

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLNATATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: WOONSOCKET WATER DIVISION'S :
REQUEST TO DE-TARIFF WATER TRUCK SALES : DOCKET NO. 3121

ORDER

On November 7, 2001, the Woonsocket Water Division ("WWD") filed a motion requesting relief from Order No. 16744 issued by the Commission on October 17, 2001. WWD requested that it be permitted to provide service to water trucks during the hours 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Monday through Friday instead of 8:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, as required by the Order. WWD stated it is concerned with providing adequate security for its facilities in light of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Specifically, WWD claimed that allowing water truck traffic on Saturdays and on weekdays during the hours specified in the Order "introduces a real opportunity to compromise the WWD system."

On November 19, 2001, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers ("Division") objected to WWD's motion for relief from Order No. 16744. The Division noted that the issues of terrorism and security had been discussed at the hearings. In addition, the Division argued that the elimination of Saturday service to water trucks would not materially improve security at WWD's facilities.

At an open meeting held on November 29, 2001, the Commission considered the pleadings and the evidence presented in this docket and

denied WWD's motion. The Commission found that issues of terrorism and security at WWD's facilities had been adequately explored at the hearings. In addition, the Commission found that reduction of service to water trucks would not materially improve security at WWD's facilities.

Accordingly, it is

(17079) ORDERED:

1. Woonsocket Water Division's motion for relief from Order No. 16744 is hereby denied.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON NOVEMBER 29, 2001 PURSUANT TO A OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED JULY 26, 2002.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Elia Germani, Chairman

Kate F. Racine, Commissioner

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