

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Response Of The Pawtucket Water Supply Board

To The Division of Public Utilities And Carriers'

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DIV. 3-1. Regarding the response to DIV 1-1, please identify the amount of any proceeds received by the PWSB related to the sale of soil and gravel in each of the past three years.

RESPONSE: Gravel sales proceeds for the past three years are as follows:

FY2007	\$ 177,087.61
FY2008	70,496.65
FY2009	<u>16,567.05</u>
Total Gravel Sales	\$ 264,151.31

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DIV. 3-2. Regarding the response to DIV 1-2, please identify and itemize the water quality monitoring equipment and site security equipment acquired with the \$60,000 grant.

RESPONSE: The following is the itemized listing of equipment purchased from this grant:

Water Quality Monitoring equipment	\$ 8,850
Branch Street Site Security Cameras	\$ 17,584
Branch Street Site Automated Security Gate	\$ 33,566

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DIV. 3-3. Regarding the response to DIV 1-3, what was the source of the revenue of \$208,200 that was used to fund these expenses?

RESPONSE: The proceeds from the sale of soil and gravel and the Cumberland Property Tax Settlement were used to fund the \$208,200 in land surveying expenses.

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DIV. 3-4. Regarding the response to DIV 1-12, are the current premiums the costs shown under "CY11 Annual Premium" shown in Schedule RB-03? If not, where in Schedule RB-03 are the current premiums found?

RESPONSE: No, the costs shown under the "CY11 Annual Premium" column are not the current premiums. The current premiums are shown under the column heading "FY10 Annual Premium." The costs shown under the column "FY11 Annual Premium" are the premiums provided by the City Finance Office for the 2011 fiscal year. The costs shown under the column "FY12 Annual Premium" were increased by the average 5 year percentage increase calculated on Schedule RB-03. The costs shown in the column "CY11" is then an average of the costs shown in the columns titled "FY11 Annual Premium" and "FY12 Annual Premium".

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DIV 3-5. Please describe the process used by the City to determine its annual costs for medical insurance costs. -and – provide the following:

- a) how the City determines the amount to charge each department,
- b) - how often the charge is changed,
- c) - the date that current premiums will be changed, and
- d) - whether there is a true-up of actual expenditures vs. the amounts collected from each department, based on actual costs incurred by the City.

RESPONSE:

- a) The City of Pawtucket has been self insured for its employee health and dental insurance benefits for the past 15 years. The City of Pawtucket works with its consultant, Cook & Company, who works with Blue Cross and Delta Dental to determine the annual percentage increases for health and dental costs. In the past 5 years, the self insured increase has been significantly less than if it were on a straight premium basis. Also, as recommended by the consultant, the City maintains a health insurance reserve which stabilizes and minimizes the annual cost increases. Once the cost of health and dental costs are determined for individual and family coverage, the charges collected from each department are determined by the actual employees assigned to each department and their elected coverage type. This charge is computed and charged to each department's budget monthly.
- b) The employee premium for individual or family coverage is changed annually.
- c) The annual cost for individual or family coverage is changed in July or the first month of each fiscal year.
- d) The City uses a pooled cost concept for its employee medical insurance program and does not compute a true-up the actual costs versus the charges collected from each department. The pooled

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concept averages the actual claim costs over all participants in the City self insured employee medical insurance plan. The benefit to each department is a stable cost program that enables reliable departmental budgeting. If a true-up system was used, departments would incur significant budget deficits for those years in which the actual claim costs significantly exceed the average pooled claims.

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DIV 3-6. Regarding the response to DIV 1-18, please update this response with the most recent number of customers, by the categories shown.

RESPONSE: See the attached schedule DIV 3-6.

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PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD
Schedule DIV 1-18.1 (updated with FY2010 per DIV 3-6)
CUSTOMER COUNT SUMMARY BY CUSTOMER CLASS

	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY09</u>	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY07</u>	<u>FY06</u>	<u>FY05</u>
<u>Residential Customers</u>						
Cycle 1	4,046	4,071	4,043	4,058	4,039	4,040
Cycle 2	4,169	4,177	4,166	4,159	4,152	4,148
Cycle 3	4,386	4,386	4,378	4,387	4,361	4,341
Cycle 4	4,225	4,236	4,225	4,213	4,199	4,177
Cycle 5	2,565	2,584	2,569	2,566	2,553	2,540
Cycle 6	2,765	2,763	2,759	2,749	2,736	2,721
Cycle 12	63	63	61	NA	NA	NA
Total Residential	22,219	22,280	22,201	22,132	22,040	21,967
<u>Industrial Customers</u>						
Cycle 7	576	579	585	589	591	597
Cycle 11	76	80	76	73	71	69
Total Industrial	652	659	661	662	662	666

Note: Cycle 12 consists of customers located outside of the City boundaries of Pawtucket in the following localities: East Providence, Providence, North Providence, Lincoln, Attleboro and Seekonk. This cycle was created during the conversion to new utility billing software. These accounts were previously part of Cycles 1-4.

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DIV 3-7. Regarding the response to DIV 1-22, has the PWSB included any a) reduction to electric costs or b) proceeds relating to the sale of energy to the grid in its revenue requirement claim in this case? If not, why not?

RESPONSE: No. The PWSB has not included a reduction in electric costs or proceeds relating to the sale of energy to the grid. The PWSB has not seen final estimates from Rentricity regarding the amount of power that can be generated with the project. Rentricity has made some operational assumptions on the operation of the 5MG tank that will have to be investigated and modified further in order to solidify the estimates.

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DIV 3-8. Please update the response to DIV 1-42 with the most recent number of meters, by meter size.

RESPONSE: See the attached schedule DIV 3-8.

Prepared by: R. Benson

PWSB**Meter Schedule by Meter Size****Schedule DIV 3-8**Meters as of: **June 21, 2010** **July 24, 2009***agrees w/ DGB-7 &
DIV 1-42*

Meter Sizes	TOTAL	TOTAL
5/8-inch meter	21,539	21,527
3/4-inch meter	262	259
one-inch meter	501	498
small meters	22,302	22,284
1-1/2-inch meter	225	227
two-inch meter	390	399
medium meters	615	626
three-inch meter	20	24
four-inch meter	10	12
6-inch meter	5	6
large meters	35	42
TOTAL	22,952	22,952

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DIV 3-9. Please identify any costs included in the PWSB's claim relating to payments or benefits provided to Board members.

RESPONSE: It is unclear what is meant by "PWSB's claim relating to payments or benefits provided to Board members." In accordance with the City Charter the PWSB Board Members do not receive any payments or benefits for their service on the Board.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that on June 28, 2010, I sent a copy of the within to all parties set forth on the attached Service List by electronic mail and copies to Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk, by electronic mail and regular mail.

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