

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD
FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE CHARGE

DOCKET NO. 4300

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 **Wednesday, December 21, 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 Pawtucket Water Supply Board (“PWSB”) seeks approval to implement a monthly Fire Protection Service Charge of \$2.57 per meter and billed to all ratepayers who reside in the City of Pawtucket. Recently enacted legislation prohibits the PWSB from charging the City of Pawtucket for hydrant fees. Through this filing, PWSB seeks to recover hydrant revenue of approximately \$535,768 that was previously paid by the City of Pawtucket by re-allocating the City’s hydrant fees to all ratepayers in the City of Pawtucket. PWSB seeks approval of a proposed monthly Fire Protection Service Charge of \$2.57 per meter on all residential and non-residential customers in the City of Pawtucket. If approved, the bill impact on a typical residential customer with an annual consumption of 96 HCF is an increase of \$30.84 per year or 6.2% from \$494.40 to \$525.24.

The proposal may be examined at the Commission’s office and at the office of the Pawtucket Water Supply Board, 85 Branch Avenue, Pawtucket, Rhode Island. The filing can also be accessed under the Commission Docket Menu at www.ripuc.org, Docket No. 4300. Reference is made to R.I.G.L. Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35.

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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
December 9, 2011