PWFD 4-1: Mr. Woodcock's pre-filed testimony raised several issues regarding the demand study that do not appear to be addressed by Newport Water's rebuttal testimony.

- a. With respect to Account 078-20551 (Marriott Long Wharf):
 - (i) This single meter recorded large use every 7-30 days, but nothing in between those periods of use, and accounted for nearly 2/3 of the maximum day demand. Can Newport Water explain what the Marriott used this water for?
 - (ii) Based on the demand study data this account used exactly 100,000 units but on only 7 days between May 1, 2009 and September 22, 2009. Is it Newport's contention that this account did not use any water on 137 of the 144 days between May 1, 2009 and September 22, 2009? Was the use exactly 100,000 units on each of one or more specific days and zero on other days or does the 100,000 units represent the accumulated use over several days?
- b. With respect to the replacement residential account (124 Harrison Ave) identified in the response to PWFD 1-13(c):
 - Please confirm if the reported amount for this account in 2009 of 425,700 was used to derive the overall residential base or average demand in the demand study.
 - (ii) This account showed substantially higher use in 2009 (425,700) than in 2008 (35,590). As noted in Mr. Woodcock's testimony, the 2009 total use appears far too high compared to the prior year or the use in the summer of 2009 for that account. Is it Newport Water's contention that this account used 425,700 in 2009 or is this in error? If it is in error, please provide the correct annual amount. Please provide an update to the residential maximum day demands from the demand study if this is corrected.

Response:

- a. With respect to meter 078-20551:
 - i. Newport does not know the specific uses of water by the Marriott hotel, but we assume water was used for laundry washing, bathing, and other typical uses of water.
 - ii. It should be noted that the two Marriott Long Wharf meters included in the daily read sample (078-20550 and 078-20551) are

configured to function like a compound meter. Meter 078-20550 is the a 2-inch Actaris meter that measures at flow rates between 2 and 160 gallons per minute. Meter 078-20551 is a 6-inch Neptune meter that measures consumption when the flow rate to the Marriott exceeds the range of 2-inch meter. To determine the actually daily consumption at the Marriott, the consumption registered on both these meters should be totaled.

Newport does not contend that this account did not use any water on 137 of the 144 days between May 1, 2009 and September 22, 2009, but that the flow rate to the Marriott on 137 days was low enough such that all consumption was measured by the 2-inch meter.

- b. With respect to the residential account at 124 Harrison Ave.:
 - i. The four quarterly billed consumption volumes whose sum equals the reported FY 2009 consumption amount of 425,700 gallons for this account were used in the determination of the residential class average demand.
 - ii. Since each of the four bills for this account in FY 2009 was based on an actual meter read, it is Newport's contention that this account used 425,700 gallons, was billed for 425,700 gallons and paid for 425,700 gallons. It should be noted that it was determined that a significant portion of this consumption was attributed to a leak in the customer's plumbing system, but since even water lost through leaks places demands on the system, this consumption is included in the demand analysis.

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