

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD DOCKET NO. 23-30-WW
APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATE SCHEDULES**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §39-3-11, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct a public hearing on **April 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Pawtucket City Hall, Council Chambers, 137 Roosevelt St., Pawtucket, Rhode Island**. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit comments regarding the Pawtucket Water Supply Board's rate application. The evidentiary hearing will commence May 7, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at the PUC's office, Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing may continue thereafter from time to time as required.

On September 14, 2023, the Pawtucket Water Supply Board filed an application to implement a multi-year rate plan through a four-step rate increase pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §39-15.1-4. Pawtucket Water sought approval of proposed rates to take effect October 14, 2023. The Commission suspended the rates on September 28, 2023 to conduct further examination and hearing on the proposal. In the first step of the rate plan, Pawtucket Water filed to collect an additional operating revenue of \$1,423,220 to support a total operating revenue requirement of \$21,764,363. The impact on a residential bill with consumption of 800 cubic feet of water per month is an increase of \$21.43 per year or 4.0%. For customers in the City of Pawtucket, the utility proposed to increase the Public Fire Protection surcharge by \$26.76 per year or 44.1%. The rate impact on other retail, wholesale, and fire service customers will vary based on customer class and consumption levels.

In the second step of the rate plan, proposed to take effect on July 1, 2024, Pawtucket Water's proposed rates are designed to collect an additional operating revenue of \$80,464 to support a total operating revenue requirement of \$21,846,138. The impact on a residential bill will result in an across-the-board rate increase of approximately 0.4% on all rate classes.

In the third step of rate plan, to take effect July 1, 2025, Pawtucket Water's proposed rates are designed to collect an additional operating revenue of \$74,116 to support a total operating revenue requirement of \$21,920,254. The impact on a residential bill will result in an across-the-board rate increase of approximately 0.3% on all rate classes.

In the fourth step of rate plan, to take effect July 1, 2026, Pawtucket Water's proposed rates are designed to collect an additional operating revenue of \$80,435 to support a total operating revenue requirement of \$22,000,869. The impact on a residential bill will result in an across-the-board rate increase of approximately 0.4% on all rate classes.

The rate application may be examined at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed at <https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-23-30-WW>. Reference is made to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35.

These buildings are accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Commission Clerk's office at 401-780-2107, seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
March 28, 2024