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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers
89 Jefferson Boulevard
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**Re: Response to the Miscellaneous Petition of the City of Newport,
Utilities Department, Water Division**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of The Portsmouth Water and Fire District (“PWFD”), enclosed please find PWFD’s response to the Miscellaneous Petition filed by the City of Newport, Utilities Department, Water Division (“Newport”) seeking permission to use financial information from its fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 as its test year in its Application to Change Rate Schedules (“2024 Rate Case”), which was filed on June 18, 2024. PWFD does not object to the Miscellaneous Petition but asks that the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) require Newport to submit its fiscal year 2024 information in the 2024 Rate Case when it becomes available.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam Ramos", written in a cursive style.

Adam M. Ramos

Enclosure

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: City Of Newport Utilities Department, Water Division Application To Change Rate Schedules))))))	Docket No. _____
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**PORTSMOUTH WATER AND FIRE DISTRICT’S RESPONSE TO THE CITY OF
NEWPORT, UTILITIES DEPARTMENT, WATER DIVISION’S
MISCELLANEOUS PETITION**

The Portsmouth Water and Fire District (“PWFD”) hereby submits its Response to the City of Newport, Utilities Department, Water Division’s (“Newport”) Miscellaneous Petition (the “Miscellaneous Petition”). Newport seeks permission to use financial information from its fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, as its test year in its Application to Change Rate Schedules filed on June 18, 2024 (the “2024 Rate Case”), pursuant to Rule 5.6(A) of the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) Rules of Practice and Procedure. *See* 810 RICR 00-00-5.6(A) (“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.”).

PWFD does not object to the Miscellaneous Petition, but requests that, as part of the 2024 Rate Case proceedings, the Commission require Newport submit its FY 2024 information when it becomes available. This will allow all parties to compare Newport’s 2023 financials against the financials from 2024 and ensure that the 2024 Rate Case results in just and reasonable rates.

Respectfully submitted,
PORTSMOUTH WATER AND FIRE DISTRICT

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that, on June 26, 2024, I emailed a copy of the within Response to all parties identified on the service list for Newport's Miscellaneous Petition.

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