

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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

DOCKET NO. 4618

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-3-11, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, September 26, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.** in the Providence Public Safety Complex's Auditorium located at 325 Washington Street, Providence, Rhode Island. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit comments regarding the Providence Water Supply Board's rate application. The evidentiary hearing will continue on **Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 9:30 A.M.** at the PUC's office located at 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, Rhode Island.

In this docket, the PUC will examine the propriety of an application by the Providence Water Supply Board seeking approval to implement new rates designed to generate additional revenues in the amount of \$8,328,042 to support a total cost of service of \$77,728,472. As proposed, the impact on a residential customer's bill with an annual consumption of 100 HCF will be an increase of \$4.00 per month, or 12%, from \$33.26 to \$37.26. For Providence residents, the Fire Protection Surcharge will increase by \$0.18 per month. The impact of the proposed rate increase on other retail customers is between 15.3% to 15.9%. The impact on wholesale customers is 7.5%. Public Fire Service Charges and Private Fire Service Charges are proposed to increase by 15%. Providence Water also proposes a debt service surcharge of \$0.36 per HCF for retail customers of the East Smithfield Water District (District). The debt service surcharge is associated with Providence Water's acquisition of the District's customer base and assets, and it will be applied to fund the District's outstanding water system debt. The PUC may approve different rates that may be higher or lower than those proposed by Providence Water.

The filing may be examined at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed at <http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4618page.html>. Reference is made to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35.

These buildings are accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Commission Clerk's office at 780-2107, seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
September 16, 2016