Response to the Background Paper

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What is a **useful** response?
Five points **NOT** to discuss

What we agree on (don’t we?)
Piped Schemes are appropriate for rural areas

Many rural piped schemes already exist

Provide a level of service that people want

Can generate revenue

Can distribute costs across poor, less poor, and not poor
Piped scheme management differs from that for handpumps

Different challenges and opportunities

Potential for private sector investment financing

Unexpected maintenance tasks and major repairs

Higher costs and revenue

Potential for efficiency improvements through ICT (Information and Communications Technology)
Management requirements will vary with size of schemes.

Let us waste no more time defining “rural” versus “small town”

- Number of consumers, population density
- Water treatment, length of network
- Costs and revenue
- Multiple use; commercial, industrial, and private connections
Five basic management systems

Good and poor examples of each

1. Utility company
2. Community management
3. Private operators
4. Municipal departments
5. Private ownership
Desirable to separate three basic functions

- Regulation
- Service Contract Holder
- Service Provider
Pleased to discuss this more

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