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

The Hon. Angel Taveras  
*Mayor*

Boyce Spinelli  
*General Manager*

RE: Dk 4406: Commission Record Requests 10/8/2013

Dear Mrs. Massaro:

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Enclosed for filing is an original and seven copies of PW's remaining responses to the following Commission record requests from the Technical Session on 10/8/2013:

- PW web link for where crews are working.
- How many lead services are being replaced.
- Estimate of lead replacements in future.
- What is done with stuff removed from cast iron mains.

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

Sincerely,

Mary L. Deighan-White  
Senior Manager of Regulatory

Enclosures  
cc: service list

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2. Are the areas where Providence Water crews are working available online?

Answer: The attached link indicates the areas where Providence Water crews are working on a day-to-day basis.

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3. How many lead services are we replacing now?

Answer: In 2012, Providence Water removed a total of 268 public side lead services. This total includes; (a) public side lead services removed by outside contractors as part of the main rehabilitation program, and (b) public side lead services removed by our transmission and distribution department. To date in 2013, Providence Water has replaced 338 public side lead services. This total includes; (a) public side lead services removed by outside contractors as part of the main rehabilitation program, and (b) public side lead services removed by our transmission and distribution department.

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5. Please provide an estimate of Lead Service Replacement's to be done in future.

Answer: Providence Water anticipates that approximately 300 to 500 public side lead services will be replaced each year. This amount is consistent with what was removed in 2012 and 2013. It is important to note that this number may increase significantly if the Rhode Island Department of Health does not continue the existing stay of the Lead and Copper Rule requirement to replace 7% of the lead service lines per year.

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7. Please provide an explanation of what is done with the stuff removed from a cast iron main after it has been cleaned?

Answer: Providence Water requires that the contractor, who is conducting the cleaning and lining, vacuum the material that has been removed from the cast iron main, and is given to Clean Harbors to dispose of this material properly.