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RE: Docket 4070: Conservation Filing-Informal Data Request Response

Dear Luly:

Enclosed for filing is an original and nine copies of Providence Water's response to Ms. Wilson's informal data request on a clarification of Schedules HJS-2 and HJS-4.

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If you have any questions, I can be reached at 521-6300, extension 7217.

Sincerely,

Mary Deignan-White

Senior/Regulatory Manager

cc: Service List Dk 4070

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## **Providence Water Supply Board** Conservation Rate Filing Single-Family Residential Customer Consumption Charge Impacts - Conservation Rates

Schedule HJS-4

Conservation

Docket

|                                  | Monthly<br>Consumption | No. 4061<br>Consumption | Rates<br>Consumption | % Change in Consumption |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
|                                  | (HCF)                  | Charge                  | Charge               | Charge                  |
|                                  |                        |                         |                      |                         |
|                                  | 2                      | \$4.98                  | ! ' I                |                         |
|                                  | 4                      | \$9.95                  | \$9.16               | -8.0%                   |
| Approximate Average Winter Usage | 6                      | \$14.93                 | \$13.74              | -8.0%                   |
|                                  | 8                      | \$19.90                 | \$18.32              | -8.0%                   |
|                                  | 10                     | \$24.88                 | \$23.30              | -6.4%                   |
| Approximate Average Summer Usage | 12                     | \$29.86                 | \$28.27              | -5.3%                   |
|                                  | 15                     | \$37.32                 | \$35.74              | -4.2%                   |
|                                  | 20                     | \$49.76                 | \$49.18              | -1.2%                   |
|                                  | 40                     | \$99.52                 | \$103.94             | 4.4%                    |
|                                  | 50                     | \$124.40                | \$131.32             | 5.6%                    |
|                                  | 75                     | \$186.60                | \$199.77             | 7.1%                    |
|                                  | 100                    | \$248.80                | \$268.22             | 7.8%                    |
|                                  | 200                    | \$497.60                | \$542.02             | 8.9%                    |
|                                  | 300                    | \$746.40                | \$815.82             | 9.3%                    |
|                                  | 400                    | · ·                     | \$1,089.62           | 9.5%                    |

## Mary Deignan-White - FW: Providence Water Conservation filing

From:

Harold Smith <a href="mailto:smith@raftelis.com">hsmith@raftelis.com</a>

To:

Luly Massaro < LMassaro@puc.state.ri.us>

Date:

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Subject:

FW: Providence Water Conservation filing

CC:

"McElroyMik@aol.com" <McElroyMik@aol.com>, tom catlin <tcatlin@exeterass...

Attachments: Revised HJS 4 v2.pdf

Luly,

The email below and the attachment were sent to Cindy Wilson earlier today and I was asked to send a copy to you and the service list.

Hardcopies will be sent only to you unless otherwise requested.

Thank you,

Harold J. Smith Vice President Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. 1031 S. Caldwell Street, Suite 100 Charlotte, NC 28203 Direct: (704) 936-4440

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From: Harold Smith

Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:11 AM

**To:** 'Cindy Wilson' **Cc:** McElroyMik@aol.com

Subject: Providence Water Conservation filing

Dear Cindy,

I spoke with Mike McElroy last week and I understand that my testimony for Providence Water's conservation filing has caused some confusion. Specifically, I understand that you noted a discrepancy between the contents of Schedule HJS - 4 and my statements regarding the revenue neutrality of the proposed rate structure. I believe most of the confusion stems from a mistake on HJS-4 and I apologize for that mistake. This schedule shows the potential impact of the conservation rate proposal on the bills of various customers. Unfortunately the schedule calculates the bills using the proposed Consumption Charges and the existing Monthly Service Charge, thereby implying that Providence Water is proposing to use the existing monthly charge if it receives the Commission's approval to implement monthly billing. This is not what Providence Water is proposing. Providence Water is asking that it be allowed, in its next rate filing, to calculate consumption charges using the proposed inclining block structure. As part of that filing Providence Water will also seek approval to bill all of its customers on a monthly basis and assess a new Monthly Service Charge that recognizes the costs and revenues associated with more frequent billing of its customers.

I have attached an updated version of Schedule HJS-4 that reflects only the Consumption Charge portion of single-family residential monthly usage, which is the focus of this filing. As shown on this schedule, those customers using smaller amounts of water will see a decrease in their bill, while those customers with larger amounts of usage would see an increase in their bill.

To reiterate, Providence Water is not seeking the increased revenue that would result if they were to implement

monthly billing using the existing Monthly Service Charge. I apologize for any confusion that resulted from my previous testimony. Please contact Mike or me if you have any further questions.

Thank you,

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