

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION
TERMS AND CONDITIONS TARIFF

DOCKET NO. 3471

ORDER

WHEREAS, On September 24, 2002, the Narragansett Bay Commission (“NBC”) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) proposed Terms and Conditions tariff to establish a Service Fee Schedule effective October 24, 2002;

WHEREAS, The Service Fee Schedule will enable NBC to recover costs associated with items such as Returned Check Fee, Lien Sales Fees and Water Shut Off Fees;

WHEREAS, On October 17, 2002, the Commission suspended the effective date of the proposed Terms and Conditions tariff in order to investigate the propriety of these charges;

WHEREAS, On November 21, 2002, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers and Carriers (“Division”) filed a memorandum indicating that it had conducted discovery on the proposed Terms and Conditions tariff and based upon its findings recommended approval;

WHEREAS, After examination, the Commission finds that the proposed Terms and Conditions tariff to be fair and reasonable with the exception of two fees associated with the Water Shut Off Fees service. These fees are the Letter to Inform fee of \$5.00 and Posting Property fee of \$10.00;

WHEREAS, The Commission is of the opinion that the costs associated with processing a Letter to Inform and Posting Property services are unreasonable and already collected in current rates. The Commission hereby rejects these fees; and

Accordingly, it is

(17265) ORDERED:

1. That the proposed Terms and Conditions filed by Narragansett Bay Commission on September 24, 2002 in hereby approved in part and rejected in part.
2. That NBC's Terms and Conditions tariff are hereby approved effective December 6, 2002. The approved tariffs exclude the Letter to Inform and Posting Property fees.
3. That NBC shall file a compliance tariff filing in conformance with the directive embodied in this order.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON DECEMBER 4, 2002. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED DECEMBER 9, 2002.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Elia Germani, Chairman

Kate F. Racine, Commissioner

Brenda K. Gaynor, Commissioner