

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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

DOCKET NO. 4994

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-3-11, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct a public hearing on **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. The hearing will be streamed live at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

People interested in providing public comment at the meeting may participate in a Zoom meeting through the internet or by calling in, preferably 5-10 minutes prior to the hearing. To participate, click this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88048664317> and you will be given instructions to enter the meeting by internet. If you choose to participate by telephone, you may call 929-205-6099 and enter meeting number 880 4866 4317 followed by the # symbol when prompted. If you are not interested in providing public comment, please watch the live stream at the address in the first paragraph. You will be able to observe the hearing and hear others' public comment.

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.

The PUC is 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
July 3, 2020