

May 4, 2012

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

RE: City of Woonsocket, Water Division – Docket No. 4320

Dear Luly:

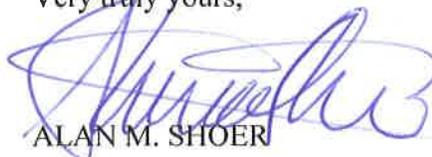
On behalf of the City of Woonsocket, Water Division (“WWD”) enclosed please find an original and three (3) copies of WWD’s Responses to the following Division of Public Utilities and Carriers’ Second Set of Data Requests Issued April 6, 2012 for the aforementioned docket:

2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-6, 2-13 and 2-15.

We will be filing the remaining responses to this set of requests shortly.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



ALAN M. SHOER

Enclosures

cc: Via E-mail:
Service List

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DIV 2-1. Regarding the October 17, 2011 borrowing authorization referenced on page 3, line 28 of Ms. McGauvran's testimony, please provide a copy of the City Council authorization and state if Woonsocket has actually borrowed any of these funds to date.

RESPONSE A copy of the City Council Authorization is attached, and is also available at: http://clerkshq.com/content/Attachments/woonsocket-ri/11_r105.pdf?clientSite=woonsocket-ri

The City has submitted a request with RICWFA to begin the process of borrowing these funds, as referenced in the attached correspondence to Mr. Anthony Simeone, dated April 12, 2012.

RESPONDENT Sheila McGauvran

DATE May 4, 2012



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

April 12, 2012

Mr. Anthony B. Simeone
Rhode Island Clean Finance Agency
235 Promenade Street, Suite 119
Providence, RI 02908

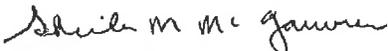
Dear Mr. Simeone,

Please accept this letter as the City of Woonsocket Water Division's formal request for RICWFA to provide a \$2,000,000 bridge loan for site acquisition and preliminary engineering for the new Water Treatment Plant.

The City expects to require funds within 60 days to close on the site. It is our expectation that the City will request a long term loan for the new Treatment Plant, including the takeout of this bridge loan in the next State Revolving Fund pool.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything further.

Sincerely,


Sheila McGauvran, P.E.
Director of Public Works

Cc: Maureen Gurghigian, Managing Director, FirstSouthwest
Alan M. Shoer, Esq., Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C.
David Bebyn CPA, B&E Consulting

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CITY OF WOONSOCKET
RHODE ISLAND



October 12, 2011

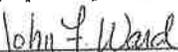
RESOLUTION

**AUTHORIZING THE BORROWING OF FUNDS TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY
AND TO INITIATE DESIGN AND PROCUREMENT FOR
THE NEW DRINKING WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

- WHEREAS,** the City has entered into a Consent Agreement dated June 27, 2008 ("Consent Agreement") with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management with respect to the City's appeals of the issuance of a new RIPDES (R.I. Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit for the City's drinking water treatment plant; and
- WHEREAS,** under the Consent Agreement, the City has agreed to eliminate effluent wastewater discharge to the Blackstone River from the drinking water treatment plant in accordance with the schedule established in the Consent Agreement; and
- WHEREAS,** in order to achieve the requirements of the Consent Agreement and of new drinking water requirements imposed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Rhode Island Department of Health, the City must build a new drinking water treatment plant ("New Plant"); and
- WHEREAS,** the schedule set forth in the Consent Agreement requires that arrangements for the acquisition of suitable land, design and construction of the New Plant begin promptly; and
- WHEREAS,** the Rhode Island Department of Health (DOH), through its Office of Drinking Water Quality has designated the City's new water treatment facility on the DOH Project Priority List (PPL) for funding assistance, in order to make the New Plant eligible for reduced cost financing from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund as authorized by the Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency (RICWFA), and
- WHEREAS,** the City will be negotiating the terms of a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the acquisition of suitable land for a new water treatment facility;
- WHEREAS,** the Rhode Island Department of Health (DOH), through its Office of Drinking Water Quality; has been designated by the RICWFA to assess eligibility of projects for funding of public water infrastructure projects, including site acquisition, design and construction costs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND, AS FOLLOWS:

- SECTION 1.** That the Mayor shall prepare, issue and submit an application to the Rhode Island Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water Quality and the Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency for the borrowing of the 2 million dollars reserved for the City in the current project priority list with the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in order to finance the acquisition of land required and to initiate the design and procurement for the new treatment plant.
- SECTION 2.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage by the City Council.


John F. Ward
By request of the Administration

IN CITY COUNCIL October 17, 2011 - Read by title and passed.

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DIV 2-2. Regarding the pH adjustment system referenced on page 4, lines 22-24 of Ms. McGauvran's testimony, does the system allow Woonsocket to meet the regulatory requirements that Woonsocket is required to meet on March 1, 2013 per the Consent Agreement dated June 27, 2008? If not, please specify what regulatory requirements cannot be met by March 1, 2013 given existing systems.

RESPONSE The pH adjustment system was installed to satisfy DEM's requirement for interim pH limits for the outfalls. The Consent Agreement requires the elimination of the outfalls by March 1, 2013. City staff have been negotiating with RIDEM and will present a revised compliance schedule to the City Council for their consideration. The only way to meet the regulatory requirements of the Consent Agreement is to complete the construction of a new Water Treatment Facility and abandon use of the existing facility.

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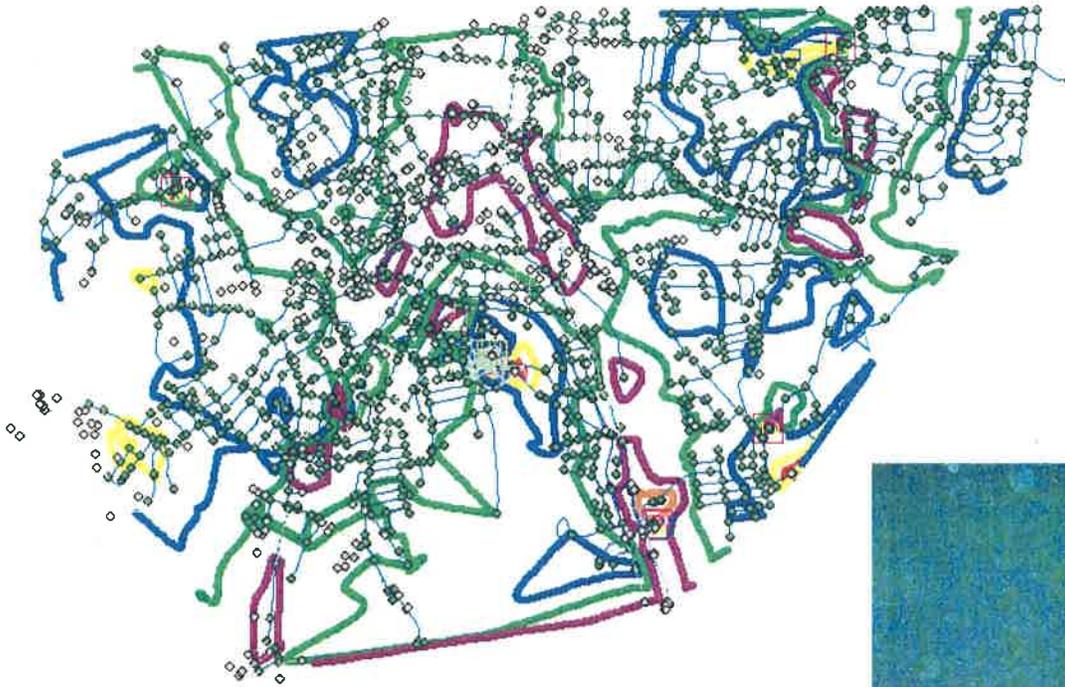
DIV 2-3.	Please provide a copy of the November 2007 CDM report "Water Distribution System Evaluation" referenced on page 5, line 15 of Ms. Gauvran's testimony.
RESPONSE	A large binder containing a copy of the 2007 "Water Distribution System Evaluation" is being delivered to Mr. John Bell at the Division
RESPONDENT	Sheila McGauvran
DATE	May 4, 2012



City of Woonsocket, Rhode Island

Water Distribution System Evaluation

November 2007



Final Report

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DIV 2-4.	Please provide the total number of customers, by meter size, for each of the past five years.
RESPONSE	See attached.
RESPONDENT	David Bebyn
DATE	May 4, 2012

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meter size	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
5/8	8,497	8,464	8,452	8467	8433
3/4	284	272	278	274	267
1	377	355	355	356	366
1 1/2	65	61	64	68	68
2	134	140	137	140	134
3	8	8	7	8	8
4	31	19	15	15	15
6	28	20	14	12	11
8	18	17	17	18	18
10	1	1	1	1	1

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DIV 2-5.	Please provide the total water sales (by volume), for each of the past five years.
RESPONSE	See attached
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DATE	May 4, 2012

Attachment to DIV 2-5

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		<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>						
Residential	(HCF)	1,055,669	1,094,485	993,937	948,117	977,494
Commercial & Public	(HCF)	508,281	565,405	501,034	491,864	500,912
Wholesale	(HCF)	74,957	74,606	61,223	61,834	68,981
		1,638,907	1,734,496	1,556,194	1,501,815	1,547,387

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DIV 2-6.	Please provide the average consumption per customer for each of the past five years.
RESPONSE	See attached
RESPONDENT	David Bebyn
DATE	May 4, 2012

Attachment to DIV 2-6

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DIV 2-13. Please identify and quantify all infrastructure replacement projects projected to be undertaken in the current fiscal year as well as each of the next two fiscal years.

RESPONSE

FY 2012 Manville Road

FY 2013 Cumberland Interconnection Project and Diamond Hill (cost to City \$2.2 m)

FY 2014 Interior Coating & Exterior Painting of Highland Industrial Park Tank (est. \$1.2 m)

FY 2015 Transmission Main Improvements (ext. \$9.8 m)

RESPONDENT

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DIV 2-15. Please identify and quantify all renewal and replacement projects projected to be undertaken in the current fiscal year as well as each of the next two fiscal years.

RESPONSE Charges to the renewal and replacement line item are generally not planned, but cover the regular replacement of costly items with limited life. Liz is generating a report which will be sent along separately. Items include repair of a tractor used to maintain the property around the reservoirs, repairs to the SCADA system, annual renewal of the GIS software license, truck repairs.

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