

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
Under
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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

Pennsylvania 23-1702594
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
incorporation organization)

762 Lancaster Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
(215) 527-8000
(Address, including zip code, and telephone number,
including area code of registrant's principal executive offices)

1994 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN
(Full title of the plans)

ROY H. STAHL
Philadelphia Suburban Corporation
Senior Vice President and General Counsel
762 Lancaster Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
(215) 527-8000
(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number,
including area code, of agent for service)

Copy to:
N. Jeffrey Klauder
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius
2000 One Logan Square
Philadelphia, PA 19103
(215) 963-5694

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered	Proposed maximum offering price per share(2)	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price(2)	Amount of registration fee
Common Stock, par value \$.50 per share(1)	300,000	\$18.17	\$5,451,000	\$1,880

(1) Includes associated purchase rights.

(2) Estimated pursuant to paragraphs (c) and (h) of Rule 457 solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee, based upon the average of the reported high and low sales prices of shares of Common Stock on March 3 1994, as reported on the New York Stock Exchange.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents, as filed by Philadelphia Suburban Corporation (the 'Company') with the Securities and Exchange Commission, are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and made a part hereof:

(a) The Company's latest annual report, filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the 'Exchange Act');

(b) All other reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since the end of the fiscal year covered by the annual report referred to in (a) above.

(c) The description of the Common Stock of the Company contained in a registration statement filed under the Exchange Act, including any amendments or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All reports and other documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment that indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or that deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and to be part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained in any document, all or a portion of which is incorporated by reference herein, shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained or incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Sections 1741 and 1742 of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988, as amended (the 'BCL'), provide that a business corporation may indemnify directors and officers against liabilities they may incur as such provided that the particular person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. In general, the power to indemnify under these sections does not exist in the case of actions against a director or officer by or in the right of the corporation if the person otherwise entitled to indemnification shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless it is judicially determined that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification for specified expenses. The corporation is required to indemnify directors and officers against expenses they may incur in defending actions against them in such capacities if they are successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of such actions.

Section 1713 of the BCL permits the shareholders to adopt a bylaw provision relieving a director (but not an officer) of personal liability for monetary damages except where (i) the director has breached the applicable standard of care, and (ii) such conduct constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct or recklessness. The statute provides that a director may not be relieved of liability for the payment of taxes pursuant to any federal, state or local law or responsibility under a criminal statute. Section 4.01 of the Company's Bylaws limits the liability of any director of the Company to the fullest extent permitted by Section 1713 of the BCL.

Section 1746 of the BCL grants a corporation broad authority to indemnify its directors, officers and other agents for liabilities and expenses incurred in such capacity, except in circumstances where the act or failure to act giving rise to the claim for indemnification is determined by a court to have constituted willful misconduct or recklessness. Article VII of the Company's Bylaws provides indemnification of directors, officers and other agents of the Company to the extent not otherwise permitted by Section 1741 of the BCL and

pursuant to the authority of Section 1746 of the BCL.

Article VII of the Company's Bylaws provides, except as expressly prohibited by law, an unconditional right to indemnification for expenses and any liability paid or incurred by any director or officer of the Company, or any other person designated by the Board of Directors as an indemnified representative, in connection with any actual or threatened claim, action, suit or proceeding (including derivative suits) in which he or she may be involved by reason of being or having been a director, officer, employee or agent of the Company or, at the request of the Company, of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other entity. The Bylaws specifically authorize indemnification against both judgments and amounts paid in settlement of derivative suits, unlike Section 1742 of the BCL which authorized indemnification only of expenses incurred in defending a derivative action. Article VII of the Bylaws also allows indemnification for punitive damages and liabilities incurred under the federal securities laws.

Unlike the provisions of BCL Sections 1741 and 1742, Article VII does not require the Company to determine the availability of indemnification by the procedures or the standard of conduct specified in Sections 1741 and 1742 of the BCL. A person who has incurred an indemnifiable expense or liability has a right to be indemnified independent of any procedures or determinations that would otherwise be required, and that right is enforceable against the Company as long as indemnification is not prohibited by law. To the extent indemnification is permitted only for a portion of a liability, the Bylaw provisions require the Company to indemnify such portion. If the indemnification provided for in Article VII is unavailable for any reason in respect of any liability or portion thereof, the Bylaws require the Company to make a contribution toward the liability. Indemnification rights under the Bylaws do not depend upon the approval of any future Board of Directors.

Section 7.04 of the Company's Bylaws also authorizes the Company to further effect or secure its indemnification obligations by entering into indemnification agreements, maintaining insurance, creating a trust fund, granting a security interest in its assets or property, establishing a letter of credit, or using any other means that may be available from time to time.

The Company maintains, on behalf of its directors and officers, insurance protection against certain liabilities arising out of the discharge of their duties, as well as insurance covering the Company for indemnification payments made to its directors and officers for certain liabilities. The premiums for such insurance are paid by the Company.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

The following is a list of exhibits filed as part of this registration statement.

Exhibit Number	Exhibit
5.1	Opinion of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius
23.1	Consent of KPMG Peat Marwick
23.2	Consent of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius (included as part of Exhibit 5.1)
24.1	Power of Attorney (included as part of the signature page)

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

Provided, however, that subparagraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) of this section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed by the Company pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933 (the 'Securities Act'), each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered that remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Company's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of a plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in this registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Company certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Bryn Mawr, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on this 1st day of March, 1994.

PHILADELPHIA SUBURBAN CORPORATION

By: /s/ Nicholas DeBenedictis
Nicholas DeBenedictis
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed below by or on behalf of the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Each person, in so signing, also makes, constitutes and appoints Roy H.

Stahl and Michael P. Graham, and each of such officers acting singly, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact, in his name, place and stead to execute and cause to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission any or all amendments to this Registration Statement, with all exhibits and any and all documents required to be filed with respect thereto, and to do and perform each and every act and thing necessary to effectuate the same.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Nicholas DeBenedictis Nicholas DeBenedictis	Director, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	March 1, 1994
/s/ Michael P. Graham Michael P. Graham	Senior Vice President -- Finance and Treasurer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	March 1, 1994
John H. Austin, Jr.	Director	March 1, 1994
/s/ G. Fred DiBona, Jr. G. Fred DiBona, Jr.	Director	March 1, 1994
/s/ John W. Boyer, Jr. John W. Boyer, Jr.	Director	March 1, 1994
/s/ Mary C. Carroll Mary C. Carroll	Director	March 1, 1994
/s/ Claudio Elia Claudio Elia	Director	March 1, 1994
/s/ Joseph C. Ladd Joseph C. Ladd	Director	March 1, 1994
/s/ John F. McCaughan John F. McCaughan	Director	March 1, 1994
/s/ Harvey J. Wilson Harvey J. Wilson	Director	March 1, 1994

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March 8, 1994

Philadelphia Suburban Corporation
762 Lancaster Avenue
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania 19010

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-8
Relating to the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan

Dear Sir or Madam:

We have acted as counsel to Philadelphia Suburban Corporation, a Pennsylvania corporation (the 'Company'), in connection with the preparation of a registration statement on Form S-8 (the 'Registration Statement') filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the 'Act'), relating to the offering of up to 300,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock, par value \$.50 per share (the 'Common Stock'), to be issued pursuant to the Company's 1994 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the 'Employee Plan'). We have examined such records, documents, statutes and decisions as we have deemed relevant in rendering this opinion.

In our opinion, the shares of the Company's Common Stock to be issued in accordance with the terms of the Employee Plan will be, when issued in accordance with the terms of the Employee Plan, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable shares of the Common Stock of the Company.

We hereby consent to the use of this opinion as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement. In giving such opinion, we do not thereby admit that we are acting within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules or regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Morgan, Lewis & Bockius

Consent of Independent Auditors

The Board of Directors
Philadelphia Suburban Corporation:

We consent to the use of our reports dated February 2, 1993 incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of Philadelphia Suburban Corporation and subsidiaries, relating to the consolidated balance sheets of Philadelphia Suburban Corporation and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1992 and 1991 and the related consolidated statements of income and cash flows and schedules for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 1992 which reports are included in or incorporated by reference in the December 31, 1992 Annual Report on Form 10-K of Philadelphia Suburban Corporation and subsidiaries.

KPMG Peat Marwick

Philadelphia, PA
March 7, 1994