

**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 hearing on **May 8, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at the RI Public Utilities Commission, Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island**. The hearing will be streamed live at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

On September 14, 2023, Pawtucket Water Supply Board (Pawtucket Water) submitted an application to implement rate increases through a four-step multi-year rate plan pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §39-15.1-4. The Commission suspended the rates on September 28, 2023, to conduct examination and hearing on the proposal.

At this hearing, the PUC will examine a Settlement Agreement executed between Pawtucket Water Supply Board and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers resolving outstanding issues in the docket. The Settlement Agreement was submitted April 26, 2024. Per the Settlement Agreement, Pawtucket Water will implement rate increases over a three-step multi-year rate plan. In the first step of the rate plan to take effect July 1, 2024, Pawtucket Water will collect additional operating revenue in the amount of \$1,427,926 to support operating revenue requirements of \$22,500,548. The impact on a typical residential customer who uses 800 cubic feet of water per month (200 gallons per day) will result in an increase of \$29.88 per year, or 5.0%. The rate impact on other retail, wholesale, and fire service customers will vary based on customer class and consumption levels. Additionally, Pawtucket Water seeks to increase the Public Fire Protection surcharge to customers in the City of Pawtucket. The impact to a customer with a 5/8-inch service connection, will increase the Public Fire Protection surcharge by \$5.88 per year.

In the second step of the rate plan, proposed to take effect on July 1, 2025, Pawtucket Water's proposed rates are preliminary designed to collect an additional operating revenue of \$76,438 to support a total operating revenue requirement of \$24,529,939. 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, proposed to take effect July 1, 2026, Pawtucket Water's proposed rates are preliminary designed to collect an additional operating revenue of \$84,002 to support a total operating revenue requirement of \$24,613,941. The impact on a residential bill will result in an across-the-board rate increase of approximately 3.8% on all rate classes.

The docket, including the Settlement Agreement 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.

The Public Utilities Commission is 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
April 29, 2024