

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: VEOLIA WATER RHODE ISLAND, INC.'S : DOCKET NO.: 25-30-WW
APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATE SCHEDULES :**

**DIVISION'S RESPONSES TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES
FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS**

Issued: March 25, 2026

PUC 1-1. Please file schedules in the form of Mr. Herbert's Rebuttal Exhibit 7.1R showing the effect of the proposed rate change under an alternative scenario using the Division's proposed revenue requirement and where the Public Fire Service class is allocated (a) the full cost of service, and (b) the overall system average increase in rates proposed. Please include page numbers as well as column letters and row numbers as appropriate.

Response: The Division did not create Exhibit 7.1R and does not have access to the Excel file necessary to provide a response. Accordingly, we are unable to provide the information requested in this data request.

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PUC 1-2. Please file schedules in the form of VWRI's Schedule 5.8.A.9 reflecting the results produced by scenarios (a) and (b) above.

Response: Without the ability to respond to PUC 1-1, the Division is unable to respond to this request. Additionally, the Division does not have Schedule 5.8.A.9. As a result, we are not able to provide the requested information.

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PUC 1-3. Referencing page 87 of Mr. Herbert’s rebuttal, it appears that private fire customers will experience an approximate 90% rate increase. Is the Division concerned about rate shock for private fire customers under VWRI’s proposal? If not, why not?

Response: Yes, the Division is concerned with rate shock regarding a Private Fire Service rate increase of 90%. The Division would be willing to reduce the Private Fire increase to 2 times the system average increase authorized by the Commission in this proceeding to provide for gradualism.

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