

PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD
Docket No. 4406

Division of Public Utilities and Carriers
Data Requests to Providence Water Supply Board
Set I
Issued April 30, 2013

- DIV 1-1. Please explain in detail and show the derivation of the adjustment to test year payroll expense to account for “payroll volatility.”
- DIV 1-2. Referring to page 8, lines 5-6 of Mr. Smith’s Testimony and Schedule HJS-A1, please explain why both payroll clearing amounts and overhead rate applied amounts are zeroed out in an identical manner given that payroll clearing amounts are reimbursed from the IFR fund but overhead rate applied amounts are not.
- DIV 1-3. Please explain in detail and provide a breakdown of what costs are included in overhead rate applied amounts and how the amounts of those overheads for the test year were determined.
- DIV 1-4. Please provide a schedule showing expenses for FY 2010, FY 2011, FY 2012, and FY 2013 to date by account similar to Schedule HJS-A1.
- DIV 1-5. Please provide the number of general water service customers by meter size, private line service customers by meter size, and the number of public hydrants by municipality as of June 30, 2009; June 30, 2010; June 30, 2011; and at the end of each subsequent calendar quarter through the most recent quarter available. Include a copy in Excel format.

- DIV 1-6. Please provide miscellaneous revenue for each of the years FY 2009 through FY 2012 broken down by revenue source/type.
- DIV 1-7. Please provide a breakdown of sales volumes as shown on Schedule HJS-S23 for each of the years FY 2009 through FY 2012 by month, and also show monthly sales volumes for FY 2013 to date. Include a copy in Excel format.
- DIV 1-8. Please identify the number of employees in each month of FY 2012 and FY 2013 to date.
- DIV 1-9. Please provide a breakdown of total salaries and wages by month for FY 2012 and FY 2013 to date according to non-union salaries, union regular pay, non-union overtime, union overtime and other costs (specify). Also, identify the amount charged to clearing each month. Include a copy in Excel format.
- DIV 1-10. Please explain why no adjustment was made to the capital reimbursement for wages to reflect the increases in wages and salaries on July 1, 2013 and July 1, 2014.
- DIV 1-11. Please provide an explanation and show this derivation of the FY 2014 and FY 2015 Scituate property taxes that were calculated per the Tax Treaty.
- DIV 1-12. Please indicate when the FY 2014 property tax bills are expected to be received.
- DIV 1-13. Please provide a breakdown of insurance expenses for the years FY 2010 and FY2011 according to the activities shown on Schedule HJS-S5.

- DIV 1-14. To the extent available, please provide the insurance premiums for worker's compensation, injuries and damages, and property and casualty insurance for FY 2013.
- DIV 1-15. Please state when Providence Water will be taking bids for insurance contracts and when the results are expected to be available.
- DIV 1-16. Please state when Providence Water expects to receive FY 2014 working rates for its health and dental insurance contracts.
- DIV 1-17. Please provide a breakdown of pension and other benefits expenses comparable to that shown on Schedule HJS-S6 for FY 2010 and FY 2011.
- DIV 1-18. Please provide a copy of the Union Contract supporting the Union Combined Benefits and Union Pension pro forma expense amounts shown on Schedule HJS-S6.
- DIV 1-19. Please provide a copy of the OPEB report supporting the pro forma GASB 43/45 Reserve Required shown on Schedule HJS-S6.
- DIV 1-20. Please provide a copy of the Buck Report supporting the pro forma City Retirement expense shown on Schedule HJS-S6.
- DIV 1-21. Please state whether any change has been made in the state unemployment insurance compensation limit per employee that would result in an increase in the state unemployment insurance expense for rate year. If yes, please identify the change.

- DIV 1-22. Please identify the cash payments made to employees who do not take healthcare coverage from Providence Water and state whether those payments are adjusted annually for inflation.
- DIV 1-23. Please provide a copy of Providence Water's employee benefits handbook or similar document explaining the benefits to which employees are entitled.
- DIV 1-24. Please provide a breakdown of regulatory and rate case expense for FY 2010, FY 2011 and FY 2012 and show the derivation of the pro forma expense amounts shown on Schedule HJS-S7.
- DIV 1-25. Please provide any supporting studies or analyses supporting the projected FY 2013 quantities of chemicals used as shown on Schedule HJS-S8A.
- DIV 1-26. Please provide actual quantities of each chemical used for each month of 2012 and 2013 to date. Include a copy in Excel format.
- DIV 1-27. Please provide a comparison of the actual quantities of chemicals used in FY 2013 to date with the expected or budgeted level to date based on the projected quantities shown on Schedule HJS-S8A and explain any variance.
- DIV 1-28. Please provide supporting documentation for the unit chemical prices shown on Schedule HJS-S8A.
- DIV 1-29. Please provide complete supporting documentation, including any studies or analyses for the claimed increase in sludge disposal costs from \$552,692 to \$1,700,000 per year.

- DIV 1-30. Please provide any studies, analyses and/ or other supporting documentation for the claimed costs of the unidirectional flushing program.
- DIV 1-31. Please provide a copy of Providence Water's 2010 IFR Plan and any subsequent updates.
- DIV 1-32. Please provide a breakdown of the planned IFR spending of \$24 million per year beginning in CY 2014 and show the cause of the \$2 million increase beyond the additional \$6 million for pipe replacement.
- DIV 1-33. Please provide supporting documentation for the planned spending of \$1.2 million per year for meter replacements, test and repair.
- DIV 1-34. Please explain why it is necessary and appropriate to maintain a balance of over \$2.9 million in the Insurance Fund.
- DIV 1-35. Please provide a detailed analysis of the sources and uses of the restricted Revenue Reserve Fund from its implementation through FY 2012.
- DIV 1-36. Please provide a breakdown of revenues in CY 2010 according to the types of revenue shown on Schedule HJS-S1. Also identify sales by customer class for CY 2010 similar to those shown on HJS-S23.
- DIV 1-37. Please state whether any of the additional \$8 million of IFR work will be performed by Providence Water employees. If yes, please identify the additional wages associated with this work.

- DIV 1-38. Please explain the source of and provide supporting documentation for the inflation rate of 2.5 percent per year from FY 2012 through CY 2014.
- DIV 1-39. Please provide work papers and supporting documentation for the claimed increases in costs to switch to monthly billing.
- DIV 1-40. Please provide purchase power expenses for each applicable purchase power account for the most recent 12 months available.

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