Good afternoon, Luly:

I am writing to submit National Grid’s responses to the PUC’s request for comments in Docket 5022 regarding the suspension of service terminations and certain collections activities during the COVID-19 emergency. National Grid responds to the PUC’s questions as follows:

**Question #1:** Have collections dropped off for nonresidential customers over the past two weeks compared to prior months and prior years?

Response: Yes. Collections have dropped off for nonresidential customers over the past two weeks compared to prior months and prior years.

**Question #2:** If so, please quantify the extent of the reduction.

Response: The reduction is $3.1 million to $2.8 million, which is a 10% reduction. The daily payment average is $300,000 less per day. Please note that this decrease in payment is not solely attributable to the cessation of field terminations. There are other factors that may contribute to the decrease in cash receipts such as delays with the U.S. Postal service and the lock box service that is used to receive hard copy checks.

**Question #3:** What effect has any such reduction had on the utility’s cash flow?

Response: So far, the reduction in payments has not had any significant effect on the utility’s cash flow.
Question #4: Has the utility been unable to meet any obligations, or does it expect to be unable to meet any financial obligations in the next two weeks if it cannot commence termination of service as a collections option.

Response: The Company has been able to meet its obligations and expects to be able to meet all its obligations in the next two weeks if it cannot commence termination of service as a collections option.

Question #5: What activities is the Company planning for NON-residential customer collections activities (particularly service terminations) for the period March 31 through April 15?

Response: The company is planning to discontinue terminations on nonresidential accounts through April 15. The Company will evaluate the circumstances after April 15 and consider its options at that time.

Thanks,
Raquel

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Subject: EXT || RE: Emergency Open Meeting Notice - public utilities terminations

Good Afternoon,

First, I would like to thank all of the utility representatives and Center for Justice for responding to me with updates and comments over the weekend. Second, the following is what was ordered today. I am hoping to get an official order out tomorrow.

Effective on March 16, 2020, all electric, natural gas, water, and sewer utilities shall immediately cease certain collections activities, as set forth below, including termination of service for nonpayment. This order shall be in effect
Hi Cindy

I would like to make a correction to my previous email which including all classes not just the non-residential customers. Our overall collections was down 15 percent from a year ago and 12% from last month. Pascoag’s customer base is 88% Residential, 11% Commercial and small commercial, and 1% industrial. For the non-residential the payment history has remained the same.

Given current conditions:

1. Does Pascoag believe it will have adequate cash flow to meet its financial obligations over the next:
   a. 30 days? Yes, the District has adequate cash flow to meet all of its obligations.
   b. 45 days? Yes, the District has adequate cash flow to meet all of its obligation
   c. 60 days? It is too early to speculate, It will depend on the cash flow coming in. We continue to bill customers and are hopeful that they will continue to pay.
   d. In responding, please comment on ability to meet payroll, other operating expense, debt obligations and purchased power obligations.

   The District will be able to meet all obligations for at least 45 days, beyond that we feel it is too early to speculate.
2. What is the current balance in the Purchase Power Restricted Fund?
   The current balance in the Purchase Power Restricted Fund is $561,911.

3. Does Pascoag believe it will need to withdraw from the PPRF in the next 30 or 60 days?
   It is too early to speculate, it will depend on the cash flow coming in.

4. What percentage of payments due from nonresidential customers between March 16 and March 23, 2020 were
   made (these are likely from bills that were sent in February)?
   Ninety-seven percent of the payments for nonresidential customers were made.

5. Is there any other information relative to Pascoag’s cash flow that it wishes to share with the Commission?
   The District has a line of credit with our banking institution in the amount of $250,000 should the need arise.

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] : RE: PUC Order on Suspension of Service Terminations - Docket No. 5022

Hi Harle,

Thank you for the information. It would be helpful to the Commission if you could also respond to the following
questions. In making the decision about the emergency order related to nonresidential customers, particularly with the
non-investor-owned utilities, it will be important to understand the financial stability of the utilities as well as looking at
the financial constraints of customers. Please respond to the following questions.

Given current conditions:
1. Does Pascoag believe it will have adequate cash flow to meet its financial obligations over the next:
   a. 30 days?
   b. 45 days?
   c. 60 days?
In responding, please comment on ability to meet payroll, other operating expense, debt obligations and purchased power obligations.

2. What is the current balance in the Purchase Power Restricted Fund?

3. Does Pascoag believe it will need to withdraw from the PPRF in the next 30 or 60 days?

4. What percentage of payments due from nonresidential customers between March 16 and March 23, 2020 were made (these are likely from bills that were sent in February)?

5. Is there any other information relative to Pascoag’s cash flow that it wishes to share with the Commission?

Thank you,
Cindy

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]: RE: PUC Order on Suspension of Service Terminations - Docket No. 5022

Good Morning Luly,

Please accept this email as Pascoag Utility District’s Report under Order No. 23786 Suspending terminations and collections activities. The District would like to report that when we compare our payment history for the month of March as of 25th day and adjusting for the rate decrease our collections are down approximately 15% from a year ago. When we compare the payments from one month ago we are down approximately 12%. I would also like to report that the last payment update we have had from our Lockbox was on March 19, 2020. The Bank do business with had 2 members of their day time team test positive for the Covid-19 virus. They are working to bring the process back on line and hope to have it up and running in a couple of days.
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Subject: PUC Order on Suspension of Service Terminations - Docket No. 5022

Good morning,

Attached is PUC Order No. 23786 suspending service terminations and collection activities of all regulated electric, natural gas, water and sewer utilities during the COVID-19 Emergency.

Stay safe,
Luly

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Please be advised that my e-mail address has changed effective 11/20/19. My old e-mail will continue to work for a short period of time while we transition but please change my information in your contacts.

Thank you.
Luly:

As you know, this office represents the Block Island Utility District (BIUD). Please accept this email as BIUD’s Report under Order No. 23786 suspending service terminations and collection activities by all regulated electric, natural gas, water and sewer utilities during the COVID-19 Emergency.

As directed by the Commission, BIUD has examined customer bill payment activity through today, March 24, 2020.

Our examination shows that, so far, collections have not dropped off over the past two weeks compared to prior months and prior years and the Order is not causing BIUD any financial difficulties.

Thank you.

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On Tue, Mar 17, 2020 at 10:22 AM Massaro, Luly (PUC) <Luly.Massaro@puc.ri.gov> wrote:

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Stay safe,

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Subject: Providence Water Supply Board - Re: PUC Order on Suspension of Service Terminations - Docket No. 5022

Luly:

As you know, this office represents the Providence Water Supply Board (PWSB). Please accept this email as PWSB's Report under Order No. 23786 suspending service terminations and collection activities by all regulated electric, natural gas, water and sewer utilities during the COVID-19 Emergency.

As directed by the Commission, PWSB has examined customer bill payment activity.

Our responses to the questions posed are as follows:

(1) Have collections dropped off for nonresidential customers over the past two weeks compared to prior months and prior years?

A. Yes.

(2) If so, please quantify the extent of the reduction.

A. We analyzed January - March for 2018 through 2020. The calendar year 2020 is down about 8-10%

(3) What effect has any such reduction had on the utility's cash flow?

A. As of now, it is not causing a problem with PWSB's cash flow.

(4) Has the utility been unable to meet any obligations, or does it expect to be unable to meet any financial obligations in the next two weeks if it cannot commence termination of service as a collections option?

A. No. We have met our obligations and do not foresee an immediate issue. Unless otherwise directed, we do not plan to commence terminations until April 15.
Thank you.

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Stay safe,
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Hello Luly,

It was asked that utilities should provide the following information on or before March 26, 2020:

1. Whether collections have dropped off for nonresidential customers over the past two weeks compared to prior months and prior years?
   Collections have not dropped off the past 2 weeks as compared to previous months/years.

2. If so, please quantify the extent of the reduction. N/A

3. What effect has any such reduction had on the utility’s cash flow?
   There has been no negative impact on our cash flow.

4. Has the utility been unable to meet any obligations, or does it expect to be unable to meet any financial obligations in the next two weeks if it cannot commence termination of service as a collections option.
   KCWA has been able to meet all of its obligations and does not anticipate any issues going forward over the next two weeks.

Please accept this email as KCWA Report under RIPUC Order No. 23786.

Best Regards,

Dave
Docket 5022 - Suspension of Service Terminations and Certain Collections Activities During the Covid-19 Emergency

On March 16, 2020, the Commission issued the above referenced order and solicitation of comments, specifically the following questions.

i. Whether collections have dropped off for non-residential customers over the past two weeks compared to prior months and prior years?

ii. If so, please quantify the extent of the reduction.

iii. What effect has any such reduction had on the utility’s cash flow?

iv. Has the utility been unable to meet any obligations in the next two weeks if it cannot commence termination of service as a collection option.

In response to collections of customer’s bills, SUEZ Rhode Island has not seen a drop off of payments at this time. For example the average collection over the last 10 days (3/11/20 to 3/24/20) was $14,593/day, From 2/25/20 to 3/9/20 was $14,957 and from 2/11/20 to 2/24/20 was $14,780. This represents all customers as the Company does not track information by customer class.

SUEZ Rhode Island is part of the SUEZ family of companies and as such is part of a money pooling agreement with all of the regulated companies. As a result the Company does not foresee any issues with cash flow or paying its bills at this time.

Lastly, prior to the Commission’s Order, the Company had discontinued shut-off procedures and will continue that until further notice.

Please contact me if you need any further information.
Gary

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] : RE: Emergency Open Meeting Notice - public utilities terminations

Cindy,

Newport Water provides the following responses as requested:

Have collections dropped off for nonresidential customers over the past two weeks compared to prior months and prior years?
   We have a slight increase in past due amount for our non-resident accounts for March. The beginning of the month we were at 13% past due and as of today we are at 16%. This pattern is typical to prior years.

If so, please quantify the extent of the reduction.
   Approx. $100,000 for March

What effect has any such reduction had on the utility’s cash flow?
   At this point in time we do not have a cash flow issue. Many of our customers make payments at very end of the month when they are do. Better data will be available in the coming weeks. Our concern will be on water sales in future months specifically the impact on the summer season. Spending is limited to essential purchases only in anticipation of reduced future water sales and receipts.

Has the utility been unable to meet any obligations, or does it expect to be unable to meet any financial obligations in the next two weeks if it cannot commence termination of service as a collections option.
   We are up to date with our accounts payable obligations. Going forward we will be monitoring water sales, receipts, and spending extensively over the next few months. We do not intend to terminate water service for non-residential or residential customers at this time through April 30th and possibly longer. We are working with past due customers to provide a reasonable payment plan. We are encouraging our customers to contact us to work out a plan.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 4:26 PM  
To: WilsonFrias, Cynthia (PUC) <Cynthia.WilsonFrias@puc.ri.gov>  
Cc: Robert Benson <RBenson@pwsb.org>; Russ Houde <rhoude@pwsb.org>  
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] : PWSB Collections

We are not shutting anyone for non payment during that timeframe.

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Sorry, can you also let us know what your current plans are for nonresidential customer terminations for the period April 1-April 15? Thanks.

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Hi Cindy,

Attached is the PWSB response to the PUC Order requests.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks
Jim

James DeCelles, P.E.  
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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date:  March 25, 2020

To:  James Decelles, Chief Engineer

From:  Robert Benson, CFO

Re:  Public Utilities Commission COVID-19 Order

Here are the requested responses to each of the four cash questions:

1. Have collections dropped off for nonresidential customers over the past two weeks compared to prior month’s and prior years?
   Response:  First it is only possible to report total collections for all customers with our utility billing software. Our collections appear to comparable to the prior year.

2. Please quantify the reduction:
   For the two-week period ended 3/20/20 and the comparable prior year two week period.

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   Note: Our bank, Century Bank, had two employees from their day lockbox processing team test positive for COVID-19 reducing the timeliness of their payment processing. Therefore, our current year receipts for the period of 3/23 – 3/24/2020 are incomplete as the bank had not processed and deposited our mail receipts for these two dates.

3. What effect has any such reduction had on the utility’s cash flow?
   Response:  The effect to date has been minimal. However, Pawtucket Water Supply Board just mailed its utility bills on March 16th which were delivered approximately March 18th. We anticipate we will start to see the reduction in cash receipts within the next few weeks.

4. Does Pawtucket Water expect to be unable to meet any financial obligations within the next two weeks?
   Response:  At this time Pawtucket Water Supply Board does anticipate to be able to meet its financial obligations within the next two weeks.
On behalf of the City of Woonsocket’s Water Division these responses below are in response to the questions in the Commission’s Notice:

**Question #1:** Have collections dropped off for nonresidential customers over the past two weeks compared to prior months and prior years?

**Response:** Yes. Collections for our combined nonresidential and commercial accounts have dropped off over the past two weeks as compared to prior months and prior years.

**Question #2:** If so, please quantify the extent of the reduction.

**Response:** Based upon data that currently reflects a combination of residential and commercial accounts; combined our collections are 61% less than the same period in FY '19, and 54% less than the same period in FY '18.

**Question #3:** What effect has any such reduction had on the utility’s cash flow?

**Response:** Any issues from any such reduction has little impact on the utilities cash flow. Fortunately Woonsocket has several cash restricted accounts with sufficient balances to meet a short term reduction in cash flows.

**Question #4:** Has the utility been unable to meet any obligations, or does it expect to be unable to meet any financial obligations in the next two weeks if it cannot commence termination of service as a collections option.
Response: No, the City has sufficient cash reserves to meet a short term reduction in cash flows. Woonsocket will be able to meet its financial obligations in the next two weeks.

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Subject: PUC Order on Suspension of Service Terminations - Docket No. 5022

Good morning,

Attached is PUC Order No. 23786 suspending service terminations and collection activities of all regulated electric, natural gas, water and sewer utilities during the COVID-19 Emergency.

Stay safe,
Luly

Luly Massaro