

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: CITY OF NEWPORT, UTILITIES DEPARTMENT, WATER DIVISION

DOCKET NO:

**CITY OF NEWPORT, UTILITIES DEPARTMENT, WATER DIVISION PETITION
FOR EXEMPTION FROM FILING REQUIREMENTS**

I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Section 1.10 of the Public Utilities Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (hereinafter “Rule(s)”), The City of Newport, Utilities Department, Water Division (hereinafter “Newport”\ “Newport Water”) hereby files this Petition for exemption from certain rules and requirements for filings of general rate schedule changes.

II. ARGUMENT

Newport Water, in conjunction with its legal counsel and financial consultants, is currently preparing a filing for a change in its general rate schedules. Pursuant to Rule 2.6(b), a utility filing a request for a change in its rate schedules must include a Test Year that constitutes “a historic year of actual data for a period ending within nine (9) months of the filing date.” The test year may also be for such other period as the Commission may allow.

Newport Water will be filing a request for a rate increase that will use a test year of FY04 (July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004). Pursuant to the rule, Newport Water’s filing would have to be made by March 31, 2005. However, Newport Water will require additional time to properly prepare and submit its filing. As such, Newport Water requests that it be granted relief from the rule and that it be allowed to file its request for a change in its rate schedules by April 15, 2005, so that it may continue to use FY04 as its test year.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth herein, Newport Water prays that The Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission grant the relief sought herein and all other relief it deems meet and just.

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Utilities Department,
Water Division,
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CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true copy of the within was mailed by first class mail to the to the service list attached hereto on the 25th day of March 2005.