

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: SUEZ WATER RHODE ISLAND'S APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATE
SCHEDULES - DOCKET NO. 4800

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pursuant to the provisions of Rhode Island Gen. Laws § 39-3-11, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct hearings on the following dates and locations to accept public comments on Suez Water Rhode Island's proposed rate application:

May 10, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M. Narragansett Town Hall, Council Chambers
25 Fifth Avenue
Narragansett, Rhode Island

May 25, 2018 @ 1:00 P.M. South Kingstown Town Hall, Council Chambers
180 High Street
Wakefield, Rhode Island

The evidentiary hearing will commence on **September 24, 2018 @ 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC's office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing may continue thereafter from day to day and time to time as required

In this docket, the PUC will examine an application by Suez Water seeking approval to implement new rates designed to generate additional operating revenues in the amount of \$1,024,856 to support a total cost of service of \$5,838,744. Suez Water proposes to implement monthly billing for all retail customers. The Company also requests to establish a Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC) that will allow the utility to file for rate increases associated with non-revenue producing investments to replace aging utility infrastructure outside of a general rate proceeding. As proposed, the impact on a residential customer's bill with an average monthly consumption of 6 HCF is an increase of \$4.88 per month, or 17%, from \$28.72 to \$33.60. The impact of the proposed rate increase on other retail customers will vary based upon class and consumption level. The impact on wholesale customers is 19%, on Public Fire Service is 30% and on Private Fire Service is 31%.

The application is on file for examination at the PUC's office. The application can also be accessed at <http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4800page.html>. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

These buildings are accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Clerk's office at 780-2017 seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
April 27, 2018