

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: CITY OF NEWPORT WATER DIVISION DOCKET NO. 24-30-WW
APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATE SCHEDULES**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct a public hearing on **September 16, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.** at Newport City Hall, Council Chambers 2nd Floor, 43 Broadway, Newport Rhode Island. The purpose of this hearing is to accept public comment on the Newport Water Divisions proposed application to increase rates.

In this docket, the Newport Water Division is seeking to implement a multi-year rate plan through a four-step rate increase pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §39-15.1-4. In the first step of the rate plan, Newport Water proposed rates are designed to collect additional operating revenue in the amount of \$3,849,392 to support total revenue requirements of \$23,745,749. The impact of this request for a typical residential customer who uses 5,000 gallons of water per month will result in an increase of \$167.52 per year from \$726.60 to \$894.12 or 23.1%. The impact of Newport Water's proposal on all other customers will vary based on customer class and consumption.

In the second step of the increase, proposed to take effect on July 1, 2025, Newport Waters proposed rates are designed to collect additional operating revenue in the amount of \$28,052 to support a total revenue requirement of \$23,778,624. The impact of the proposal on a typical residential customer will result in an increase of \$0.84 per year.

In the third step of the increase, proposed to take effect on July 1, 2026, Newport Waters proposed rates are designed to collect additional operating revenue in the amount of \$28,629 to support a total revenue requirement of \$23,806,641. The impact of the proposal on a typical residential customer will result in an increase of \$1.44 per year.

In the fourth step of the increase, proposed to take effect on July 1, 2027, Newport Waters proposed rates are designed to collect additional operating revenue in the amount of \$15,369 to support a total revenue requirement of \$23,820,669. The impact of the proposal on a typical residential customer will result in an increase of \$0.60 per year.

The application is on file for examination at the PUC's office and at office of the Newport Water Division, 70 Halsey Street, Newport, Rhode Island. The application can also be accessed at <https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-24-30-WW>. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

Newport City Hall is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Clerk's office at 780-2107 seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

Stephanie De La Rosa, Commission Clerk
August 23, 2024