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October 30, 2009

Ms. Luly Massaro, Clerk Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission 89 Jefferson Boulevard Warwick, RI 02888

Re: PUC Docket No. 4113

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed please find Newport Water's response to the Commission's First Set of Data Requests in the above captioned matter. Please file in your customary manner. An electronic copy of this filing has been provided to the service list.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Keough, Jr.

JAK/kf Enclosure

Response to Public Utilities Commission Data Requests Set I

Comm. 1-1 Question: Please provide monthly consumption figures for each year commencing with FY 2006 to the most recent month available. Utilities are welcome to file additional information for periods prior to 2006 but it is not required.

Response: See attached spreadsheet: Comm Request 1-1

Billing Month

FY 2005	July		August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	total
Commercial		61,081	55,491	54,944	45,031	45,712	44,220	45,179	40,459	44,086	38,9	94 44,07	7 39,893	559,167
Governmental		7,246	195	156	213	6,837	115	182	189	3,899		42 14	9 140	19,463
Navy		20,475	23,245	25,799	26,027	27,431	26,940	107,139	49,017	19,600	38,2	58 25,08	7 28,851	417,869
Portsmouth		44,160	43,640	39,850	38,540	34,260	30,630	36,140	33,385	16,480	32,5	20 34,32	0 45,540	429,465
Residential		25,648	74,198	74,640	85,144	45,335	61,335	66,131	75,700	39,129	53,7	87 57,52	7 58,063	716,037
Total		158,610	196,769	195,389	194,955	159,575	163,240	254,771	198,750	123,194	163,1	01 161,16	0 172,487	2,142,001

472,160
21,379
373,306
463,253
749,409
2,079,507

FY 2007	July		August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	Ν	/lay 、	June	
Commercial		35,001	36,249	51,425	50,513	39,343	30,770	35,250	28,495	27,876	30	,251	33,073	32,074	430,320
Governmental		213	7,260	386	489	337	10,544	41	80	94	-	,574	32	126	27,176
Navy		30,214	31,765	26,827	30,955	27,812	30,822	18,974	23,760	23,547	20	,982	21,646	14,240	301,544
Portsmouth		36,980	41,930	51,270	38,477	36,348	29,860	31,000	39,880	24,350	2	,210	33,500	34,830	425,635
Residential		73,819	42,528	65,073	71,220	79,042	45,148	64,176	57,835	64,856	4	,465	64,413	58,553	733,128
Total		176,227	159,732	194,981	191,654	182,882	147,144	149,441	150,050	140,723	13	,482	152,664	139,823	1,917,803

FY 2008	July	A	ugust	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April		May J	lune	
Commercial		39,732	46,716	66,217	59,596	52,781	30,633	23,751	43,197	29,775		27,269	27,965	38,668	486,300
Governmental		214	5,642	385	154	7,495	190	148	4,906	261		186	3,607	428	23,616
Navy		17,550	12,767	30,475	18,056	19,021	17,635	16,322	26,962	24,463		19,561	22,792	22,124	247,728
Portsmouth		47,810	57,100	54,620	52,575	42,170	27,660	29,730	34,720	30,130		28,360	33,050	31,690	469,615
Residential		71,048	44,877	77,430	102,297	80,141	52,768	62,823	64,323	49,284		73,461	52,609	46,650	777,711
Total		176,354	167,102	229,127	232,678	201,608	128,886	132,774	174,108	133,913		148,837	140,023	139,560	2,004,970

FY 2009	July		August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April		May 、	June	
Commercial		43,190	49,313	52,961	57,404	45,020	30,032	37,568	30,292	25,229	2	6,300	26,816	41,016	465,141
Governmental		357	6,740	813	1,686	4,196	878	933	3,018	875		616	3,580	1,354	25,046
Navy		17,059	16,220	17,019	17,629	17,950	16,407	24,641	18,459	19,657	1	8,499	21,919	20,038	225,497
Portsmouth		54,410	58,550	47,130	41,895	34,650	33,470	28,710	30,610	32,570	2	6,820	31,680	34,280	454,775
Residential		66,881	63,861	52,582	85,754	68,880	49,434	73,692	61,244	44,081	5	6,583	48,320	44,329	715,641
Total		181,897	194,684	170,505	204,368	170,696	130,221	165,544	143,623	122,412	12	8,818	132,315	141,017	1,886,100

FY 2010	July	A	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	
Commercial		41,006	37,474	49,658	45,914	Ļ								
Governmental		806	4,129	813	1,313	5								
Navy		14,582	15,145	16,895	11,378	5								
Portsmouth		46,840	35,810	44,600	40,020)								
Residential		68,103	60,138	45,911	67,942	2								
Total		171,337	152,696	157,877	166,567	•	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Comm. 1-2 Question:

(a) Please provide a spreadsheet setting forth the following expenses: debt service; IFR (amounts allowed in most recent rate case); payroll, property taxes, all other operating expenses.

(b) Please indicate what you believe is the current ratio of fixed to variable costs.

Response:

(a) See attached spreadsheet. Comm Request 1-2a(b) Newport Water Division expenses per Docket 4025 are 87.7% fixed and 12.3% variable.

Newport Water Division Docket 4113 Commission Request 1-2a Backup

Payroll & Benefits

Accrued Benefits Buyout	\$175,000
Permanent Part-Time	\$13,000
Salaries & Wages	\$2,293,500
Overtime	\$206,418
Holiday Pay	\$39,100
Temporary Salaries	\$58,100
Standby Salaries	\$12,500
Employee Benefits	\$1,185,491
Retiree Insurance Coverage	\$347,200
Workers Compensation Insurance	\$114,000
Annual Leave Buyback	\$31,100

Total

\$4,475,409

Newport Water Division Docket 4113 Comm Request 1-2a

Expenses per Docket 4025

Debt Service	\$2,010,823.00
IFR	\$1,146,918.00
Payroll & Benefits	\$4,475,409.00
Property Taxes	\$229,000.00
All other operating expenses	\$3,422,703.00
Total Expenses	\$11,284,853.00

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Comm. 1-3 Question: Please provide the company's revenue stream as percentages broken down into two categories, fixed & variable.

Response: The Newport Water Division's revenue stream per Docket No. 4025 is as follows:

Revenue Item	%	Fixed/Variable
Water Commodity Charge	74.3%	Variable
Water Penalty	.4%	Variable
Investment Income	.3%	Variable
WQP Charge	.2%	Variable
Sundry/ Miscellaneous	1.3%	Variable
Total Variable	76.5%	
Fire Protection Charges	10.8%	Fixed
Billing Charges	8.5%	Fixed
Customer Service Cost Shar	re 3.5%	Fixed
Rental Income	.7%	Fixed
Total Fixed	23.5%	

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Comm. 1-4 Question: Please provide the difference between the revenues allowed in the utility's most recent rate case and the amount billed during the first quarter of FY 2010. Please be sure to provide the approved revenue requirement as part of the answer.

Response: Revenues allowed in the Docket 4025 are \$11,537,876 for the full year. First quarter billings are as follows:

	Docket 4025	Q1 FY 2010
Billing charges	\$ 978,003	\$ 238,085
Retails Water Sales	\$ 6,512,098	\$1,491,586
Bulk Water Sales	\$ 2,060,387	\$ 451,719
Public Fire Protection	\$ 868,131	\$ 597,003
Private Fire Protection	\$ 378,880	\$ 379,024
Other	\$ 740,378	\$ 64,509
Total	\$11,537,876	\$3,221,926

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Comm. 1-5 Question: Please provide a current copy of a customer bill..

Response: See attached copy of bill.



CITY OF NEWPORT. RI DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES www.cityofnewport.com/departments/utilities/home.cfm For Billing Inquiries Call (401) 845-5604

	Account Number:	л. Д	
	Due Date:	10/	8/2009
	Bill Date:	9/8	/2009
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Hhumbellarbalattaan Illastada da kata ahada ah	Number	358776	04
	Previous Reading/Date	0	07/28/09
	Current Reading/Date	3,365	08/13/09
Service Address:	Consumption	10,145	
	Type of Reading	ACTUA	L

Current Billing Informatio	on .	Usage History				
Previous Balance Customer Charge Water/Sewer Penalty Charge Water Usage Charge Water Quality Protection Surcharge Sewer Charge CSO Fixed Charge Sales Tax Miscellaneous Fees Previous Credit TOTAL DUE	$\begin{array}{c} 0.00\\ 15.31\\ 0.00\\ 53.26\\ 2.96\\ 66.45\\ 26.00\\ 0.00\\ 0.00\\ 0.00\\ \hline 8163.98\end{array}$	Date 08/13/09 05/19/09 02/06/09 11/24/08 08/26/08 05/08/08 02/08/08 11/23/07	Gallons Used 10,145 8,000 7,902 26,511 30,587 49,000 15,400 19,600			

SPECIAL COMMENTS:

RETAIN TOP PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS - FEES WILL APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL COPIES - REFER TO REVERSE SIDE FOR CUSTOMER INFORMATION

WATER BILL

Service Address:

Name/Address



Account Number: DUE DATE: 10/8/2009

Previous Balance	0.00
Customer Charge	15.31
Water/Sewer Penalty Charge	0.00
Water Usage Charge	53.26
Water Quality Protection Surcharge	2.96
Sewer Charge	66.45
CSO Fixed Charge	26.00
Sales Tax	0.00
Miscellaneous Fees	0.00
Previous Credit	0.00

\$163.98



Remit payment and make check payable to :

City of Newport Water Collection 43 Broadway Newport, RI 02840

PLEASE RETURN THIS STUB WITH PAYMENT

TOTAL DUE

<u>Billing Information</u> The current water rate structure for billing:

Customer Charge \$ 15.31 / bill Water Charge \$ 5.25 / 1000 gal

How to compute a bill

Customer Charge: The cost of providing customer related services such as metering, meter reading and billing. These fixed costs are unaffected by the amount of water consumption.

Water Usage Charge: Multiply the total consumption by \$0.00525

Water Quality Protection Surcharge: Multiply the total consumption by \$ 0.000292

If you are a homeowner age 65 or older, you may be exempt from paying the Water Quality Protection Surcharge portion of the water bill for your residence. Applications are available at the Water Department, 70 Halsey St, as well as the Collections Division in City Hall, 43 Broadway. Please call the Billing Office (401)845-5604 for details. If you have previously applied in the past there is no need to reapply.

If you believe your bill is inaccurate, contact the Billing Clerk at (401)845-5604. Billing Department hours of operation are 8am to 4 pm daily. If a mutually satisfactory settlement of the matter cannot be reached, you have the right to submit the matter to:

Division of Public Utilities and Carriers 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02888 Telephone 401- 780-9700

The current sewer rate structure for Newport customers:

Sewer Charge\$ 6.80 / 1000 galCSO fixed chargeAssessed by meter size

Sewer Charge: Multiply total water consumption by \$ 0.00680

CSO Fixed Charge (Sewer): An annual flat fee based on water meter size for costs associated with the City of Newport CSO Long-Term Capital Plan. This is an annual fee and is prorated based on your billing cycle.

Additional information on sewer rates available at www.cityofnewport.com/departments/utilities/pollution_control/home.cfm

All past due accounts: Penalties accrue daily 18% per annum Credit card payments are accepted as follows: <u>www.officialpayments.com</u> or call toll free 1-800-272-9829 -VISA card is not accepted For phone payments use Jurisdiction Code 4908. Confirmation numbers should be kept for your records Official Payments charges a nominal convenience fee for this service

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A VISO IMPORTANTE. POR FAVOR PIDA QUE LO TRADUZCAN LOS MAS PRONTO POSIBLE