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August 5, 2019

Re: DOCKET NO. 4933, IN RE: CITY OF NEWPORT, UTILITIES DEPARTMENT,
WATER DIVISION, APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATE SCHEDULES

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter, please find an original plus nine (9) copies of the Department of the Navy's Responses to the City of Newport, Utilities Department, Water Division's First Set of Data Requests.

Please note that an electronic copy of this document has been sent to the service list. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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I hereby certify on this fifth day of August, I mailed the original Department of Navy Responses to the City of Newport, Utilities Department, Water Division's First Set of Data Requests and nine (9) copies to the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission. A true copy of the document was sent by electronic-mail to the parties on the Service list, as of August 5th, 2019, for Docket No. 4933.

Kenneth M. Racette Jr.

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

**IN RE: CITY OF NEWPORT, UTILITIES DEPARTMENT, WATER DIVISION
APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATE SCHEDULES**

DOCKET NO: 4933

**THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY'S RESPONSES TO
CITY OF NEWPORT, UTILITIES DEPARTMENT, WATER DIVISION'S
FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS**

- I. Regarding Mr. Collins' testimony on page 4 regarding the water main break on January 10, 2018:
 - a. Please state when the Navy first notified Newport Water of the water main break.
 - b. Please provide any documentation that memorializes when the Navy first notified Newport Water of the water main break.
 - c. Please provide any documentation that memorializes any and all communications between the Navy and Newport Water regarding the January 10, 2018.

Response:

- a. The Navy has no record of notification to Newport Water of the water main break.
- b. The Navy has no record of notification to Newport Water of the water main break.
- c. The Navy has no record of notification to Newport Water of the water main break.

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2. Regarding Mr. Collins' testimony on page 4 regarding the water main break on January 10, 2018, please describe the water main break in detail, including, but not limited to the following:
 - a. Where the break occurred.

- b. How the break was discovered.
- c. When the break was repaired.
- d. How the break was repaired.
- e. Who repaired the break.
- f. How much water usage was attributable solely to the water main break.

Response:

- a. Water leaks occurred on two separate 2-1/2" backflow devices inside hotboxes at Quay wall on January 10, 2018.
- b. During station checks, the Navy Utility System Operator discovered water flowing out from under the enclosed hotbox. The operator found there was a loss of power to the heat trace system, causing the backflow devices to freeze and split.
- c. The leaks were secured upon discovery. Repairs started on January 10 and were completed by January 31.
- d. The backflow preventers were removed and replaced with new AWWA approved backflow devices. Power was restored to the heat trace systems and to the heater in the hotboxes.
- e. Navy.
- f. Estimated 250 KG.

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- 3. Regarding Mr. Collins' testimony on page 4 regarding the water main break on January 10, 2018, please provide any and all documentation that evidence, documents or memorializes the following:
 - a. Where the break occurred.
 - b. How the break was discovered.
 - c. When the break was repaired.
 - d. How the break was repaired.
 - e. Who repaired the break.

f. How much water usage was attributable solely to the water main break.

Response: Documentation attached:

- Attachment Navy 3d-1 – Purchase Request #964656 to purchase 2 backflow preventers.
- Attachment Navy 3d-2 – Work Order DC6FVC labor hours
- Attachment Navy 3d-3 – Work Order DC6FVC to repair backflow preventer USCG Juniper berth. (Note: approve date of 1/9/2018 is incorrect)
- Attachment Navy 3d-4 – Work Order DC6FWK to repair backflow preventer USCG Oak berth. (Note: approve date and target date of 1/08/2018 is incorrect)
- Attachment Navy 3d-5 – Backflow preventer material receipt.
- Attachment Navy 3d-6 – Navy Water Log Sheet January 10-31, 2018.

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4. Please identify and describe each and every water main break in the Navy's system from October 1, 2016 through the present, including:

- a. Where the break occurred.
- b. How the break was discovered.
- c. When the break was repaired.
- d. How the break was repaired.
- e. Who repaired the break.
- f. How much water usage was attributable solely to the water main break.

Response:

Water Leak Repairs Naval Station Newport

October 1, 2016 – July 15, 2019

- a. Colbert Plaza NWC CHI Bldg 686 October 12, 2016 – 10”.

- b. Found leak during unidirectional flushing.
- c. October 12-13, 2016.
- d. Followed AWWA standards. Section of pipe removed. New DI spool piece and couplings installed. All material AWWA approved.
- e. Contractor/Navy.
- f. Unknown.

- a. Lower Melville at Hinckley Yachts – October 25, 2016 – 10”.
- b. Called by Hinckley Yachts management that there was a leak.
- c. October 26-27, 2016.
- d. Followed AWWA standards. Section of pipe removed. New DI spool piece and couplings installed. All material AWWA approved.
- e. Contractor/Navy.
- f. Unknown.

- a. Outside gate 4 Cod Point – November 8, 2017 - 12”.
- b. Called by National Grid.
- c. November 8, 2017.
- d. Followed AWWA Standards. Installed AWWA approved repair clamp.
- e. Contractor/Navy.
- f. Unknown.

- a. Sullivan Drive Melville November 26, 2017 – 8”.
- b. Doing station checks.
- c. November 27, 2017.
- d. Followed AWWA Standards. Installed AWWA approved repair clamp.

- e. Contractor/Navy.
 - f. Unknown.
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- a. Hart Field. Valve leaking by gate. February 7, 2018 – 8”.
 - b. Found leak doing survey. Navy discovered higher than normal water usage through navy meter.
 - c. February 8, 2018.
 - d. Followed AWWA standards. Removed tee and valve and capped line with AWWA Material.
 - e. Contractor/Navy.
 - f. Unknown.
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- a. Pier 2. June 4, 2018 – 8”.
 - b. Found three leaks doing station checks.
 - c. Leak secured and fixed in separate phases. June 14, 2018 till August 14, 2018.
 - d. AWWA approved materials. New pipe, couplings, fittings.
 - e. Navy.
 - f. Unknown.
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- a. 1356 Nimitz hall Meyerkord CP. - April 22, 2019, - 10”.
 - b. Leak reported by NAPS.
 - c. April 25, 2019.
 - d. Followed AWWA Standards. Removed section of pipe. Installed AWWA approved repair clamp.
 - e. Contractor/Navy.
 - f. Unknown.

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5. Regarding Mr. Collin's testimony on pages 8-10 regarding the Contract between the Navy and the Newport regarding the wheeling accounts, Mr. Collins indicates that the "Navy has previously raised this issue with Newport Water." Please provide the following information:
- a. The dates the Navy raised this issue.
 - b. Whether there were any meetings or discussions between Newport Water and the Navy regarding this issue, and if so the dates and the parties who participated in the meetings or discussions.
 - c. The details of each and every issue raised by the Navy.
 - d. The reasons the Navy requested that the wheeling accounts be converted to non-wheeling accounts.
 - e. All of the reasons that prompted the Navy to request that the wheeling accounts be converted to non-wheeling accounts.

Response:

- a. July 24, 2018.
- b. The Navy met with City of Newport on July 24, 2018 to discuss City of Newport Wastewater Plant renovation project. After this meeting, Navy mentioned wheeling accounts with the City. The City indicated that wheeling accounts needed to be discussed in a future water rate case since it involved revenue related issues.
- c. No issues were discussed since City indicated wheeling accounts have to be discussed in a future water rate case.
- d. The Primary reason for conversion would be to compensate Navy for operations and maintenance expenses to wheel water to the wheeling account customers.
- e. The Secondary reason would be to improve Navy knowledge of water metering to the wheeling accounts. This would also support Navy billing to provide waste water services to the wheeling customers. Overall communication with wheeling customers is also likely to improve.

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6. Regarding Mr. Collin's testimony on pages 8-10 regarding the Contract between the Navy and the Newport regarding the wheeling accounts, Mr. Collins indicates that the "Navy has previously raised this issue with Newport Water," please provide any and all documentation that evidences, documents or memorializes the following:
- a. The dates the Navy raised this issue.
 - b. Any meetings or discussions between the Navy and Newport Water regarding this issue, and if so the dates and the parties who participated in the meetings or discussions.
 - c. The details of each and every issue raised by the Navy.
 - d. The reasons the Navy requested that the wheeling accounts be converted to non-wheeling accounts.
 - e. All of the reasons that prompted the Navy to request that the wheeling accounts be converted to non-wheeling accounts.

Response: The Navy does not have any documents relevant to these issues.

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7. Regarding Mr. Collin's testimony on pages 8-10 regarding the Contract between the Navy and the Newport regarding the wheeling accounts, please state where the wheeling accounts are located in relationship to the limits of Newport Water's service area?

Response:

The wheeling accounts are located outside Newport water service area to best of Navy's knowledge.

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