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January 28, 2011

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

RE: Narragansett Bay Commission  
Docket 4205

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed please find an original and nine (9) copies of the Narragansett Bay Commission's Notice Of Withdrawal Of Rate Application in the above-captioned Docket. Please note that an electronic copy of this document has been provided to the service list.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph A. Keough, Jr.

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Enclosure

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION**

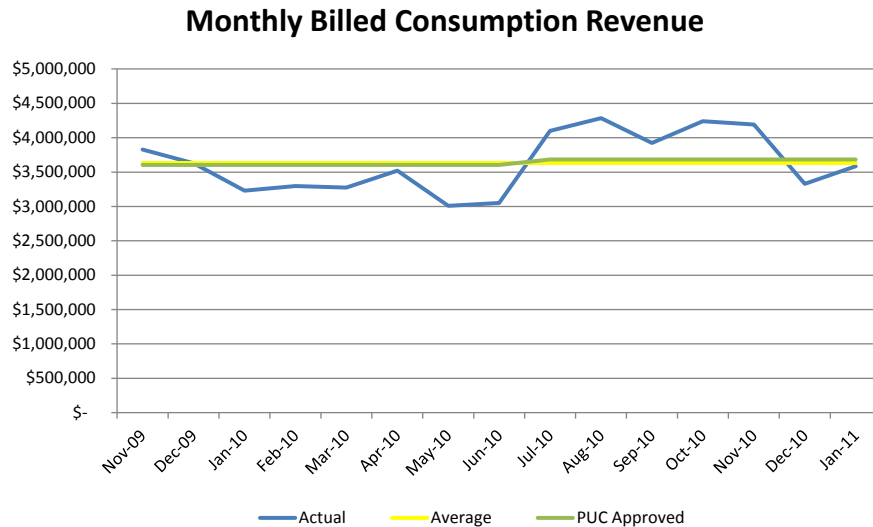
**DOCKET NO. 4205**

**THE NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION'S NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF RATE APPLICATION**

Now comes the Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC), and in accordance with Rule 1.11(c) of the Rules of Practice And Procedure for the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC or Commission), hereby gives notice of the withdrawal of its October 8, 2010 application for general rate relief.

In support hereof, NBC states that the primary reason for the general rate application filed on October 8, 2010 was to address a continuous decline in billable consumption and approximately 72% of the proposed rate increase was related to the decline in the rate base. NBC is pleased to inform the Commission that it appears that there has been a recovery in billable consumption to levels approaching currently approved PUC levels. The table and chart below show that the average monthly consumption is essentially equal to the average monthly PUC approved level.

<b>Monthly Consumption</b>	
Average	\$ 3,633,141
PUC Approved Level (Docket 4026, 7/1/09)	3,603,225
PUC Approved Level (Docket 4151, 7/1/10)	3,684,281



As a result of the conversion to monthly billing, NBC has both more data and more current data that it can use to track and project consumption and is therefore able to provide the PUC with this timely update.

In addition, NBC recently completed a Compliance Rate Filing for Debt Service and Debt Service Coverage (Docket No. 4214). NBC’s application to increase rates to meet its increased debt service and coverage requirements was granted by the Commission on January 18, 2011. Thus, the withdrawal of the rate application in this Docket will not adversely affect NBC’s debt service obligations.

The Commission will also recall that in Docket 4214, NBC’s proposed tariffs showed an “across- the- board” increase in rates. These tariffs were prepared by NBC to comply with the filing requirements established by the Commission in Dockets 3483 and 3905. However, NBC requested that the increased revenues required for debt service and coverage be recovered through fixed fees only. In response, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) suggested that NBC’s request for increased revenues be granted, but that all issues regarding

rate design be deferred until the completion of Docket 4205. NBC agreed with the Division's position.

As NBC's rate application in this Docket is being withdrawn, NBC also withdraws its request that the additional revenues allowed by the Commission in Docket 4214 be recovered from fixed fees only. NBC respectfully requests that the revenue increase approved by the Commission in Docket 4214 be recovered through an across-the-board increase as set forth in the proposed tariffs filed by NBC in Docket 4214.

Finally, in consultation with the Division, NBC has agreed to file a Tariff Advice with the Commission regarding its Residential Well Charges within 30 days of the withdrawal of NBC's rate application in this Docket.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein, the Narragansett Bay Commission hereby withdraws its rate application in Docket 4205 pursuant to Rule 1.11(c) of the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission's Rules Of Practice And Procedure.

THE NARRAGANSETT  
BAY COMMISSION  
By its attorney



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### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I sent by electronic mail a copy of the within to all parties set forth on the attached Service List on January 28, 2011, and one original, and nine copies, to Luly Massaro, Clerk, Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission.

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