

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: CITY OF NEWPORT WATER DIVISION
APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATE SCHEDULES

DOCKET NO. 4933

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Rhode Island Gen. Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct a public hearing on **Wednesday, October 2, 2019 @ 9:30 a.m.** in Hearing Room A of the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing will be streamed live at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

This docket relates to the PUC's review of the City of Newport Water Division's (Newport Water) application to implement a multi-year rate plan through a two-step rate increase pursuant to Rhode Island Gen. Laws §39-15.1-4 submitted on February 13, 2019. At this hearing, the PUC will examine the propriety of a Settlement Agreement executed by and between Newport Water, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, the Portsmouth Water and Fire District, the Town of Middletown and the United States Department of the Navy (collectively, the Parties) resolving the issues contested in the docket. The Settlement Agreement will allow Newport Water to collect additional operating revenue in the first phase of the proposed increase for Fiscal Year 2020 in the amount of \$1,795,459 to support a total revenue requirement of \$19,557,403. The impact of the first request for a typical residential customer who uses 5,000 gallons of water per month will result in an increase of \$4.58 per month from \$661.44 to \$716.40 per year.

The increase agreed to in the Settlement Agreement for the second phase of the proposed increase (Fiscal Year 2022) allows Newport to collect an additional \$547,480 to support a total revenue requirement of \$20,104,883. The impact of the second request for a typical residential customer who uses 5,000 gallons of water per month will result in an increase of \$1.70 per month from \$716.40 to \$736.80 per year.

The Settlement Agreement may be examined at the PUC's office and can also be accessed at www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4933page.html. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The Public Utilities Commission is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Clerk's office at 780-2107 seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
September 23, 2019