

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Petition of the PROVIDENCE WATER
SUPPLY BOARD-Rate Application

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Docket No.: 4618

MOTION TO INTERVENE

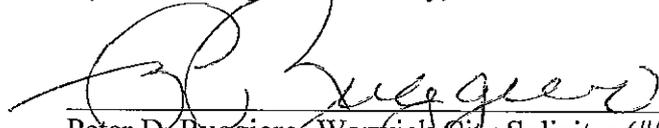
Now comes the City of Warwick, (“Warwick”), by and through its City Solicitor, and hereby moves to intervene in the above-captioned matter. As grounds, Warwick avers that it has an interest which will be directly affected and which is not represented by any existing party in this proceeding. The issue concerns the Providence Water Supply Board’s (“PWSB”) request to seek a wholesale water purchase rate hike to collect additional revenues of \$130.13 per million gallons from current wholesale fees during their upcoming budget year. According to the PWSB’s notice filed pursuant to this rate request, this rate increase would amount to a 7.5 percent increase in the cost to wholesale purchasers. The net effect on residential and non-residential retail customers’ yearly billing expense is uncertain but will necessarily result in increased expenses and fees. Warwick purchases water from the PWSB and provides that purchased water to its retail customers. Any increase in the price of the purchased water must be internalized entirely or in-part by Warwick, or passed on in some fashion as a rate increase to its customers. Ultimately, many thousands of water customers of Warwick will have to bear any increase in the rate for water purchased from the PWSB, as will the Warwick taxpayers if any portion of the rate increase is internalized by Warwick.

Based on this situation, Warwick requests intervention status to examine the need and justification for the sought after rate hike approval by the PWSB. If Warwick’s Motion to Intervene is not granted, neither Warwick’s residents and businesses served by Warwick water,

nor its taxpayers, will be represented by an existing party to this proceeding. (R.I. Gen. Laws 45-6-1 (1999 & Supp. 2008)(Rule 1.13 Rules of Practice and Procedure). Warwick has a direct interest in the resulting consequences to their water customers and the Warwick taxpayers should this rate hike Petition be approved.

For these reasons and pursuant to PUC Rule 1.13, Warwick hereby requests the PUC to grant its Motion to Intervene.

Respectfully submitted,
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By and Through Its Attorney,


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CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I did forward a copy of the within Motion to Intervene via e-mail to all on the following service list on the 24th day of May, 2016.

