10,157		10,269		15,000		12,000		(3,000)	
Other Operating Exp		30,740		29,130		48,960		54,900		5,940	
Source of Supply	1	2,202,083	1	7,473,601		13,715,730	1	8,221,520		,505,790	
Totals	\$ 1	2,566,903	\$ 1	7,823,234	\$ ⁻	14,196,860	\$1	8,759,650	\$ 4	,562,790	

Personnel

	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Position Title	FTEs	FTEs	FTEs	FTEs
GAS CONTROL TECHNICIAN	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
GAS SUPPLY ANALYST	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
UTILITY OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR		0.400		0.400
UTILITY OPERATOR	3.600	2.800	2.800	2.800
Tot	al 6.600	6.200	5.800	6.200

Gas Distribution group maintains and installs gas mains, valves, and services. They repair leaks, inspect and repair valves, and demo services as needed. This group responds to natural gas emergencies affecting gas mains and services continuously throughout the year.

Expenditures

	FY 2021		1 FY 2022		FY 2023		FY 2024		Increase/	
		Actual		Actual	A	dopted	Adopted		(Decrease)	
Expenditures:										
Personnel Services	\$	205,282	\$	202,543	\$	292,850	\$	493,120	\$	200,270
Employee Benefits		27,025		25,293		35,620		55,190		19,570
Purchased Services		65,290		54,882		96,230		82,060		(14,170)
Internal Service		10,289		11,877		30,350		27,050		(3,300)
Other Operating Exp		72,097		60,321		115,650		149,410		33,760
Capital Outlay		2,043		1,728		2,140		2,140		-
Totals	\$	382,026	\$	356,644	\$	572,840	\$	808,970	\$	236,130

Personnel

Positions are allocated to Water Distribution and Gas Distribution.

		FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Position Title		FTEs	FTEs	FTEs	FTEs
UTILITIES PIPELINE TECH I		3.380	2.080	2.080	6.000
UTILITIES PIPELINE TECH II		0.260	1.040	1.540	0.500
UTILITIES PIPELINE TECH III		0.260	0.780	0.780	1.000
W&G CONSTRUCTION CREW SUPERVSR			0.520	0.520	
W&G CREW SUPERVISOR		1.300	0.780	0.780	2.500
W&G DISTRIBUTION SUPERINTENDEN		0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500
W&G WELDER/CREW SUPERVISOR		0.260	0.260	0.260	0.500
PUBLIC SERVICE WORKER		0.520			
	Total	6.480	5.960	6.460	11.000

The Gas metering and regulator division is responsible for the maintenance, operation, and installation of the automated meter reading modules and the physical meters. The team tests, calibrates and removes or installs all gas meters in the distribution system.

Expenditures

			Y 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Adopted		FY 2024 Adopted		Increase/ (Decrease)	
Expenditures:	 							\	<u> </u>
Personnel Services	\$ 56,000	\$	63,972	\$	58,010	\$	66,880	\$	8,870
Employee Benefits	7,859		8,143		7,130		7,660		530
Purchased Services	1,674		7,371		14,580		14,500		(80)
Internal Service	6,898		6,592		-		-		-
Other Operating Exp	16,575		18,132		45,660		70,190		24,530
Totals	\$ 89,006	\$	104,210	\$	125,380	\$	159,230	\$	33,850

Personnel

		FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Position Title		FTEs	FTEs	FTEs	FTEs
W&G METER TECHNICIAN		0.900	0.450	0.900	1.000
W&G SYSTEMS CONTROL SUPERINTEN		0.500	0.250	0.250	0.250
	Total	1.400	0.700	1.150	1.250

The purpose of the Capital Improvement Program is to ensure the orderly expansion, modification and repair to the Gas distribution system for improved customer reliability, to allow future growth, and improve operational efficiency. This mission is accomplished by systematic construction and/ or modifications to the distribution system.

Expenditures

	FY 2021	FY 2022		FY 2023		FY 2024		Increase/	
	 Actual	Actual		Adopted		Adopted		(Decrease)	
Expenditures:									
Personnel Services	\$ 175,545	\$	91,302	\$	222,350	\$	5,510	\$	(216,840)
Employee Benefits	21,655		10,930		26,240		430		(25,810)
Purchased Services	1,098,796		931,070		182,400		182,400		-
Internal Service	39,690		24,004		-		-		-
Other Operating Exp	161,576		159,129		301,690		251,600		(50,090)
Capital Outlay	181,326		69,698		133,450		118,920		(14,530)
Capital Projects	 -		-		3,000,000		1,100,000	((1,900,000)
Totals	\$ 1,678,588	\$	1,286,133	\$	3,866,130	\$	1,658,860	\$ ((2,207,270)

Personnel

Hourly Gas fund employees are accounted for within capital projects through our work order system. Although there are no employees exclusively or specifically assigned to capital projects, we forecast the following results for FY 2024:

	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Position Title	FTEs	FTEs	FTEs	FTEs
MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I	3.120	1.920	1.920	
MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II	0.240	0.960	0.960	
MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR III	0.240	0.720	0.720	
W&G METER TECHNICIAN	0.100	0.050	0.100	
W&G CREW SUPERVISOR	1.200	0.720	0.720	
W&G WELDER/CREW SUPERVISOR	0.240	0.240	0.240	
W&G CONSTRUCTION CREW SUPERVSR		0.480	0.480	
	Total 5.140	5.090	5.140	

Gas Debt Service budgets and accounts for the retirement of principal for general obligation bonds for the Gas fund.

Expenditures

	-	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual		FY 2023 Adopted		FY 2024 Adopted		Increase/ (Decrease)	
Expenditures:						-		-	•	
Debt Service	\$	123,149	\$	132,205	\$	88,430	\$	93,030	\$	4,600
Totals	\$	123,149	\$	132,205	\$	88,430	\$	93,030	\$	4,600

The Gas Distribution Service group ensures that the system is safe and reliable by conducting leak surveys of the system and measuring cathodic protection and odorant levels. They install meters and the AMI equipment that allows remote meter reading for billing. The distribution service group is trained to recognize abnormal operating conditions that might affect public safety and they investigate customers' fuel pipes and appliances for leaks and proper installation. This group provides first response to emergency calls continuously throughout the year.

Expenditures

	FY 2021		1 FY 2022		FY 2023		FY 2024		Increase/	
		Actual		Actual	Adopted		Adopted		(De	ecrease)
Expenditures:										
Personnel Services	\$	207,842	\$	212,978	\$	216,300	\$	233,800	\$	17,500
Employee Benefits		27,619		27,050		27,760		27,020		(740)
Purchased Services		798		798		6,890		6,770		(120)
Internal Service		29,444		24,180		25,250		300		(24,950)
Other Operating Exp		23,698		31,548		29,700		43,220		13,520
Capital Outlay		2,583		2,161		2,370		2,370		-
Totals	\$	291,984	\$	298,715	\$	308,270	\$	313,480	\$	5,210

Personnel

The Dispatcher is a shared position with the Electric Fund.

		FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Position Title		FTEs	FTEs	FTEs	FTEs
DISPATCHER		0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500
W&G SERVICE TECHNICIAN		3.500	3.500	3.500	3.500
W&G SYSTEMS CONTROL SUPERINTEN			0.250	0.250	0.250
	Total	4.000	4.250	4.250	4.250

Accomplishments

Coordination with Customer Accounts in the Finance Department to complete internal investigations and customer requests safely and efficiently.

Goals

Improve daytime response for leak investigations to an average response of less than ten minutes.

Improve overall response time for leak investigations to an average response of less than thirty-five minutes.

GAS FUND ADOPTED CAPITAL & SPECIAL PROJECTS - FY 2024-2028

Project/Source	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	5 Yr Total
Gas Distribution						
Pittsylvania County Natural Gas Expansion	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 3,100,000
Gas Distribution Total	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 3,100,000
Total Projects:	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 500.000	\$ 500.000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500.000	\$ 3,100,000
Funding Source:						
Utility Fund Revenues	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 3,100,000
Total Funding	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 3,100,000

GAS FUND ADOPTED - CAPITAL & SPECIAL PROJECTS - FY 2024 FUNDING SOURCES

Dept/Project Name	Curr	ent Revenues	Project Total		
Gas Distribution					
Pittsylvania County Natural Gas Expansion	\$	1,100,000	\$ 1,100,000		
Total Gas Distribution		\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000		
Fund Total		\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000		