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**TO** : Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk  
**FROM** : John Bell, Chief Accountant

**SUBJECT:** Docket 4618, Providence Water's Revenue Reserve Request

The Division supports Providence Water's October 17, 2018 request in this docket. Providence Water's filing clearly shows that it met the established criteria for using the funds in the restricted revenue reserve account.

In response to Public Utilities Commission Data Request 2-4, Providence Water stated that it will transfer to the IFR fund whatever amount is authorized by the Commission related to the current request. The Division is aware of Providence Water's extensive infrastructure needs and considers this proposal worthwhile. By utilizing these funds for IFR purposes, it'll allow for system improvements that'll provide ratepayers with near and long-term benefits. The Division believes this proposal is in the best interest of ratepayers.

The Division reviewed Providence Water's Oct 17, 2018 filing and the calculations contained therein. We further reviewed all responses to data requests. As stated earlier, Providence Water's filing clearly demonstrates that it met the criteria for utilization of the restricted revenue funds and as such we urge the Commission to approve Providence Water's request.