

DUE TO COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY, THE MARCH 30, 2020 HEARING IS CANCELLED

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

IN RE: PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD
APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATE SCHEDULES

DOCKET NO. 4994

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-3-11, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct a public hearing on ~~Monday, March 30, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.~~ at the Providence Public Safety Complex, Auditorium, 325 Washington Street, Providence, Rhode Island. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit comments regarding the Providence Water Supply Board's rate application. The evidentiary hearing will continue **Monday, July 13, 2020 at 9:30 A.M.** at the PUC's office, Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing may continue thereafter from time to time as required.

In this docket, the PUC will examine the propriety of the Providence Water Supply Board's application for approval to implement a multi-year rate plan through a three-step rate increase pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §39-15.1-4. In the first step of the rate plan, Providence Water seeks to collect an additional \$13,311,349 in revenue to support a total cost of service of \$85,932,149. The impact on a residential customer bill with an annual consumption of 100 HCF will be an increase of \$5.69 per month from \$35.92 to \$41.61 or 15.8%. For Providence residents, the Fire Protection Service Charge for a 5/8" meter will also increase by \$0.56 per month. The rate impact on other retail, wholesale, and fire service customers will vary based on customer class and consumption levels.

In the second step of the rate plan, proposed to take effect in July 1, 2021, Providence Water's proposed rates are designed to collect an additional \$6,131,341 in revenue to support a total cost of service of \$92,063,489. The impact on a residential customer bill with an annual consumption of 100 HCF will be an increase of \$3.02 per month from \$41.61 to \$44.63 or 7.3%. For Providence residents, the Fire Protection Service Charge for a 5/8" meter will also increase by \$0.14 per month. The rate impact in the second step will be on an across-the-board increase to all rates.

In the third step of rate plan, to take effect July 1, 2022, Providence Water's proposed rates are designed to collect an additional \$3,574,759 in revenues to support a total cost of service of \$95,638,248. The impact on a residential customer bill with an annual consumption of 100 HCF will be an increase of \$1.76 per month from \$44.63 to \$46.39 or 3.9%. For Providence residents, the Fire Protection Service Charge for a 5/8" meter will also increase by \$0.08 per month. The rate impact in the third step will be based on an across-the-board increase to all rates.

The filing may be examined at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed at <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/4994page.html>. Reference is made to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35.

These buildings are accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Commission Clerk's office at 780-2107, seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
March 19, 2020