

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

IN RE: PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD  
PROPOSED FIRE PROTECTION CHARGE

DOCKET NO. 4287

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to the provisions of the RI General Laws §§ 39-1-1 and 39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") will conduct a hearing on **Monday, October 31, 2011 @ 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission, located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island.

In this docket, the Commission will examine the propriety of a filing by the Providence Water Supply Board ("PWSB") seeking to implement a Fire Protection Charge based on meter size and billed to all ratepayers who reside in the City of Providence. Recently enacted legislation prohibits the City of Providence from charging for hydrant fees. PWSB seeks to recover hydrant revenue of approximately \$1,094,339 that was previously paid by the City of Providence by re-allocating the City's hydrant fees to all ratepayers in the City of Providence. If approved, the impact on a residential customer's bill with an annual consumption of 100 HCF will be an increase of \$12.31 or 3.82%. The bill impact on other customers would range from 2.16% to 11.16% based on meter size and consumption.

The filing is on file for examination at the Commission's office and at office of the Providence Water Supply Board, 552 Academy Avenue, Providence, R.I. The application can also be accessed at [www.ripuc.org](http://www.ripuc.org), Commission Docket Menu, Docket 4287. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the RI General Laws.

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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk  
October 21, 2011