

July 16, 2012

Via Electronic Filing and Regular Mail

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

Re: Docket No. 4320

Dear Luly:

On behalf of the City of Woonsocket, Water Division ("WWD"), enclosed please find a Memorandum prepared by Edward Alves, Esq., counsel to the State of Rhode Island designated Budget Commission for the City of Woonsocket.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


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MEMORANDUM

To: Woonsocket Budget Commission

From: Edmund L. Alves, Jr., Legal Counsel

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Subject: PUC Questions

Date: July 11, 2012

The Commission has requested my opinion concerning the Woonsocket Water Division's responses to the six questions posed by the Public Utilities Commission's (PUC's) legal counsel. I am in full agreement with the responses to Questions 2 through 6. The Budget Commission certainly recognizes that the budget of the Water Division is a regulated enterprise fund which must be devoted to its restricted purposes. The Budget Commission meets regularly and can be expected to approve Water Division expenditures in a timely manner.

As to the response to Question 1, it is my opinion that, since the Water Division is a municipal department, R.I.G.L. §45-9-6 requires that its expenditures be approved by the Budget Commission for as long as the Budget Commission is in existence.