

**CITY OF WOONSOCKET  
WATER DIVISION**

**TARIFF ADVICE FILING**

**DATE December 29, 2011**

**DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN RE: Woonsocket Water Division  
TARIFF ADVICE FILING**

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

December 29, 2011

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

***RE: Woonsocket Water Division – Tariff Advice Filing Regarding Fees for Fire Hydrants***

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Please find enclosed an original and 9 copies of the City of Woonsocket, Water Division's ("WWD") Tariff Filing pursuant to Rule 1.9(c) of the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. This filing proposes to change the Public Fire Protection and certain Customer Service Rates that are necessary due to recent changes to Rhode Island law (R.I. G.L. Laws §39-3-11.1(c) and §45-39-4).

This filing includes WWD's pre-filed testimony, existing and proposed tariffs and a proposed public notice. Please review the notice as soon as possible so we can arrange for its publication. An electronic copy of this filing has been provided to the service list from WWD's most recent rate filing, Docket 3800, and a hard copy has also been mailed to the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Alan M. Shoer

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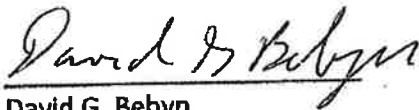
**ATTESTATION OF DAVID G. BEBYN, CPA**

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ATTESTATION UNDER RULE 2.7  
OF THE RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE  
OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

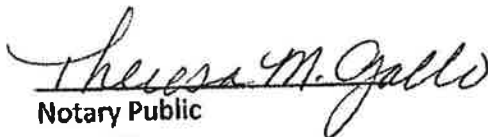
I, David G. Bebyn, in conformance with Rule 2.7 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Public Utilities Commission, hereby attest that the facts contained in my direct testimony with exhibits and supporting documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. All changes and differences between the books and test year data and any changes in the manner of recording said data during the test year have been expressly noted.



David G. Bebyn

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PROVIDENCE COUNTY

Subscribed and sworn to me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011.

  
Notary Public

THERESA M. GALLO  
NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
NOTARY ID #59481  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES DEC. 19. 2014

**TESTIMONY OF WALTER E. EDGE, JR., MBA CPA**

**TARIFF ADVICE FILING  
THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET WATER DIVISION**

**DIRECT TESTIMONY  
OF  
WALTER E. EDGE Jr. MBA CPA  
PRESIDENT, B&E CONSULTING LLC**

**PURSUANT TO RULE 1.9 (c)  
OF THE RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE  
OF THE RI PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DOCKET # \_\_\_\_\_**

**DECEMBER 2011**



1 **Q. Good morning Mr. Edge. Would you please give your name and business address for**  
2 **the record?**

3 A. Certainly, my full name is Walter Edward Edge Jr. MBA CPA. I work for the  
4 accounting/consulting firm of B&E Consulting LLC (B&E). My office is located at 21 Dryden  
5 Lane, Providence, RI 02904. B&E is a certified public accounting firm that specializes in  
6 business, education and utility accounting/consulting.

7  
8 **Q. Are you the same Walter E. Edge Jr. who has testified as an expert accounting and rate**  
9 **witness in previous rate filings before the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC)?**

10 A. Yes. I have provided direct and rebuttal testimony in Woonsocket Water Division's  
11 (WWD) last rate filing Docket #3800. In addition, I have provided expert accounting and rate  
12 testimony for Narragansett Bay Commission, Interstate Navigation Company, Block Island  
13 Power Company, Providence Water Supply Board, Pawtucket Water Supply Board, Newport  
14 Water, Prudence Ferry, and Stone Bridge Fire District. I have also provided accounting and rate  
15 testimonies for intervention in PUC filings for Interstate Navigation (IHSF filing), the Town of  
16 North Smithfield (Woonsocket Water filing) and Osram Sylvania (Pawtucket Water filing).

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18 Further, I have completed rate studies for non-regulated utilities such as Warwick Water,  
19 Warwick Sewer, East Providence Water, Greenville Water and Harrisville Fire District.

20  
21 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this docket?**  
22 A. WWD hired B&E to provide testimony and schedules in support of and to request a change  
23 in two of WWD's Tariff Schedules 1) Public Fire Protection and 2) Customer Service Charge  
24 pursuant to Rule 1.9 (c) of the PUC Rules of Practice and Procedure. My testimony will address  
25 the two questions 1) why the increase is needed and 2) how WWD is proposing to distribute the  
26 Fire Protection Service Charge for the WWD customers living in Woonsocket.

27  
28 **Q. Why is these changes needed by WWD?**

29 A. The Rhode Island Legislature recently enacted section 39-3-11.1 (c) of the general laws,  
30 which requires in part that the PUC not require the payment of rental fees by City taxpayers for

1 the use of fire hydrants owned by a municipal water utility that has prohibited these fees by  
2 ordinance enacted pursuant to newly enacted R.I.G.L. Section 45-39-4. I have attached these  
3 two recent legislation changes as *Exhibit A* and *Exhibit B*.

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5 **Q. Mr. Edge, has the City of Woonsocket enacted an ordinance pursuant to this new law?**

6 A. Yes. The City of Woonsocket recently enacted the ordinance that is attached to my  
7 testimony as *Exhibit C*. Also, the City has recently notified the Commission, as required by  
8 R.I.G.L. 39-3-11.1(c), and a copy of this notice is attached to my testimony as *Exhibit D*.

9  
10 **Q. What is the impact to the WWD as a result of this new City ordinance?**

11 A. This ordinance resulted in WWD losing \$567,698 of revenue from the City of Woonsocket.  
12 Therefore, to make up for the lost revenue it will be necessary for the WWD to bill directly the  
13 WWD ratepayers within the City of Woonsocket for this amount.

14  
15 **Q. By what authority is the WWD allowed to charge the ratepayers living in Woonsocket  
16 to recover the lost revenue previously paid by the City?**

17 A. The Woonsocket ordinance (*Exhibit C*) states “the rental fees or other charges for any fire  
18 hydrant located within the city which is supplied by the Water Division shall be the  
19 responsibility of the water ratepayers of the Water Division”. This ordinance is further  
20 authorized by newly enacted R.I.G.L. 45-39-4. Clearly this section of the ordinance allows for  
21 the WWD to charge the Woonsocket ratepayers within the City of Woonsocket for the fire  
22 hydrant rental fees previously paid by the City. To implement this new ordinance WWD is  
23 seeking to re-distribute the City of Woonsocket’s hydrant charges to all of the water ratepayers  
24 within the City. To do so WWD is eliminating the City of Woonsocket from the Public Fire  
25 Protection tariff and developing new customer service charges for WWD customers living in  
26 Woonsocket. The net change in WWD revenue as a result of this re-allocation is zero.

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28 **Q. How is WWD proposing to distribute the Fire Protection Charge to the ratepayers  
29 within the City?**

30 A. WWD reviewed the recent hydrant filings made by the Providence Water Supply Board

1 (“Providence”) and the Pawtucket Water Supply Board (“Pawtucket”) and found that they used  
2 two different approaches to distribute the fire protection charge. Pawtucket allocated the fee  
3 across the board equally (\$2.57 per month, per meter) to ratepayers within Pawtucket while  
4 Providence used meter size to determine the fire service add-on for the customers within the City  
5 of Providence. Both chose to reflect a separate charge on the bill.

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7 **Q. What approach is preferred by WWD?**

8 A. WWD evaluated both approaches and found that the Providence approach made better  
9 ratemaking sense. Charging residential customers the same monthly amount as the larger  
10 commercial and industrial customers could lead to some unfair treatment to the residential  
11 ratepayers. If we look to how the fire service protection fees were previously paid indirectly  
12 through the City, collected through property taxes, we find that larger entities paid greater  
13 property taxes than lesser valued residential homes. Therefore, allocating the cost equally  
14 without trying to differentiate based on size and value would result in transferring the  
15 responsibility of paying for public hydrants more heavily to the residential ratepayers than the  
16 other customer classes which does not seem to be the intent of the new law.

17

18 Therefore, WWD proposes to allocate the fire service protection fees based upon the current  
19 weighting used for meter sizes in the WWD customer service charge tariffs. The resulting new  
20 revenue will off-set the lost revenue in the amount of \$567,698 previously paid by the City.

21

22 **Q. Mr. Edge is the WWD requesting a new add-on charge to the current customer charge  
23 for in-city customers?**

24 A. No. WWD believes that there should be separate and different customer charges for in-city  
25 and outside city customers. WWD believes that a new add-on public fire service fee for  
26 ratepayers within the City of Woonsocket would result in numerous questions from customer  
27 now and in the future. Adding a new public fire service charge to a customer that already gets a  
28 customer charge and in some cases an additional private fire service charge would result in  
29 significant and unnecessary customer confusion. Having separate customer charges removes this  
30 confusion from the bill and can be explained in detail in the tariffs.

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2 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

3 A. Yes.

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**EXHIBIT A**  
**R.I.G.L. §39-3-11.1**

## C

West's General Laws of Rhode Island Annotated Currentness

Title 39. Public Utilities and Carriers

Chapter 3. Regulatory Powers of Administration

→ → **§ 39-3-11.1. Changes in rates of publicly owned water authorities**

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the commission shall not have the power to suspend the taking effect of any change or changes in the rates, tolls, and charges filed and published in compliance with the requirements of §§ 39-3-10 and 39-3-11 by any public waterworks or water service owned or furnished by a city, town, or any other municipal corporation defined as a public utility in § 39-1-2, when the change or changes are proposed to be made solely for the purpose of making payments or compensation to any city or town for reimbursement of any loans or advances of money previously issued to any public waterworks or water service by any city or town under existing contracts or arrangements; provided, however, that the change or changes shall take effect subject to refund or credit pending further investigation, hearing, and order by the commission within eight (8) months after the effective date. The public waterworks or water service shall file with the commission the new rate schedule along with the documentary evidence of the indebtedness supporting the new rates. Further, the rate schedule shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the service area by the waterworks or water service at least ten (10) days prior to the effective date thereof.

(b) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to bar recovery of loans or advances of money not otherwise reflected in existing rates, tolls, and charges issued to May 19, 1982.

(c) In setting rates for publicly owned water authorities, the commission shall not require the payment of rental fees for fire hydrants from any municipality that has prohibited such fees by ordinance as provided in § 45-39-4 and has given notice to the commission of said ordinance.

CREDIT(S)

P.L. 1982, ch. 428, § 1; P.L. 2011, ch. 189, § 1, eff. July 1, 2011; P.L. 2011, ch. 278, § 1, eff. July 12, 2011.

LIBRARY REFERENCES

Waters and Water Courses ↻183.5, 203(11).

Westlaw Key Number Searches: 405k183.5; 405k203(11).

C.J.S. Waters §§ 483, 543 to 581, 666, 674 to 675.

**EXHIBIT B**  
**R.I.G.L. §45-39-4**

West's General Laws of Rhode Island Annotated Currentness

Title 45. Towns and Cities

Chapter 39. Sale of Water

→ → **§ 45-39-4. Payment for hydrant rentals**

Notwithstanding any general or special law relating to publicly owned water authorities, a municipality may provide by enactment of an ordinance and complying with the notice requirements of § 39-3-11.1, that the rental usage or fees for any fire hydrant within the municipality shall be the responsibility of the water ratepayers within the municipality which enacted the enabling ordinance, provided that this provision shall apply only where the municipality owns the water supplier and is the exclusive supplier of public water within the municipality.

CREDIT(S)

P.L. 2011, ch. 189, § 2, eff. July 1, 2011; P.L. 2011, ch. 278, § 2, eff. July 12, 2011.

Gen. Laws, 1956, § 45-39-4, RI ST § 45-39-4

Current through chapter 407 of the January 2011 session

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**EXHIBIT C**  
**City of Woonsocket**  
**Hydrant Fee Ordinance**

City of Woonsocket  
Rhode Island

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November 2 A.D. 2012

Ordinance

Chapter

7646

**SETTING THE FEES FOR THE USAGE OF THE CITY'S FIRE HYDRANTS**

- WHEREAS,** the City of Woonsocket owns the water supply that is operated by of the City of Woonsocket Water Division; and
- WHEREAS,** the City, through its Water Division, is the exclusive supplier of public water within the City of Woonsocket; and
- WHEREAS,** the rates for the use of the City's water resources provided by the Water Division are regulated and determined by the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Title 39 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island; and
- WHEREAS,** the Water Division will not be collecting hydrant service fees from the City as per the FY2011/2012 budget; and
- WHEREAS,** newly enacted legislation codified at R.I. Gen. Laws 45-39-4 and R.I. Gen Laws 39-3-11.1(c) has established new provisions for the responsibility and procedures for rental usage or fees for the use of any fire hydrant within the municipality,

**IT IS ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF WOONSOCKET AS FOLLOWS:**

- SECTION 1.** Hydrant Fees. The rental fees or other charges for any fire hydrant located within the City which is supplied by the City's Water Division shall not be charged to the City of Woonsocket.
- SECTION 2.** Payment for hydrant rentals. The rental fees or other charges for any fire hydrant located within the city which is supplied by the Water Division shall be the responsibility of the water ratepayers of the Water Division.
- SECTION 3.** This Ordinance shall be supplied to the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission upon enactment and as part of the Water Division's rate request to the Public Utilities Commission.
- SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect on the eleventh consecutive day following its passage by the City Council as provided in Chapter III, Section 9 of the Woonsocket Home Rule Charter and all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

  
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John F. Ward, City Council President  
By request of Administration

IN CITY COUNCIL November 14, 2011 - Read by title and passed for the first time.  
IN CITY COUNCIL December 5, 2011 - Read by title and passed.  
Signed and approved by Mayor Leo T. Fontaine - December 9, 2011

**EXHIBIT D**  
**Notice to Commission**

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December 22, 2011

Via Email and Hand Delivery

Ms. Luly Massaro, Clerk  
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission  
89 Jefferson Blvd  
Warwick, R.I. 02888

RE: City of Woonsocket, Water Division – Passage of Ordinance Regarding Hydrant Fees

Dear Luly:

On behalf of the City of Woonsocket, Water Division (“City”) enclosed please find a copy of the City’s recently enacted Ordinance (No. 11-0-73) concerning the collection for the fees for the usage of the City’s fire hydrants. This Ordinance was enacted pursuant to the provisions of recently enacted law, as more fully described in R.I. Gen. Laws 39-3-11.1 and 45-39-4.

This Ordinance was duly passed by the City Council on November 14, 2011 and December 5, 2011 (final passage) and signed and approved by Mayor Leo T. Fontaine on December 9, 2011.

As required by R.I. Gen. Laws 39-3-11.1 we are notifying the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission of this new City Ordinance.

Thank you for your attention to this notification and please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



ALAN M. SHOER

Enclosure

cc: Via E-mail to:

Tom Bruce, Woonsocket Finance Director  
Sheila McGovern, Woonsocket Public Works Director  
Carole Lariviere, Woonsocket Water Superintendent  
David Bebyn, B & E Consulting  
John Bell, DPUC

**TESTIMONY OF DAVID G. BEBYN, CPA**

**TARIFF ADVICE FILING**  
**THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET WATER DIVISION**

**DIRECT TESTIMONY**  
**OF**  
**DAVID G. BEBYN CPA**  
**VICE-PRESIDENT,**  
**B&E CONSULTING LLC**

**PURSUANT TO RULE 1.9 (c)**  
**OF THE RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE**  
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**DOCKET # \_\_\_\_\_**

**DECEMBER 2011**

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2 **the record?**

3 A. Certainly, my full name is David G. Bebyn CPA. I work for the accounting/consulting firm  
4 of B&E Consulting LLC (B&E). My office is located at 21 Dryden Lane, Providence, RI  
5 02904. B&E is a certified public accounting firm that specializes in business, education and  
6 utility accounting/consulting.

7  
8 **Q. Are you the same David Bebyn who has testified as an expert accounting and rate**  
9 **witness in previous rate filings before the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC)?**

10 A. Yes. I have provided direct and rebuttal testimony in Woonsocket Water Division's  
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12 testimony for Interstate Navigation Company, Block Island Power Company, Providence Water  
13 Supply Board, and Pawtucket Water Supply Board. Further, I have completed rate studies for  
14 non-regulated utilities such as Warwick Water, Warwick Sewer, East Providence Water,  
15 Greenville Water and Harrisville Fire District.

16  
17 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this docket?**

18 A. My testimony and schedules will provide the support and information needed by the  
19 Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (DPUC) and the PUC to review and approve WWD's  
20 requested changes to WWD's public fire service and customer charge tariffs pursuant to rule 1.9  
21 (c) of the PUC Rules of Practice and Procedure.

22  
23 **Q. What is the logic behind these changes?**

24 A. The RI Legislature enacted R.I.G.L. § 39-3-11.1 (c) which provides that the PUC cannot  
25 require the payment of rental fees for fire hydrants from any municipality that has prohibited  
26 these fees by ordinance. As explained by the testimony of Walter Edge, the City of Woonsocket  
27 enacted an ordinance that has prohibited WWD from collecting their fee from the City. This  
28 resulted in WWD losing \$567,698 of revenue from the City of Woonsocket. To make up for the  
29 lost revenue it will be necessary for the WWD to bill directly the ratepayers within the City of  
30 Woonsocket for this amount. These changes are not only legally required but also have

1 ratemaking support.

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3 **Q. Mr. Bebyn, what is the ratemaking support for these changes?**

4 A. The American Water Works Association (AWWA) has identified the fact that public fire  
5 protection charged to municipalities and collected through property taxes can result in certain  
6 inequities. Namely tax-exempt agencies pay nothing toward the public fire service because they  
7 pay no property taxes. The change made by the City requiring the WWD to bill the ratepayers  
8 directly results in the tax-exempt ratepayers also paying their fair share of the public fire service  
9 costs.

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11 **Q. What is WWD proposing to do in order to collect the needed revenue from the City's**  
12 **ratepayers to off-set the lost revenue from the City?**

13 A. The WWD is proposing to allocate the lost public fire service revenue from a city hydrant  
14 charge to new customer charges for in-city ratepayers. All other municipalities (other than  
15 Woonsocket) would continue to pay the current public service charge and residents of these  
16 communities will continue to pay the current customer charges. Only the ratepayers within  
17 Woonsocket will see an increase in their customer charges. There are no changes in private fire  
18 service or consumption rates as a result of this filing.

19

20 **Q. How did you calculate the allocation to the in-city ratepayers of the revenue**  
21 **requirement needed to replace the lost revenue from the elimination of the City's public**  
22 **fire service charges?**

23 A. I divided the revenue requirement by the total equivalent meters for in-city ratepayers to  
24 arrive at the dollar amount needed per equivalent meter per year. Next, I applied the rate per  
25 equivalent meter just calculated times the meter equivalent ratios used in Docket 3800, resulting  
26 in the appropriate annual fire protection service charge by meter for the in-city ratepayers. I  
27 divided the annual charges by four to arrive at the quarterly charge, which is how WWD  
28 currently bills its customers: Please see my *Schedules DGB-1* and *DGB-2* attached.

29

30 **Q. What did you do with the quarterly fire protection service charge that you calculated?**



1 A. I added the quarterly fire protection service charge to the current quarterly customer charge  
2 to arrive at the total new in-city customer charge. The outside city customer charges will remain  
3 at current levels  
4

5 **Q. Did you provide a comparison of existing and proposed rates?**

6 A. Yes I did, please see *Schedule DGB-3* enclosed.  
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8 **Q. Mr. Bebyn, did you complete a revenue check schedule?**

9 A. Yes I did, please see *Schedule DGB-4* enclosed.  
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11 **Q. Have you prepared a ratepayer impact schedule?**

12 A. Yes I did, please see *Schedule DGB-5* enclosed.  
13

14 **Q. Mr. Bebyn, have you prepared new tariff schedules?**

15 A. Yes. They are included in the filing as *Exhibit E (Current) and Exhibit F (Proposed)*.  
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17 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

18 A. Yes.  
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## **Schedule DGB-1**

Units of Service  
Woonsocket Water Division

Schedule DGB-1

Meters By Size

Meter Size	Total Accounts	Equivalency Ratio	Meter Equivalency
5/8	8,433	1.00	8,433
3/4	267	1.42	379
1	366	1.76	643
1 1/2	68	3.26	222
2	134	4.58	613
3	8	6.30	50
4	15	9.58	144
6	11	16.90	186
8	18	29.56	532
10	1	42.40	42
	<u>9,321</u>		<u>11,245</u>

Meter Size	Woonsocket Accounts	Equivalency Ratio	Meter Equivalency
5/8	7,869	1.00	7,869
3/4	241	1.42	342
1	338	1.76	594
1 1/2	63	3.26	205
2	129	4.58	590
3	8	6.30	50
4	15	9.58	144
6	10	16.90	169
8	15	29.56	443
10	1	42.40	42
	<u>8,689</u>		<u>10,450</u>

Meter Size	Outside Woonsocket Accounts	Equivalency Ratio	Meter Equivalency
5/8	564	1.00	564
3/4	26	1.42	37
1	28	1.76	49
1 1/2	5	3.26	16
2	5	4.58	23
3	-	6.30	-
4	-	9.58	-
6	1	16.90	17
8	3	29.56	89
10	-	42.40	-
	<u>632</u>		<u>795</u>

## **Schedule DGB-2**

**Determination of Fire Protection Service Charges**  
**Woonsocket Water Division**

Schedule DGB-2

**Projected revenue from Woonsocket Public Fire**

	<u>4"</u>	<u>6"</u>	Total
Number of Hydrant billed to City of Woonsocket	20	1,488	1,508
Rate per Hydrant	\$ 130.74	\$ 379.76	
Projected revenue from Woonsocket Public Fire	<u>\$ 2,615</u>	<u>\$ 565,083</u>	<u>\$ 567,698</u>

**Public Fire Service Charges per Year**

Woonsocket Hydrant Revenue	\$ 567,698
No. of EQ. Meters Woonsocket Only	10,450
Rate per Eq. Meter/Yr	<u>\$ 54.33</u>

Size	Equivalency Ratio	Fire Protection Service Charge
5/8	1.00	\$ 54.33
3/4	1.42	\$ 77.14
1	1.76	\$ 95.51
1 1/2	3.26	\$ 177.10
2	4.58	\$ 248.54
3	6.30	\$ 342.25
4	9.58	\$ 520.23
6	16.90	\$ 918.11
8	29.56	\$ 1,605.88
10	42.40	\$ 2,303.43

**Total Customer Service Charges per Quarter**

Size	Fire Protection Service Charge	Current Meter/Service Charge	Total Woonsocket Meter/Service/FPSC Charge
5/8	\$ 13.58	\$ 14.57	\$ 28.15
3/4	\$ 19.29	\$ 17.39	\$ 36.68
1	\$ 23.88	\$ 19.67	\$ 43.55
1 1/2	\$ 44.28	\$ 29.77	\$ 74.05
2	\$ 62.14	\$ 38.62	\$ 100.76
3	\$ 85.56	\$ 50.23	\$ 135.79
4	\$ 130.06	\$ 72.27	\$ 202.33
6	\$ 229.53	\$ 121.55	\$ 351.08
8	\$ 401.47	\$ 206.73	\$ 608.20
10	\$ 575.86	\$ 293.12	\$ 868.98

## **Schedule DGB-3**

**Comparison of Existing and Proposed Rates & Charges**  
**Woonsocket Water Division**

**Schedule DGB-3**

		Current	Proposed	% Increase
<b><u>Public Fire Protection</u></b>				
<b><i>City of Woonsocket</i></b>				
4	Inch	\$ 130.74	\$ -	-100.00%
6	Inch	\$ 379.76	\$ -	-100.00%
<b><i>Other</i></b>				
4	Inch	\$ 130.74	\$ 130.74	0.00%
6	Inch	\$ 379.76	\$ 379.76	0.00%
	Per Bill	\$ 7.84	\$ 7.84	0.00%
<b><u>Private Fire Protection</u></b>				
2	Inch	\$ 39.04	\$ 39.04	0.00%
3	Inch	\$ 83.06	\$ 83.06	0.00%
4	Inch	\$ 159.68	\$ 159.68	0.00%
6	Inch	\$ 424.83	\$ 424.83	0.00%
8	Inch	\$ 882.26	\$ 882.26	0.00%
10	Inch	\$ 1,556.63	\$ 1,556.63	0.00%
<b><u>Minimum Service Charge</u></b>				
<b><i>Ratepayers in Woonsocket</i></b>				
5/8	Inch	\$ 14.57	\$ 28.15	93.22%
3/4	Inch	\$ 17.39	\$ 36.68	110.87%
1	Inch	\$ 19.67	\$ 43.55	121.39%
1 1/2	Inch	\$ 29.77	\$ 74.05	148.70%
2	Inch	\$ 38.62	\$ 100.76	160.88%
3	Inch	\$ 50.23	\$ 135.79	170.35%
4	Inch	\$ 72.27	\$ 202.33	179.96%
6	Inch	\$ 121.55	\$ 351.08	188.83%
8	Inch	\$ 206.73	\$ 608.20	194.20%
10	Inch	\$ 293.12	\$ 868.98	196.46%
<b><i>Ratepayers in Other Communities</i></b>				
5/8	Inch	\$ 14.57	\$ 14.57	0.00%
3/4	Inch	\$ 17.39	\$ 17.39	0.00%
1	Inch	\$ 19.67	\$ 19.67	0.00%
1 1/2	Inch	\$ 29.77	\$ 29.77	0.00%
2	Inch	\$ 38.62	\$ 38.62	0.00%
3	Inch	\$ 50.23	\$ 50.23	0.00%
4	Inch	\$ 72.27	\$ 72.27	0.00%
6	Inch	\$ 121.55	\$ 121.55	0.00%
8	Inch	\$ 206.73	\$ 206.73	0.00%
10	Inch	\$ 293.12	\$ 293.12	0.00%
<b><u>Metered Rates</u></b>				
Wholesale	Rate per 1,000,000 gallons	\$ 3,748.14	\$ 3,748.14	0.00%
Retail	Rate per 100 Cubic Feet	\$ 3.92	\$ 3.92	0.00%

## **Schedule DGB-4**



**Proof of Revenues**  
**Woonsocket Water Division**

Schedule DGB-4

		Count or Usage	Rate	Current Revenue	Proposed Revenue	Dollar Increase
<b>Public Fire Protection</b>						
<i>City of Woonsocket</i>						
4	Inch	20	\$ -	\$ 2,615	\$ -	\$ (2,615)
6	Inch	1,488	\$ -	\$ 565,079	\$ -	\$ (565,079)
<i>Other</i>						
4	Inch	9	\$ 130.74	\$ 1,177	\$ 1,177	\$ -
6	Inch	53	\$ 379.76	\$ 20,127	\$ 20,127	\$ -
	Per Bill	9	\$ 7.84	\$ 71	\$ 71	\$ -
				<u>\$ 589,069</u>	<u>\$ 21,374</u>	<u>\$ (567,694)</u>
<b>Private Fire Protection</b>						
2	Inch	11	\$ 39.04	\$ 429	\$ 429	\$ -
3	Inch	6	\$ 83.06	\$ 498	\$ 498	\$ -
4	Inch	62	\$ 159.68	\$ 9,900	\$ 9,900	\$ -
6	Inch	90	\$ 424.83	\$ 38,235	\$ 38,235	\$ -
8	Inch	18	\$ 882.26	\$ 15,881	\$ 15,881	\$ -
10	Inch	4	\$ 1,556.63	\$ 6,227	\$ 6,227	\$ -
				<u>\$ 71,170</u>	<u>\$ 71,170</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>Minimum Service Charge</b>						
<i>Ratepayers in Woonsocket</i>						
5/8	Inch	31,476	\$ 28.15	\$ 458,566	\$ 886,058	\$ 427,492
3/4	Inch	964	\$ 36.68	\$ 16,768	\$ 35,360	\$ 18,591
1	Inch	1,352	\$ 43.55	\$ 26,592	\$ 58,873	\$ 32,281
1 1/2	Inch	252	\$ 74.05	\$ 7,503	\$ 18,661	\$ 11,157
2	Inch	516	\$ 100.76	\$ 19,929	\$ 51,991	\$ 32,062
3	Inch	32	\$ 135.79	\$ 1,607	\$ 4,345	\$ 2,738
4	Inch	60	\$ 202.33	\$ 4,336	\$ 12,140	\$ 7,803
6	Inch	40	\$ 351.08	\$ 4,862	\$ 14,043	\$ 9,181
8	Inch	60	\$ 608.20	\$ 12,404	\$ 36,492	\$ 24,088
10	Inch	4	\$ 868.98	\$ 1,172	\$ 3,476	\$ 2,303
				<u>\$ 553,741</u>	<u>\$ 1,121,439</u>	<u>\$ 567,698</u>
<i>Ratepayers in Other Communities</i>						
5/8	Inch	2,256	\$ 14.57	\$ 32,867	\$ 32,867	\$ -
3/4	Inch	104	\$ 17.39	\$ 1,809	\$ 1,809	\$ -
1	Inch	112	\$ 19.67	\$ 2,203	\$ 2,203	\$ -
1 1/2	Inch	20	\$ 29.77	\$ 595	\$ 595	\$ -
2	Inch	20	\$ 38.62	\$ 772	\$ 772	\$ -
3	Inch	-	\$ 50.23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4	Inch	-	\$ 72.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6	Inch	4	\$ 121.55	\$ 486	\$ 486	\$ -
8	Inch	12	\$ 206.73	\$ 2,481	\$ 2,481	\$ -
10	Inch	-	\$ 293.12	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
				<u>\$ 41,214</u>	<u>\$ 41,214</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
				<u>\$ 594,955</u>	<u>\$ 1,162,653</u>	<u>\$ 567,698</u>
<b>Metered Rates</b>						
Wholesale	Rate per 1,000,000 gallons	52	\$ 3,748.14	\$ 193,396	\$ 193,396	\$ -
Retail	Rate per 100 Cubic Feet	1,478,405	\$ 3.92	\$ 5,795,659	\$ 5,795,659	\$ -
				<u>\$ 5,989,055</u>	<u>\$ 5,989,055</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
				<u>\$ 7,244,249</u>	<u>\$ 7,244,252</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>

## **Schedule DGB-5**

**Impact of Proposed Rates**  
**Woonsocket Water Division**

Schedule DGB-5

			Count or Usage	Current Revenue	Proposed Revenue	Dollar Increase	% Increase
<b><i>Ratepayers in Woonsocket</i></b>							
5/8	Inch Meter	7,000 cu ft/yr	7,000	\$ 332.69	\$ 387.02	\$ 54	16.33%
5/8	Inch Meter	10,000 cu ft/yr	10,000	\$ 450.30	\$ 504.60	\$ 54	12.06%
5/8	Inch Meter	20,000 cu ft/yr	20000	\$ 842.32	\$ 896.64	\$ 54	6.45%
1	Inch Meter	50,000 cu ft/yr	50,000	\$ 2,038.78	\$ 2,134.29	\$ 96	4.68%
4	Inch Meter	500,000 cu ft/yr	500,000	\$ 19,890.14	\$ 20,410.37	\$ 520	2.62%
6	Inch Meter	1,000,000 cu ft/yr	1,000,000	\$ 39,688.31	\$ 40,606.42	\$ 918	2.31%

***Ratepayers in Other Communities***

These ratepayers will have no increase

**Exhibit E**  
**Current Tariff**

**City of Woonsocket Water Department  
TARIFF  
Bulk Sales to Public Authorities for Resale**

Effective Date: July 01, 2007

Replaces Tariff Approved in Docket 3626 February 18, 2005

**Usage**

**Sales to Public Authorities at Bulk.** Includes any community currently tied into the City of Woonsocket and communities tied into the City's water system in the future.

**Rates**

For all quantities of Metered water: \$ 3,748.14 per million gallons

**Billing and Payment**

All charges billed under this tariff are rendered in arrears on a frequency determined by the assigned billing cycle, and are due and payable in full when rendered.

**City of Woonsocket Water Department  
TARIFF  
Public Fire Protection**

Effective Date: July 01, 2007

Replaces Tariff Approved in Docket 3626 February 18, 2005

**Usage**

Applies to all municipal customers served by the Woonsocket Water Department for service to public fire hydrants, based on the size of the hydrant connection.

**Rates**

For each Hydrant:	<u>Annual Charge</u>
4 inch	\$ 130.74
6 inch	\$ 379.76

Plus \$ 7.84 per billing

**Billing and Payment**

All charges billed under this tariff are rendered in arrears on a frequency determined by the assigned billing cycle, and are due and payable in full when rendered.

**City of Woonsocket Water Department  
TARIFF  
Private Fire Protection**

Effective Date: July 01, 2007

Replaces Tariff Approved in Docket 3626 February 18, 2005

**Usage**

Applies to all private fire connection services served by the Woonsocket Water Department for service to private fire service connections owned and maintained by the customer, based on the size of the connection.

**Rates**

For each Connection:	<u>Annual Charge</u>	<u>Quart. Charge</u>
2 inch	\$ 39.04	\$ 9.76
3 inch	\$ 83.06	\$ 20.77
4 inch	\$ 159.68	\$ 39.92
6 inch	\$ 424.83	\$ 106.21
8 inch	\$ 882.26	\$ 220.57
10 inch	\$ 1,556.63	\$ 389.16

Unmetered private hydrants will be charged as 6 inch connections.

**Billing and Payment**

All bills for private fire service are rendered annually in advance and are due and payable when rendered usage through private fire service shall be billed in arrears at the general metered water service rates.

**City of Woonsocket Water Department  
TARIFF  
Customer Service Charge**

Effective Date: July 01, 2007

Replaces Tariff Approved in Docket 3626 February 18, 2005

**Usage**

Applies to all metered customers served by the Woonsocket Water Department, exclusive of public and private fire service.

**Rates**

For each meter connection, the following charges shall apply:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Quarterly</u>
5/8	\$ 14.57
3/4	\$ 17.39
1	\$ 19.67
1 1/2	\$ 29.77
2	\$ 38.62
3	\$ 50.23
4	\$ 72.27
6	\$ 121.55
8	\$ 206.73
10	\$ 293.12

**Billing and Payment**

All customer service charges billed under this tariff are rendered quarterly in advance and are due and payable in full when rendered.



**City of Woonsocket Water Department  
TARIFF  
Metered Sales**

Effective Date: July 01, 2007

Replaces Tariff Approved in Docket 3626 February 18, 2005

**Usage**

Applies to all metered customers served by the Woonsocket Water Department, including metered private fire service.

**Rates**

For all metered quantities except bulk sales to public authorities:

<u>Quarterly Use</u>	\$ 3.92 per 100 cubic feet
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**Billing and Payment**

All metered sales bills are rendered in arrears quarterly and are due and payable in full when rendered.

**City of Woonsocket Water Department  
TARIFF  
Miscellaneous Charges**

Effective Date: July 01, 2007

Replaces Tariff Approved in Docket 3626 February 18, 2005

**Water Truck Sales**

\$56 per truck load up to 10,000 gallons payable in advance

**Remove Meter**

\$31 per meter removal. \$26 per meter reinstallation

Billed in arrears with payment due and payable upon presentation.

**Shut-off/Turn-on**

Service Shut-off Charge: \$31

Service Turn-on Charge: \$31

**New Water Meters**

Billed at cost of materials and hours of labor plus 33.3% when installed at the customers request with in the sequence developed by City.

No charge when installed in the sequence developed by City.

**Installation and Repair Work**

Billed at cost of materials and hours of labor plus 33.3%. Estimated cost billed and collected in advance. Final bill prepared after completion of work. Under payments are due payable upon completion of the work. Refunds for overpayments to be paid within 30 days.

**ARB Installation**

\$47 per installation for City owned meters. Billed in arrears, due and payable when rendered.

**Interest Rate on Delinquent Accounts**

Bills delinquent after 30 days from the due date of the bill will accrue interest at the rate of 1.5% beginning from the due date of the bill.

**Exhibit F**  
**Proposed Tariff**



**City of Woonsocket Water Department  
TARIFF  
Public Fire Protection**

Effective Date: July 01, 2007  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2012

~~Replaces Tariff Approved in Docket 3626 February 18, 2005~~  
Replaces Tariff Approved in Docket 3800 June 14, 2007

**Usage**

Applies to all municipal customers served by the Woonsocket Water Department (Other than City of Woonsocket) for service to public fire hydrants, based on the size of the hydrant connection.

**Rates**

For each Hydrant:	<u>Annual Charge</u>
4 inch	\$ 130.74
6 inch	\$ 379.76

Plus \$ 7.84 per billing

**Exception**

For each hydrant of any size in Woonsocket, as allowed by RIGL s. 39-3-11, \$0.00.

**Billing and Payment**

All charges billed under this tariff are rendered in arrears on a frequency determined by the assigned billing cycle, and are due and payable in full when rendered.



**City of Woonsocket Water Department  
TARIFF  
Customer Service Charge**

Effective Date: July 01, 2007  
. 2012

~~Replaces Tariff Approved in Docket 3626 February 18, 2005~~  
~~Replaces Tariff Approved in Docket 3800 June 14, 2007~~

**Usage**

Applies to all metered customers served by the Woonsocket Water Department, exclusive of public and private fire service.

**Rates**

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10	\$ 868.98

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**Billing and Payment**

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**City of Woonsocket Water Department  
TARIFF  
Metered Sales**

Effective Date: July 01, 2007  
                  , 2012

~~Replaces Tariff Approved in Docket 3626 February 18, 2005~~  
Replaces Tariff Approved in Docket 3800 June 14, 2007

**Usage**

Applies to all metered customers served by the Woonsocket Water Department, including metered private fire service.

**Rates**

For all metered quantities except bulk sales to public authorities:

Quarterly Use                      \$     3.92 per 100 cubic feet

**Billing and Payment**

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**City of Woonsocket Water Department  
TARIFF  
Miscellaneous Charges**

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## **Public Notice**

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

**IN RE: CITY OF WOONSOCKET, WATER DIVISION**

**DOCKET NO.**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED TARIFF ADVICE**

The City of Woonsocket, Water Division (“WWD”) hereby gives notice that on \_\_\_\_\_, it submitted a Tariff Advice to the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) pursuant to Rule 1.9(c) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure.

In this filing, the WWD requests a change in certain rates for customers of the WWD. If the change is allowed, the Fire Protection Service Charge and Customer Service Charge will be charged to City of Woonsocket ratepayers’ bills. This change to rates is required due to a change in law that prohibits the WWD from charging public fire protection fees to the City of Woonsocket. Therefore, the funds needed to provide service to fire hydrants in the City of Woonsocket will be collected from ratepayers of WWD. The proposed tariff is requested to be effective thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this Notice.

A copy of the Tariff Filing is on file for examination at the City Clerk’s office at Woonsocket, Rhode Island and at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island.

City of Woonsocket, Water Division  
169 Main Street  
Woonsocket, RI 02895

# **Certificate of Service**

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that on December <sup>29<sup>th</sup></sup>, 2011, I sent a copy of the City of Woonsocket Water Division's Tariff Advice Filing to all parties on the Docket 3800 service list as set forth herein below by electronic mail and copies to John Hagopian, Esq. and Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk, by electronic mail and regular mail.

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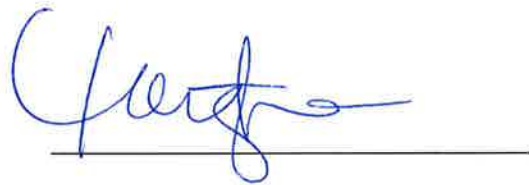
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cindy Wilson-Frias", is written over a solid horizontal line.