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Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission  
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**Re: Docket 3761, Petition of George Wiley Center**

Dear Luly:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Woonsocket, Water Division, in order to respond to your request for comments in your Memorandum dated August 4, 2006.

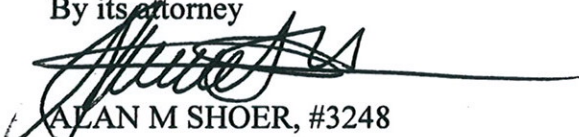
It is our understanding that the Commission intends to open a docket to "consider the petition to institute a summer moratorium on utility termination whenever the temperature reached 90 degrees or above and an ozone alert is in place." Memorandum of August 4, 2006. The Woonsocket Water Division would appreciate being included as a party to this proceeding, especially in the event that this proceeding seeks to amend or modify the current "Rules and Regulations Governing The Termination of Residential Electric, Gas and Water Utility Service."

In theory, the Woonsocket Water Division is supportive of the request by the George Wiley Center to implement a summer moratorium on residential (not commercial) shut offs under clearly delineated circumstances, such as when there is a definitive (National Weather Service) day-ahead forecast for the official temperatures to be at least 90 degrees or higher, and is expected to last for more than a four hour period. However, the water utility must be allowed to temporarily shut off service in the event of an emergency or when needed to repair the system due to operational matters that must be addressed instantly, even during such summer heat conditions.

The Woonsocket Water Division looks forward to working cooperatively with the other parties in this matter to address the concerns raised by the petition.

Respectfully submitted,

City of Woonsocket, Water Division  
By its attorney

  
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