STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS **DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS**

IN RE: CITY OF NEWPORT WATER DIVISION : DOCKET NO. D-08-03

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO ISSUE DEBT

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rhode Island General Laws, Section 39-1-1 and 39-3-15, as amended, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (the "Division") will conduct a public hearing on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. in Hearing Room B of the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing may continue thereafter from day to day and time to time as required.

At this hearing, the Division will consider the propriety of an application filed by the City of Newport Water Division seeking consent and approval to obtain financing in the amount not to exceed \$4,337,000 million. The funds will be used to: 1) purchase and install remote radio read equipment, and 2) engage an engineer/consultant to examine the issues related to the potential construction of a new water treatment plant at Lawton Valley and the pilot testing and design work at the State 1 water treatment plant

The application is on file and may be examined at the office of the Division and at the office of the City of Newport Finance Department, 43 Broadway, Newport, Rhode Island. The application can also be accessed at www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/d-08-03page.html.

Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws; specifically Sections 39-1-7, 39-1-8, 39-1-11, 39-1-12, 39-1-16, 39-1-18, 39-1-20, 42-35-8, 42-35-10.

THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HANDICAPPED. INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED MUST NOTIFY THE CLERK'S OFFICE AT 941-4500 FIVE DAYS IN ADVANCE OF HEARING DATE.

Thomas F. Ahern, Administrator January 22, 2008