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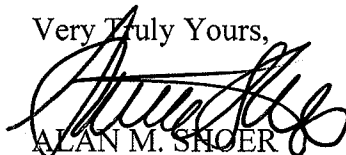
Luly E. Massaro
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Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Blvd
Warwick, RI 02888

RE: Water Utilities Consumption/Revenues – Docket No. 4133

On behalf of the City of Woonsocket, Water Division, please find enclosed the responses to the data questions requested by Commission Counsel.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these responses.

Very Truly Yours,



ALAN M. SHOER

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In Re: REVIEW OF WATER UTILITIES
RATE STRUCTURE, RATE DESIGN AND
OPERATING RESERVE

Docket No.: 4113

COMMISSION'S FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS TO
REGULATED MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITIES

Dated: October 30, 2009

- 1-1. Please provide monthly consumption figures for each year commencing with FY 2006 to the most recent month available. Utilities are welcome to file additional information for periods prior to 2006, but it is not required.

Response: See Attached. Also, please note that Woonsocket Water bills all routes on a quarterly basis as of March 2005. Prior to March 2005 Woonsocket billed all non-residential routes on a quarterly basis while billing residential routes on a semi-annual basis ending December and June.

Respondent: David G. Bebyn on Behalf of Woonsocket Water Department.

Dated: October 28, 2009

Quarterly Consumption
Woonsocket Water

Response to Commission 1-1

		CONSUMPTION						
RTE		FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
SEPTEMBER								
1 & 2	Residential (Woonsocket)	0	0	27,564,877	29,101,928	27,506,679	30,790,371	22,755,046
3, 5, 7 & 8	Commercial & Public (Woonsocket)	18,488,700	16,488,600	13,051,389	12,695,895	14,234,840	15,076,097	14,281,837
9	Res, Commercial & Public (NS)	1,074,500	924,600	2,472,222	2,445,525	2,496,316	2,961,990	2,011,199
TOTAL		19,563,200	17,413,200	43,088,488	44,243,348	44,239,835	48,828,457	39,048,082
DECEMBER								
1 & 2	Residential (Woonsocket)	57,149,100	54,468,700	27,401,512	25,017,474	27,505,566	21,530,733	NA
3, 5, 7 & 8	Commercial & Public (Woonsocket)	14,643,700	13,651,700	12,797,191	11,776,019	14,024,204	10,472,219	NA
9	Res, Commercial & Public (NS)	3,861,300	3,824,600	2,081,111	1,920,988	2,521,293	1,803,291	NA
TOTAL		75,654,100	72,045,000	42,279,814	38,714,481	44,051,063	33,806,243	NA
MARCH								
1 & 2	Residential (Woonsocket)	0	31,775,783	21,614,938	24,881,167	23,964,053	19,046,598	NA
3, 5, 7 & 8	Commercial & Public (Woonsocket)	14,537,500	13,444,909	10,816,728	12,023,981	12,075,561	10,171,837	NA
9	Res, Commercial & Public (NS)	858,000	2,552,247	1,549,877	1,733,765	2,486,020	1,657,679	NA
TOTAL		15,395,500	47,772,938	33,981,543	38,638,913	38,525,634	30,876,113	NA
JUNE								
1 & 2	Residential (Woonsocket)	54,692,600	30,434,865	24,881,965	21,740,926	24,118,832	22,795,729	NA
3, 5, 7 & 8	Commercial & Public (Woonsocket)	11,182,900	13,956,367	12,263,025	11,402,222	12,238,107	11,323,546	NA
9	Res, Commercial & Public (NS)	3,879,100	2,332,561	1,819,383	1,655,031	2,794,404	1,866,964	NA
TOTAL		69,754,600	46,723,793	38,954,373	34,798,179	39,151,343	35,986,239	NA
TOTAL		180,367,400	183,954,932	158,304,218	156,394,921	165,987,875	149,497,052	

NOTE:
RTE 3 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT CITY OF WOONSOCKET
RTE 5 COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS CITY OF WOONSOCKET
RTE 7 MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS CITY OF WOONSOCKET
RTE 8 POLICE, FIRE, LIBRARY, CITY OF WOONSOCKET
RTE 9 RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET

SEPTEMBER	Wholesale (North Smithfield)	1W	0	0	0	1,890,730	2,746,250	2,305,231	1,657,580
DECEMBER	Wholesale (North Smithfield)	1W	0	0	0	2,240,160	2,094,140	1,337,153	NA
MARCH	Wholesale (North Smithfield)	1W	0	0	0	1,837,300	1,299,240	1,624,906	NA
JUNE	Wholesale (North Smithfield)	1W	0	0	660,430	1,527,500	1,321,289	854,980	NA
TOTAL	Wholesale (North Smithfield)	1W	0	0	660,430	7,495,690	7,460,919	6,122,270	

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- 1-2. (a) Please provide a spreadsheet setting forth the following expenses: debt service; IFR (amounts allowed in most recent rate case); payroll, property taxes, all other operating expenses.
(b) Please indicate what you believe is the current ratio of fixed to variable costs.

Response: (a) See Attached.
(b) See Attached. All expenses which were included in the calculation of Net operating Reserve in the last Docket were classified as variable. Fixed costs were classified as IFR, Debt Service, Renewal & Replacement and O&M Reserve.

Respondent: David G. Bebyn on Behalf of Woonsocket Water Department.

Dated: October 28, 2009

Analysis of Fixed vs Variable Expenses
Woonsocket Water

Response to
Commission 1-2

ACCT. #	BUDGET ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION		ADJUSTED 6/30/08	Variable	Fixed	Docket 3800 Settlement	Variable	Fixed	
EXPENSES									
<i>Total Personnel Expenses</i>		(1)	\$ 1,422,044	\$ 1,422,044		\$ 1,533,067	\$ 1,533,067		
<i>Maintenance & Servicing Expenses</i>									
52211	Postage	(2)	17,664	17,664		18,466	18,466		
52212	Telephone	(2)	28,273	28,273		25,929	25,929		
52213	Dues & Subscriptions	(2)	490	490		4,033	4,033		
52214	Advertising	(2)	2,099	2,099		6,017	6,017		
52216	Travel Out of City	(2)	26	26		31	31		
52219	Educational Training	(2)	4,988	4,988		7,523	7,523		
52221	Printing & Reproducing	(2)	14,717	14,717		9,920	9,920		
52231	General Maint. & Upkeep	(2)	59,300	59,300		54,269	54,269		
52234	Vehicle & Outside Equip. Upkeep	(2)	8,536	8,536		17,586	17,586		
52236	Maintenance - Office Equipment	(2)	580	580		2,778	2,778		
52238	Maintenance - Roads & Walks	(2)	72,795	72,795		115,706	115,706		
52239	Computer Software	(2)	14,796	14,796		2,026	2,026		
52244	Land Rental Charges	(2)	314	314		2,043	2,043		
52249	Other Rentals	(2)	6,904	6,904		4,307	4,307		
52251	Heating	(2)	28,358	28,358		18,683	18,683		
52252	Light & Power	(2)	276,107	276,107		252,645	252,645		
52255	Property & Fire Taxes	(1)	124,021	124,021		138,235	138,235		
52256	Sewer Assessment	(2)	66,695	66,695		58,009	58,009		
52258	State Pollution Monitoring Program	(2)	22,744	22,744		30,535	30,535		
52260	Regulatory Assessments	(2)	54,006	54,006		30,013	30,013		
52261	Conservation Services	(2)	1,045	1,045		1,070	1,070		
52266	Police Details	(2)	8,368	8,368		8,553	8,553		
52281	Other Independent Service	(2)	34,604	34,604		41,621	41,621		
52282	Audit Service	(2)	11,640	11,640		6,250	6,250		
52283	Legal Service	(2)	31,892	31,892		7,406	7,406		
52289	Medical Examinations	(2)	156	156		201	201		
52290	Engineering Service	(2)	-	-		39,916	39,916		
<i>Total Maintenance & Servicing Expenses</i>			891,117	891,117		903,769	903,769		
<i>Total Operating Supplies & Expenses</i>		(2)	91,423	91,423		150,306	150,306		
<i>Total General Expenses</i>		(2)	1,108,686	1,108,686		1,272,802	1,272,802		
<i>Restricted Account Expenses</i>									
53336	Chemicals - Water Supply	(2)	296,000	296,000		296,000	296,000		
54417	Operating Resrve	(2)	63,440	63,440		63,440	63,440		
54463	Infrastructure Replacement	(1)	1,956,000		1,956,000	1,956,000		1,956,000	
54464	Rate Case Expense	(2)	69,864	69,864		69,864	69,864		
54467	Debt Service Reimbursement	(1)	1,832,067		1,832,067	1,832,067		1,832,067	
54473	Renewal & Replace Fund	(2)	150,000		150,000	150,000		150,000	
<i>Total Other Miscellaneous Expenses</i>			4,367,371	429,304	3,938,067	4,367,371	429,304	3,938,067	
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$ 7,880,642	\$ 3,942,575	\$ 3,938,067	\$ 8,227,316	\$ 4,289,248	\$ 3,938,067	
				50%	50%			52%	48%

(1)	Specified Items	5,334,132	68%	5,459,370	66%
(2)	All other - Total	2,546,510	32%	2,767,946	34%

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- 1-3. Please provide the companies revenue stream expressed as percentages broken down into two categories, fixed and variable.

Response: See Attached.

Respondent: David G. Bebyn on Behalf of Woonsocket Water Department.

Dated: October 28, 2009

Analysis of Fixed vs Variable Revenues
Woonsocket Water

Response to
Commission 1-3

ACCT. #	BUDGET ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ADJUSTED 6/30/08	Variable	Fixed	Docket 3800 Settlement	Variable	Fixed
REVENUE							
<i>Revenue from Rates and Charges</i>							
41010	Water Sales	\$ 6,505,940	\$ 6,505,940		\$ 6,540,597	\$ 6,540,597	
	Wholesale Sales	215,133	215,133		232,572	232,572	
	Customer Service Revenue	601,119		601,119	597,507		597,507
	Public Fire Service Revenue	587,304		587,304	586,921		586,921
	Private Fire Service Revenue	78,356		78,356	69,391		69,391
		7,987,852	6,721,073	1,266,779	8,026,988	6,773,169	1,253,819
			84%	16%		84%	16%
<i>Miscellaneous Revenue</i>							
41030	Service & Extensions	36,550	36,550		66,243	66,243	
41035	Repairs	10,150	10,150		8,663	8,663	
41040	Miscellaneous Income	2,635	2,635		16,766	16,766	
41070	Water Surcharge	26,271	26,271		22,891	22,891	
42310	Interest on Bills	83,374	83,374		79,318	79,318	
42320	Interest on Investments	35,418	35,418		6,448	6,448	
	Interest on Restricted Accounts	-	-		-	-	
		194,398	194,398	-	200,329	200,329	-
		\$ 8,182,250	\$ 6,915,471	\$ 1,266,779	\$ 8,227,317	\$ 6,973,498	\$ 1,253,819
	TOTAL REVENUE		85%	15%		85%	15%

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- 1-4. Please provide the difference between the revenues allowed in the utility's most recent rate case and the amount billed during the first quarter of FY 2010. Please be sure to provide the approved revenue requirement as part of the answer.

Response: See Attached. Also, a copy of the usage, rates & revenue requirement from the most recent rate case is included.

Respondent: David G. Bebyn on Behalf of Woonsocket Water Department.

Dated: October 28, 2009

Difference between 1st Quarter Docket 3800 Revenue
and amount billed FY 2010
Woonsocket Water

Response to
Commission 1-4

	RTE	Consumption (CF)		Rate (HCF)	Revenue		Variance
		FY 2010	Docket 3800		FY 2010	Docket 3800	
SEPTEMBER							
Residential (Woonsocket)	1 & 2	22,755,046	29,593,700				
Commercial & Public (Woonsocket)	3, 5, 7 & 8	14,281,837	13,047,616				
Res, Commercial & Public (NS)	9	2,011,199	2,597,217				
TOTAL		39,048,082	45,238,533	\$3.92	\$1,530,685	\$1,773,350	(\$242,666)
Wholesale (North Smithfield)	1W	1,657,580	2,732,062	\$2.80	\$46,412	\$76,498	(\$30,085)
Total		40,705,662	47,970,595				1st Quarter Shortfall (\$272,751)

<u>Conversion of rate</u>	Million	
	Gallons	HCF
Rate	<u>\$3,748.14</u>	\$2.80

Most Recent Docket

Response to Commission 1-4

Proof of Revenues Woonsocket Water Division

Schedule SETTLEMENT-3

		Count or Usage	Rate	Current Revenue	Proposed Revenue	Dollar Increase
<u>Public Fire Protection</u>						
4	Inch	30	\$ 130.74	\$ 3,325	\$ 3,922	\$ 598
6	Inch	1,535	\$ 379.76	\$ 494,132	\$ 582,928	\$ 88,796
	Per Bill	9	\$ 7.84	\$ 126	\$ 71	\$ (55)
				<u>\$ 497,582</u>	<u>\$ 586,921</u>	<u>\$ 89,338</u>
<u>Private Fire Protection</u>						
2	Inch	9	\$ 39.04	\$ 366	\$ 351	\$ (15)
3	Inch	5	\$ 83.06	\$ 391	\$ 415	\$ 24
4	Inch	49	\$ 159.68	\$ 7,022	\$ 7,824	\$ 802
6	Inch	89	\$ 424.83	\$ 32,791	\$ 37,810	\$ 5,019
8	Inch	19	\$ 882.26	\$ 14,383	\$ 16,763	\$ 2,380
10	Inch	4	\$ 1,556.63	\$ 5,318	\$ 6,227	\$ 909
				<u>\$ 60,271</u>	<u>\$ 69,391</u>	<u>\$ 9,120</u>
<u>Minimum Service Charge</u>						
5/8	Inch	33,976	\$ 14.57	\$ 675,443	\$ 494,988	\$ (180,455)
3/4	Inch	1,100	\$ 17.39	\$ 24,574	\$ 19,134	\$ (5,440)
1	Inch	1,428	\$ 19.67	\$ 34,743	\$ 28,087	\$ (6,656)
1 1/2	Inch	260	\$ 29.77	\$ 8,616	\$ 7,741	\$ (875)
2	Inch	512	\$ 38.62	\$ 20,931	\$ 19,775	\$ (1,156)
3	Inch	28	\$ 50.23	\$ 1,432	\$ 1,406	\$ (26)
4	Inch	56	\$ 72.27	\$ 3,940	\$ 4,047	\$ 108
6	Inch	72	\$ 121.55	\$ 8,148	\$ 8,752	\$ 603
8	Inch	60	\$ 206.73	\$ 11,262	\$ 12,404	\$ 1,142
10	Inch	4	\$ 293.12	\$ 1,054	\$ 1,172	\$ 119
				<u>\$ 790,143</u>	<u>\$ 597,507</u>	<u>\$ (192,636)</u>
<u>Metered Rates</u>						
Wholesale	Rate per 1,000,000 gallons	62	\$ 3,748.14	\$ 199,006	\$ 232,572	\$ 33,566
Retail	Rate per 100 Cubic Feet	1,668,430	\$ 3.92	\$ 5,405,713	\$ 6,540,597	\$ 1,134,884
				<u>\$ 5,604,719</u>	<u>\$ 6,773,169</u>	<u>\$ 1,168,450</u>
Total Rates and Charges				\$ 6,952,716	\$ 8,026,987	\$ 1,074,272
Misc Revenue				\$ 211,161	\$ 211,161	\$ -
Total Revenue				\$ 7,163,876	\$ 8,238,148	\$ 1,074,272
Revenue Required				8,227,316		
Variance				\$ 10,832		
				0.13%		

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1-5. Please provide a current copy of a customer bill.

Response: See Attached.

Respondent: David G. Bebyn on Behalf of Woonsocket Water Department.

Dated: October 28, 2009

Sample of Current Customer Bill

Response to
Commission 1-5



City of Woonsocket
2009-09 Water

03980420830000 00004473005 0000151985

Total Amount Due	\$151.98
Due Date	11/06/2009
Amount Enclosed	

Account Number: W00-0044-73

Parcel ID: ~~011-011-023~~

Location: ~~011-011-023~~

Remit Payment to: City of Woonsocket
Water Division
PO Box 42126
Providence RI 02940-2126



Return this portion with your payment in the envelope provided

Read Information	Charge Description	Units	Rate	Amount Due
Read Type : ACTUAL	Water Chg - Res.	33.2000	3.9200 \$/100CF	130.14
Prior Read : 104121	Service Chg - Res. 5/8"	1.0000	14.5700 \$	14.57
Prior Date : 05/17/2009	RI Surcharge 1	33.2000	0.0790 \$/100CF	2.62
Current Read : 107441	RI Surcharge 2	33.2000	0.1400 \$/100CF	4.65
Current Date : 08/18/2009			CURRENT BILL TOTAL :	151.98
Consumption : 3320 CCF				

Description	Consumption	Original Bill	Adjustments	Payments	Balance Due	Penalty Due	Amount Due
2008-09 Water	5926	259.85	0.00	259.85	0.00	0.00	0.00
2008-12 Water	3618	164.33	0.00	164.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
2009-03 Water	4356	194.87	0.00	194.87	0.00	0.00	0.00
2009-06 Water	3872	174.83	0.00	174.83	0.00	0.00	0.00
					TOTAL DUE :		0.00
					Total Amount Due:		\$151.98

For past due bills, penalty is calculated at 18.00 % per annum and is accrued daily.
Your bill reflects penalty calculated as of 11/06/2009.

City of Woonsocket 2009-09 Water Account Number: W00-0044-73 [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]	Total Amount Due: \$151.98
	Parcel ID: 011-011-023 Location: 011-011-023
	Remit Payment to: City of Woonsocket Water Division PO Box 42126 Providence RI 02940-2126

**PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY TREASURER**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CITY HALL ORDINANCE - CHAPTER 5496
ALL ABSENTEE LANDLORDS MUST REGISTER WITH THE CITY CLERK'S
OFFICE, FAILURE TO REGISTER WILL CARRY A MINIMUM FINE OF \$100.00
AND REQUIRE APPEARANCE IN MUNICIPAL COURT

WATER USAGE RATES

For all metered water usage - (DOES NOT INCLUDE SERVICE CHARGE, RI SURCHARGES I AND II,
AND RI TAX WHERE APPLICABLE)

\$3.92 per 100 cubic feet

All water consumptions are rendered in arrears quarterly.
All service charges are rendered in advance quarterly.
To convert water consumption to gallons, multiply by 7.48

**RETURN TOP COPY
WITH YOUR PAYMENT**

**LIMITED QUANTITIES OF FREE RESIDENTIAL WATER CONSERVATION KITS ARE AVAILABLE
CALL 767-9297 FOR DETAILS**

If you believe your bill is incorrect or have any questions regarding the information printed on the bill,
please call (401) 767-1409 and ask to speak to an Account Clerk.

If you are not satisfied with the department's decision on your bill, you have the right to Appeal to the
Division of Public Utilities:

**RI Division of Public Utilities
Consumer Section
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888
Toll-free in RI 780-9700**

If you are age sixty-five or older you are entitled to an exemption of RI Surcharges 1 and 2 for your
personal residence. Application must be made at City Hall, Public Works Department. Please call
(401) 767-9211 for details.