

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD
MOTION TO REPAY THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE

DOCKET NO. 2108

ORDER

WHEREAS, On September 17, 2001, the Providence Water Supply Board ("PWSB") filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") a motion seeking authority to repay the remaining balance of \$402,534 owed to the City of Providence from its surplus operating funds for fiscal year ending June 30, 2000¹; and

WHEREAS, On September 28, 2001, after examination, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers ("Division") filed a memorandum indicating that it had reviewed the PWSB's annual report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and found that PWSB did, indeed, have a surplus in its operating fund of \$2,914,957. The Division noted that the Commission had approved repayment if it was available from surplus funds. The Division indicated that because there was a surplus, the Division did not object to the payment request; and

WHEREAS, The Division further recommended that PWSB continue to seek reimbursement from the Rhode Island Management Agency ("RIMA") for expenses related to the 102" water main break in Cranston and that such reimbursement be applied to PWSB Infrastructure Replacement restricted accounts; and

¹This is the final request for authorization to repay the City of Providence under the Commission-approved "Plan to Recover \$3,248,551 Over a Five-Year Period." Order No. 14683 issued on April 7, 1995. First repayment authorized in Order No. 14927 issued February 23, 1996; second repayment in Order No. 15333 issued June 20, 1997; third repayment in Order No. 15747 issued December 9, 1998; and fourth repayment in Order No. 15918 issued July 16, 1999.

WHEREAS, The Commission conducted an open meeting on October 2, 2001, at which time the PWSB request was reviewed and discussed. The Commission granted the motion and encouraged PWSB to continue with its efforts to seek reimbursement from RIMA.

Accordingly, it is

(16811) ORDERED:

That the motion of Providence Water Supply Board filed on September 17, 2001, seeking authority to repay \$402,534 to the City of Providence from its surplus operating funds for fiscal year ending June 30, 2000 is hereby approved.

EFFECTIVE AT PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND ON OCTOBER 2, 2001
PURSUANT TO OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON
JANUARY 8, 2002.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Elia Germani, Chairman

Kate F. Racine, Commissioner

Brenda K. Gaynor, Commissioner