



PROVIDENCE WATER

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August 4, 2015

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

The Hon. Jorge O. Elorza  
Mayor

Ricky Caruolo  
General Manager

RE: Docket 4571- BCWA 1-18

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Dear Mrs. Massaro:

Enclosed for filing an original and nine copies of Providence Water's updated response to Bristol County's Water Authority data request 1-18 filed July 9, 2015.

If you have any questions I can be reached at 521-6300, extension 7217.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Deighan-White  
Senior Manager of Regulatory

cc: Dk 4571 Service List  
File

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PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD  
Docket No. 4571

Data Requests of the  
Bristol County Water Authority- Set 1  
July 2, 2015

**BCWA 1-18:** Has RIDOH provided a Certificate of Approval for the COF?

**Response - Update:** See attached Certificate of Approval from the RIDOH.



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July 16, 2015

Ricky Caruolo  
General Manger  
Providence Water  
552 Academy Avenue  
Providence, RI 02908

RE: Certificate of Approval for Central Operations Facility  
Providence Water, PWS ID#1592024

Dear Mr. Caruolo:

Enclosed please find a copy of the DWSRF Certificate of Approval (COA) issued to Providence Water for the central operations facility project. Also please find a copy of the RIDEM memo referencing the Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) and the CATEX certificate for the central operations facility project.

If you should have any questions please feel free to contact me at 222-3436.

Sincerely,

Carlene B. Newman  
Principal Sanitary Engineer  
Office of Drinking Water Quality

Enclosures:

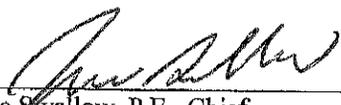
cc: Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency  
Gregg Giasson, Providence Water  
Gary Marino, Providence Water  
Kenneth Burke, Water Resources Board  
Charles Newton, MBE Compliance Office

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**  
**Department of Health**  
**Office of Drinking Water Quality**  
**Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program**

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL**

Providence Water has met the program requirements of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program for the Central Operations Facility project and is eligible to apply for a DWSRF loan from the Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency. The project entails the purchase and rehabilitation of an existing 175,000 square foot building. This facility will house the following divisions: Transmission and Distribution, Water Quality, Engineering, Support Services, Finance, Information Technology, Customer Service and Administration. In addition, the water testing laboratory will be relocated to this Central Operations Facility. It is the intent that the project will be funded through a DWSRF loan. Specifically, Providence Water is seeking funding up to \$30,000,000.00 for the Central Operations Facility project. Providence Water has certified that it will comply with all the requirements of applicable State and Federal laws in the application package. The following conditions detail certain specific requirements for this project:

1. Providence Water is responsible for obtaining any other necessary permits or approvals from any Federal or State agency with authority over the project or project area.
2. All engineering and/or construction related costs incurred prior to January 1, 2015 are ineligible for DWSRF Program Participation.
3. All applicable architectural/engineering reports including specifications and plans are to be submitted upon their availability for review and approval by Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water Quality (DWQ). No monies from the DWSRF loan can be expended for the actual rehabilitation/construction of the Central Operations Facility until DWQ has approved the specifications for the project.
4. An approved Disadvantaged Business Enterprise utilization plan shall be obtained from the State prior to issuing the Notice to Proceed. A copy of the approved DBE utilization plan shall be sent to DWQ for the project file.
5. Short-term excavation related impacts shall be mitigated by utilizing standard sedimentation and erosion control methods. Fugitive dust related impacts shall be mitigated by using standard dust control methods.

  
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June Swallow, P.E., Chief  
Office of Drinking Water Quality

7/15/15  
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DATE

Project Name: Central Operations Facility  
Project Number: DWSRF-15-04  
Associated PPL: 2015

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**  
**Department of Health**  
**Office of Drinking Water Quality**  
**Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program**

**Categorical Exclusion**

The Office of Drinking Water Quality has reviewed the proposed Central Operations Facility project submitted by Providence Water and has concluded that the project qualifies for a CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION in accordance with the requirements of RIGL 46-12.8 and the "Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund", dated June 2011. The proposed project will not impact the environment either by itself or in combination with other projects, and the information provided has met the statutory intent of the Federal Clean Water Act environmental review requirements and is sufficient to issue a CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION.

Project Name: Central Operations Facility

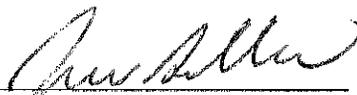
DWSRF Program Number: 15-04

Project Locations: Providence, RI.

Project Description: The project includes the purchase and rehabilitation of an existing 175,000 square foot building. This facility will house the following divisions: Transmission and Distribution, Water Quality, Engineering, Support Services, Finance, Information Technology, Customer Service and Administration. In addition, the water testing laboratory will be relocated to this Central Operations Facility.

Anticipated Environmental Impacts: Impacts will be minor and short term in duration (i.e. erosion, dust, noise, air quality, and traffic).

Specific Requirements: Short-term excavation related impacts shall be mitigated by utilizing standard sedimentation and erosion control methods. Fugitive dust related impacts shall be mitigated by using standard dust control methods.

  
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June Swallow, P.E., Chief  
Office of Drinking Water Quality

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

INTER-OFFICE MEMO

TO: June Swallow, P.E., Chief  
Division of Drinking Water Quality  
DEPT: Health

FROM: Angelo S. Liberti, P.E., Chief  
Office of Water Resources  
DEPT: Environmental Management

SUBJECT: Environmental Review for Providence Water

DATE: May 27, 2015



Attached is the recommendation from the Office of Water Resources for a Categorical Exclusion to be issued to Providence Water for its Central Operations Facility project. This recommendation is given in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Health and the Department of Environmental Management in regards to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me at 222-4700, extension 7225 or Jay Manning at 222-4700, extension 7254.

AL/JM/jm

Attachment

Cc: Carlene Newman, DOH  
William Sequino, Jr., RICWFA

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

INTER-OFFICE MEMO

TO: Angelo S. Liberti, P.E., Chief  
Office of Water Resources

DATE: May 27, 2015

DEPT: Environmental Management

FROM: Jay Manning, P.E., Principal Sanitary Engineer *J.M.*  
Office of Water Resources

DEPT: Environmental Management

SUBJECT: Environmental Review for Providence Water -  
Central Operations Facility

Providence Water is seeking funding from the RI Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program to purchase and rehabilitate a 175,000 square foot building to become a central operations facility. The Providence Water is requesting a Categorical Exclusion for the project. In accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Health and the Department of Environmental Management, I have reviewed the material presented in support of the Categorical Exclusion request as required by the DWSRF program.

The rehabilitated building will house Providence Water's Transmission & Distribution, Water Quality, Engineering, Support Services, Finance, Information Technology, Customer Service, and Administration divisions. The project will not increase the footprint of the existing building. In light of the information presented any impacts appear to be minor and short term in duration. **Therefore, I recommend that a Categorical Exclusion be issued for this project.**

JM/jm