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***Via Email
And Hand Delivery***

Ms. Luly Massaro, Clerk
Rhode Island Division of
Public Utilities and Carriers
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

RE: City of Newport, Utilities Department, Water Division – Miscellaneous Petition

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed please an original and nine copies of the City of Newport, Utilities Department, Water Division's Miscellaneous Petition.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Joseph A. Keough, Jr.

Enclosures

cc: Newport Restricted Account Reports Service List

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: CITY OF NEWPORT,
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT, WATER DIVISION
APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATE SCHEDULES

DOCKET NO.

THE CITY OF NEWPORT, UTILITIES DEPARTMENT, WATER DIVISION'S
MISCELLANEOUS PETITION

I. INTRODUCTION

Now comes the City of Newport, Utilities Department, Water Division (“Newport Water” or “Newport”) and files this Miscellaneous Petition regarding Rule 5.6 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”). In particular, Newport Water will be submitting an application to increase rates and seeks to use a Fiscal Year that ends more than nine (9) months from the filing date.

II. FACTS

1. Newport Water will be filing an application for a multi-year rate increase with the Commission.
2. Newport Water’s application will use FY 2023 (ending June 30, 2023) as the test year.
3. This test year will be based on audited financial information.
4. Rule 5.6. A. of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure provides as follows:

“Test Year. The filing shall present cost of service and rate base schedules for a test year period. The test year constitutes a historic year of actual data for a period ending within nine (9) months of the filing date. **The test year may be for such other period as the Commission may allow.**” (emphasis added)
5. Pursuant to this rule, Newport would have had to file its rate case by March 30, 2024 to be within nine months of the end of FY 2023.
6. Due to several factors, Newport Water could not make its filing by this date.

7. However, Newport needs to submit a filing to address several increased expenses including, but not limited to, Capital (IFR); Salaries/Wages/Benefits; Chemicals; Electricity Expense; and, Repairs and Maintenance.
8. Newport cannot use FY 2024 (ending June 30, 2024) because that fiscal year has not ended yet, and Newport's rate filing will be further delayed if it uses FY 2024 as a test year because Newport will have to wait for an audit to be completed.

III. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

Newport Water hereby requests that Commission allow the use of FY 2023 as the test year in this Docket. Pursuant to Rule 1.16.B., Newport Water confirms that it has conferred with the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers ("Division"), and the Division reserves its right to review and respond to this Miscellaneous Petition.

IV. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth hereinabove the City of Newport, Utilities Department, Water Division prays that the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission grant the relief sought herein.

The City of Newport,
Utilities Department, Water Division
By its attorney,



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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that on June 14, 2024, I sent a copy of the within to all parties set forth on the Service List used in Newport Water's Restricted Account Filings by electronic mail and copies to Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk, by electronic mail and regular mail.



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