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December 8, 2016

Ms. Luly Massaro, Clerk
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

Re: *Narragansett Bay Commission*
Change in Terms and Conditions

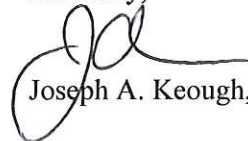
Dear Ms. Massaro:

Please be advised that pursuant to Rule 1.9 (d) of the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Narragansett Bay Commission ("NBC") seeks to change certain terms and conditions of its service. Enclosed you will find an original and nine (9) copies of the existing terms and conditions, the "marked-up" version of the proposed terms and conditions, and the "clean" version of the proposed terms and conditions.

Please note that a copy of this filing has been provided to the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers and the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office. In addition, enclosed you will find a proposed public notice to be published in the Providence Journal. Please let me know if the notice meets with the Commission's approval so that it may be advertised.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Joseph A. Keough, Jr.

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Enclosures

cc: Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (via hand delivery)
Rhode Island Attorney General's Office (via first class mail)

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

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. xxxx

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Narragansett Bay Commission ("NBC") hereby gives notice that on December 8, 2016, it submitted a proposal to change its Terms and Conditions of service to the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") pursuant to Rule 1.9(d) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

In this filing, the NBC proposes to change its Water Shut-off and Reconnect fees; a methodology for calculating the billing of Output Meters; and, a provision for providing abatements when the use of an abatement meter is not feasible. The proposed changes to the NBC's Terms and Conditions is requested to be effective thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this Notice.

A copy of the proposed change to the NBC's Terms and Conditions is on file for examination at the NBC's office at One Service Road, Providence, RI and at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI. The filing can be accessed at <http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4588page.html>.

The Narragansett Bay Commission
One Service Road, Providence, RI 02905
<http://www.narrabay.com>

Narragansett Bay Commission
Terms & Conditions
Service Fee Schedule
(Effective January 1, 2016)

| SERVICE | FEE |
|--|--|
| <u>Returned Check Fee</u> | \$20.00 per Check |
| <u>Lien Sale Fees:</u> | |
| Certified Mail | Billed at NBC contracted cost for Certified Mail Services |
| Title Fee | Billed at NBC contracted cost for Title Services |
| Newspaper Ad | Billed at advertising cost in relation to number of lien sales |
| Deed Fee | Billed at NBC contracted cost for Deed Services |
| Recording of Deed | \$83.00 each |
| Record of Redemption Certificate | \$83.00 each |
| Recording of Duplicate Redemption Certificate | \$83.00 each |
| Auctioneer Fee | Billed at Auctioneer cost in relation to number of lien sales |
| <u>Water Shut-off Fees:</u> | |
| Water Shut-off Fee | \$64.00 |
| Water Reconnect Fee | \$43.00 |
| Special Requests for services not listed above that do not benefit all customers | Billed at actual cost plus overhead rates in effect. |
| <u>Billing of Compound Meters</u> | Commercial or Industrial customer serviced by a compound (two-dial) meter with one meter used strictly as a fire supply shall be billed fixed fees based on the size of the domestic use dial. Consumption charges shall be based upon metered water usage of the domestic use dial. |

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continued

Abatement Terms

A property owner may apply for an adjustment to the water consumption used in the calculation of the consumption charge if they believe that more than fifteen percent (15%) of the source water does not discharge into the sewer system. Abatements are granted for only that percentage of water exceeding the 15% allowance and are effective from the approved date forward (not retroactive to cover previous usage).

Abatement Methodology

- 1) The amount of water used is determined based upon the input meter readings.
- 2) The amount of water not returned to sewer is determined based upon the abatement meter readings covering the same service period.
- 3) The amount of water returned to sewer is calculated by subtracting the abatement usage from the input usage.
- 4) The water returned to sewer is adjusted to reflect the 15% built into sewer rates by dividing the usage calculated in line 3 by 0.85.
- 5) The consumption bill is calculated by multiplying the consumption calculated in step 4 by the billing rate.
- 6) In all cases usage figures will be pro-rated to take into consideration different meter reading periods and rate changes.

Methodology Example:

- 1) Determine total consumption based on meter readings (assume 200 HCF)
- 2) Determine abatement use per meter (assume 100 HCF)
- 3) Subtract line 2 from line 1 to determine water returned to sewer (100 HCF)
- 4) Divide line 3 by 0.85 to adjust for allowance built into rates and determine billable consumption (117.65 HCF)
- 5) Multiply line 4 by user rate to determine consumption charge (e.g. \$3.478/HCF x 117.65 HCF = \$409.19)

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Billing of Output Meters

Premises that have NBC approved discharge meters shall be billed consumption charges only. Billable consumption shall be determined as follows:

- 1) The flow measured by the discharge meter shall be divided by .85 to adjust for the 15% allowance for flow not returned to sewer built into sewer rates.
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