

July 9, 2020

Via E-Mail

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888
Attention to: Luly Massaro, Clerk

Re: Woonsocket Water Division – Docket No. 5022
In Re: Suspension of Service Terminations and Certain Collection Activities During the COVID-19 Emergency

Dear Luly:

On behalf of the City of Woonsocket, Water Division (“WWD”), attached please find WWD’s responses to the Commission’s COVID 19 related questions in connection with the above-mentioned docket.

Please let me know if there are any questions concerning the enclosed.

CITY OF WOONSOCKET WATER DIVISION

By its Attorneys,

/s/ Alan M. Shoer
Alan M. Shoer (#3248)
Christine M. DiBiase (#9634)

Enclosure

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Commission (1):	Have collections dropped off for residential and nonresidential customers over the past fifteen weeks compared to prior months and prior years?
WWD Response (1):	The WWD is not able to readily breakout the collections for residential and nonresidential. Regarding overall collections, Yes there appears to be a reduction in collections when compared to the prior month and prior years.
Respondent:	David G Bebyn CPA, B & E Consulting, LLC
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Commission (2):	If so, please quantify the extent of the reduction.
WWD Response (2):	When reviewing the collection data from the WWD billing system there appears to be only a 6% reduction for the past twelve weeks when comparing the 2020 and 2019. This represents a drop in collections of \$91,000 compared to last year.
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Commission (3):	What effect has any such reduction had on the utility's cash flow?
WWD Response (3):	Any issues from any such reduction has little impact on the utilities cash flow. Fortunately Woonsocket has several cash restricted accounts with balance to meet a short term reduction in cash flows.
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Commission (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?
WWD Response (4):	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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Commission (5):	Provide any information on plans for termination of service for nonpayment absent an extension of this order.
WWD Response (5):	Absent of any additional orders by the PUC, the WWD plans to begin collection Activities as outline in WWD's plan filed with the PUC on May 19th. This could include water termination activities when the PUC order expires.
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 9, 2020 I delivered a true copy of the foregoing response to the **Commission's Notice to Solicit Written Public Comments via electronic mail** to the parties in the Commission's service list for this docket.

/s/Alan M. Shoer