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Luly E. Massaro, Clerk
Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

Re: Providence Water Supply Board
Rate Case – Docket No. 4994

Dear Luly:

Enclosed for filing is Providence Water's Objection to Bristol County Water Authority's Motion for Relief from Order.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Very truly yours,



Michael R. McElroy

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cc: Service List

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD : DOCKET No. 4994

OBJECTION OF PROVIDENCE WATER TO BRISTOL COUNTY WATER
AUTHORITY'S MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM ORDER

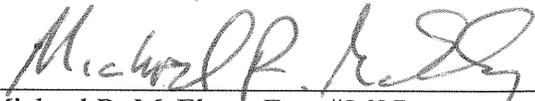
On August 20, 2020, Bristol County Water Authority ("BCWA") filed a Motion for Relief from Order relating to \$40,000 of funding for two studies ordered by this Commission at its August 18, 2020 Open Meeting. One study relates to renewable energy (\$10,000) and the other study relates to a new allocated cost of service study (\$30,000).

BCWA is concerned that "if funding for these studies is included in Providence's revenue requirement, it will continue year after year. In other words, the \$40,000 will be funded by ratepayers on an ongoing basis, even though the studies will only be done once." (Objection, at 2). BCWA is incorrect. This is a multi-year rate increase that covers a 3-year period of time. Providence Water has prepared and circulated to the parties for comment an amended rate model that will implement the Commission's Open Meeting votes. The amended rate model includes the \$40,000 of study funding only in the first rate year and excludes the funding from the second and third rate years.

Accordingly, BCWA's concern is unfounded and Providence Water respectfully requests that BCWA's Motion for Relief from Order be denied.

Respectfully submitted,
PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD
By its attorneys

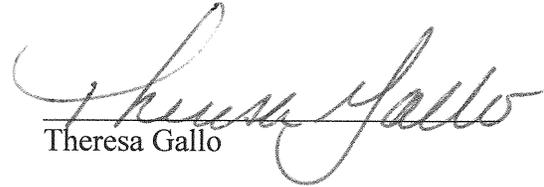
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on the 21st day of August, 2020, I filed and served this document on the service list.


Theresa Gallo

**Docket No. 4994 - Providence Water Supply Board – General Rate Filing
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