

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD
APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATE SCHEDULES

DOCKET NO. 4550

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct public hearings on the following dates and locations to solicit comments on the above matter:

June 16, 2015 @ 6:00 P.M. Pawtucket City Hall – Council Chambers
137 Roosevelt Street, Pawtucket, R.I.

October 1, 2015 @ 9:30 A.M. Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, R.I.

In this docket, the PUC will examine an application by Pawtucket Water Supply Board (PWSB) seeking to implement a multi-year rate plan through a three step rate increase. In the first step of the rate plan, PWSB seeks approval of proposed rates designed to collect additional operating revenues of \$2,288,131 to support total operating revenue requirements of \$20,577,182. As filed, the bill impact for a typical residential customer using 200 gallons of water per month, is an increase of \$41.16 per year or 8.3%. The impact of the proposed rate increase on other retail customer classes is between 8.1% and 11.7%, wholesale customers 23.8% and Private Fire Service is from 6.1% to 8.3%. Municipal Fire Service is an increase of 100.2% per hydrant. For City of Pawtucket residents, the Fire Protection Surcharge will increase by \$30.84 per year.

In the second step of the rate plan, PWSB proposes to implement rates effective July 1, 2016 designed to collect additional revenues of \$1,736,208 to support total operating revenues of \$22,313,390. The impact of the second step will be an across-the-board rate increase of 8.4% on all rate classes. The bill impact of the second step on a typical residential customer using 200 gallons of water per month, is an increase of \$45.12 per year or 3.76%.

In the third step of the rate plan, PWSB proposes to implement rates effective July 1, 2017 designed to collect additional revenues of \$674,498 to support total operating revenues of \$22,987,888. The impact of the third step will be an across-the-board rate increase of 3.0% on all rate classes. The bill impact of the third step on a typical residential customer using 200 gallons of water per month, is an increase of \$17.64 per year or 1.45%.

The application is on file for examination at the PUC's office. The application can also be accessed under the PUC Docket Menu at www.ripuc.org, Docket No. 4550. Reference is made to R.I.G.L. Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35.

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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk

June 5, 2015