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

RE: Dk 4406 Bristol County Water Authority: Set 5

Dear Mrs. Massaro:

Enclosed are an original and seven CD-Roms which together constitute Providence Water's responses to the 5th set of data requests from BCWA. Due to the voluminous nature of the attached responses, PW will mail the CD's to the full parties in this Docket. If anyone else would like a copy of the CD I can be contacted. Otherwise, please visit the PUC website if you wish to download the attachments for BCWA 5.

If you have any questions you can contact me at extension 7217.

Sincerely,



Mary L. Deignan-White
Senior Manager of Regulatory

cc: service list

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BCWA 5-1: Please produce the "CDM Phase 1 Final Report, December 2008" referenced in the CDM Phase II Report produced in response to BCWA 4-3 and KCWA 2-15.

Response: Please find attached the CDM Phase 1, Final Report, December 2008

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BCWA 5-2: In response to BCWA 2-3 (supplemental), Providence states that it “has not found an appropriate location for the Central Operations Facility and is continuing to look for additional sites.”

- a. Has Providence ever undertaken a public procurement process such as issuing Requests For Proposals seeking proposals for a Central Operations Facility?
- b. If the answer is in the affirmative, please provide a copy of the RFP.
- c. If the answer is in the negative, please explain why Providence has not undertaken a public procurement process.

Response:

- a. Yes
- b. See the attached request for proposals (RFP)
- c. Not applicable

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BCWA 5-3: In response to BCWA 2-3 (supplemental), Providence states that it “has not found an appropriate location for the Central Operations Facility and is continuing to look for additional sites.” In response to BCWA 4-5, Providence produced two letters of intent it received on September 3, 2013.

- a. Is Providence still considering the properties reference in the letters of intent as viable options for its Central Operations Facility?
- b. Did Providence solicit these letters of intent, or were they submitted to Providence unsolicited?
- c. Did Providence meet with representatives of the party who submitted these letters of intent before they were submitted to Providence?
- d. Did Providence tour, view or inspect the properties referenced in the letters of intent before they were submitted to Providence?
- e. Would both of the sites referenced in the letters be necessary to house Providence’s complete operations?

Response:

- a. Yes
- b. The letters of intent were unsolicited
- c. Yes
- d. Yes
- e. No

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BCWA 5-4: Regarding Providence's facility located on Scituate Avenue in Cranston, the City of Cranston Tax Assessor's records indicate that this facility is comprised of five different lots (Plat 20, Lots 2122, 2110 and 2131; Plat 34, Lot 20; and, Plat 31 Lot 20).

- a. Can Providence confirm that these lots comprise its facility in Cranston?
- b. Who owns these lots – the Providence Water Supply Board or the City of Providence?

Response: a. The majority of the Cranston Facility is located on Plat 20-Lot 2122, with a small portion of the facility located on Plat 20-Lot 2110.

- b. According to the City of Cranston Assessor's database, the City of Providence owns these lots. The land, acquired by condemnation under Chapter 3727 of the Public Laws of 1956 and in accordance with City Council resolution approved on June 8, 1956, was acquired to build the Aqueduct Reservoir. The Aqueduct Reservoir is located on Plat 20-Lot 2122.

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BCWA 5-5: Regarding Providence's facility located on Scituate Avenue in Cranston,

- a. Has Providence investigated siting its Central Operations Facility at this location?
- b. If Providence rejected this location as a suitable location for its Central Operations Facility, please completely set forth the reasons it was rejected.

Response:

- a. Providence has investigated the Scituate Avenue facility in Cranston for Administration portion only.
- b. Providence Water has not rejected this location for the Administration portion of the Central Operations Facility. Providence Water has determined that the Cranston site is not the proper location for the Transmission and Distribution Facility because of the Facility's location relative to the heart of the Providence Water distribution system. In addition, the Cranston Facility is located within a residential area. As part of the variance Providence Water received from the City of Cranston, it was agreed that Providence Water would keep this Facility for office use only.

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BCWA 5-6: Does Providence believe it is more advantageous to its ratepayer to lease or own the property, structures and improvements necessary for a new Central Operations Facility? Please completely explain the reasoning for Providence's answer.

Response: As discussed in the Phase II CDM report, Providence Water has investigated both the purchase and lease of a new Central Operations Facility. Since the option to purchase or lease is both site and seller specific, Providence Water will continue to evaluate both financing options in order to maintain the best interest of the Providence Water rate payer.

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BCWA 5-7: Please produce full copies of Providence's IFR Reports submitted to the Rhode Island Department of Health since 1996.

Response: Please see the attached 1996, 2000, 2005 and 2010 IFR Plans submitted to the Department of Health