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Via Electronic Mail and Regular Mail

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
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89 Jefferson Boulevard
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Re: Newport Water – Docket No. 4243 – Miscellaneous Petition for Relief

Dear Ms. Massaro:

This letter is to inform the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) that Portsmouth Water and Fire District (“Portsmouth”) does not object to the Miscellaneous Petition for Relief filed by the City of Newport, Utilities Department, Water Division (“Newport”), in which Newport requests authorization to cease funding the restricted Salary Increase Account established in Docket 4025 and continued in Docket 4243, and also to release funds from that account to pay for salary and wage increases in FY2015. Portsmouth does not object on the basis of its understanding of certain aspects of Newport’s petition.

First, Portsmouth understands that Newport’s request to cease funding the restricted Salary Increase Account arises because in FY 2015 there will no longer be excess revenue in Newport’s salary and wage allowance from Docket 4243. Portsmouth, therefore, understands that Newport will not be receiving excess revenue intended for salaries and wages that should be restricted for that purpose.

Second, Portsmouth understands that the remaining amounts in the restricted Salary Increase Account will stay restricted, and Newport will not use those funds unless: (1) Newport obtains authorization from the Commission to unrestrict some or all of the funds to pay for salary and wage increases for FY 2016, or (2) Newport obtains authorization from the Commission to use the funds to offset its next rate case, which it plans to file in the Fall of 2015. Portsmouth further understands that Newport will determine whether it needs any of the funds for FY 2016 salary and wage increases by June 30, 2015, and that Portsmouth will have an opportunity to object to any proposed use of the restricted account funds in Newport’s next rate case filing.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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