

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DOCKET NO. 23-30-WW**

**IN RE: PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD**

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PETITION TO MODIFY MULTI-YEAR RATE PLAN,  
AND CHANGE IN RATE SCHEDULES  
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April 23, 2026

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**RE: *Docket 23-30-WW – Pawtucket Water Supply Board Multi-Year Rate Plan Compliance Filing, Petition To Modify Multi-Year Rate Plan And Change In Rate Schedules Pursuant To R.I.G.L. § 39-15.1-4***

Dear Chairperson Gerwatowski:

Enclosed herewith please find an original and nine (9) copies of a Multi-Year Rate Plan Compliance Filing, Petition To Modify Multi-Year Rate Plan And Change In Rate Schedules Pursuant To R.I.G.L. § 39-15.1-4 filed by the Pawtucket Water Supply Board (“PWSB”).

This filing includes pre-filed testimony and a proposed public notice. I would respectfully ask that your staff review the proposed notice so that it can be published as soon as possible. Also, please note that an electronic copy of this filing has been provided to the service list from the PWSB’s most recent rate filing, Docket 23-30-WW, and a hard copy has also been mailed to the Rhode Island Attorney General’s Office.

The following individuals should receive all correspondence and any additional information to be provided by the Public Utilities Commission: James L. DeCelles, P.E., Chief Engineer, Pawtucket Water Supply Board, 85 Branch Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02860 and Joseph A. Keough, Jr., Esquire, Keough & Sweeney, Ltd., 41 Mendon Avenue, Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02861.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,



Joseph A. Keough, Jr.

TAB 2

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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**NOTICE OF MULTI-YEAR RATE PLAN COMPLIANCE FILING AND  
CHANGE IN RATE SCHEDULES PURSUANT TO R.I.G.L. § 39-15.1-4**

Now comes the Pawtucket Water Supply Board, and pursuant to R.I.G.L. §39-15.1-4, hereby gives the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) notice of its proposed change in rates in conformance with the multi-year rate plan authorized by the Commission in Docket 23-30-WW. In support of its proposed change in rates, the PWSB states as follows:

1. The Pawtucket Water Supply Board (“PWSB”) is a municipal board authorized by the City Charter of the City of Pawtucket, Rhode Island with its principal place of business at 85 Branch Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.
2. On September 14, 2023, the PWSB filed an application for a general rate increase (Docket 23-30-WW).
3. In its application, the PWSB proposed a four step multi-year rate plan pursuant to R.I.G.L. §39-15.1-4.
4. In Docket 23-30-WW, the PWSB and the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (“Division”) reached a settlement agreement (“Settlement Agreement”) that the Commission approved at an Open Meeting on June 13, 2024, and through a subsequent written order dated August 2, 2024.
5. The Settlement Agreement provided for a multi-year three step rate plan (rather than the four step plan initially requested) with increased rates effective in Fiscal Years 2025 (Step One), 2026 (Step Two) and 2027 (Step Three).
6. The first step of the increase became effective on July 1, 2024.
7. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the second step of the increase, proposed to take effect on July 1, 2025 (FY 2026), was preliminarily designed to collect additional operating revenue in the amount of \$76,438 to support total operating revenue requirements of \$21,862,745. The impact of this request would have resulted in an across-the-board rate increase of approximately 0.4% on all rate classes. For a typical residential customer who uses 800 cubic feet of water per month (200 gallons per day), the impact of this request would have resulted in an increase of \$2.52 per year.

8. The Settlement Agreement and R.I.G.L. §39-15.1-4 required PWSB to submit a Compliance filing to the Commission before it implements Step Two of the multi-year rate plan in Fiscal Year 2026.
9. The PWSB has submitted a Petition to Modify Multi-Year Rate Plan to modify the Step Two Increase preliminarily approved the Commission in the Settlement Agreement, which is incorporated by reference herein.
10. On May 8, 2025, the PWSB submitted a compliance filing for the second step of the multi-year increase.
11. During the litigation of the step two compliance filing, PWSB and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers reached a settlement, which was approved by the Commission.
12. The settlement of PWSB's Step Two compliance filing resulted in an increase to PWSB's cost of service on July 1, 2025 by \$624,240 to collect additional operating revenue to support a total operating revenue requirement of \$22,410,545. The impact of this increase resulted in an across-the-board rate increase of approximately 2.9% on all rate classes. For a typical residential customer who uses 800 cubic feet of water per month (200 gallons per day), the impact of this request resulted in an increase of \$18.09 per year, or \$1.51 per month.
13. The Docket 23-30-WW Settlement Agreement also provided for a preliminary Step Three increase proposed to take effect on July 1, 2026 (FY 2027), whereby the proposed rates were designed to collect additional operating revenue in the amount of \$834,002 to support total operating revenue requirements of \$22,696,747. The impact of this request would have resulted in an across-the-board rate increase of approximately 3.8% on all rate classes. For a typical residential customer who uses 800 cubic feet of water per month (200 gallons per day), the impact of this request would have resulted in an increase of \$25.14 per year.
14. PWSB now gives notice that it seeks to increase its overall cost of service on July 1, 2026 by \$422,375 to collect additional operating revenue to support a total operating revenue requirement of \$22,832,920. The impact of this request, if granted, will result in an across-the-board rate increase of approximately 1.88% on all rate classes. For a typical residential customer who uses 800 cubic feet of water per month (200 gallons per day), the impact of this request will result in an increase of \$12.24 per year.
15. Pursuant to R.I.G.L. §39-15.1-4, the rates resulting from the increased cost of service will become effective on July 1, 2026 unless the Commission decides that the proposed rate increase is unreasonable or inconsistent with the approved plan, in which case the Commission shall hold a hearing on the proposed rate increase and may approve, or reasonably amend, the proposed rate increase.

16. In support of its notice of change and rates, PWSB incorporates the testimony and schedules of James L. DeCelles, PWSB Chief Engineer, and David M. Fox, Vice President of Raftelis Financial Consultants, submitted herewith.

Wherefore, the Pawtucket Water Supply Board respectfully requests that the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission increase its cost of service by \$422,375 to collect additional operating revenue to support total operating revenue requirements of \$22,832,920, and all other relief the Commission deems meet and just.

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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD**

**DOCKET NO: 23-30-WW**

**PETITION TO MODIFY MULTI-YEAR RATE PLAN**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Now comes the Pawtucket Water Supply Board, and pursuant to RIGL §39-15.1-4, petitions the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) to modify the multi-year rate plan approved in the above-captioned Docket.

**II. FACTS**

1. The Pawtucket Water Supply Board (“PWSB”) is a municipal board authorized by the City Charter of the City of Pawtucket, Rhode Island with its principal place of business at 85 Branch Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.
2. On September 14, 2023, the PWSB filed an application for a general rate increase (Docket 23-30-WW).
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8. The Settlement Agreement and R.I.G.L. §39-15.1-4 required PWSB to submit a Compliance filing to the Commission before it implements Step Two of the multi-year rate plan in Fiscal Year 2026.
9. The Settlement Agreement also provided as follows:
  - “46. The PWSB and the Division agree that in the steps two and three compliance filings, the PWSB will adjust the increase attributable to the salary increases for the Local 1012 employees based on the final approved contract. In addition, the PWSB shall present evidence to support updated expense levels, and the parties agree to reset the expense levels as part of the step two and three compliance filings, of the following:
    - a. Treatment Plant Operating Contract and Expenses.
    - b. Electricity Expense.”
10. On May 8, 2025, PWSB submitted a compliance filing for the second step of the multi-year increase.
11. During the litigation of the step two compliance filing, PWSB and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers reached a settlement, which was approved by the Commission.
12. The settlement of PWSB’s Step Two compliance filing resulted in an increase to PWSB’s cost of service on July 1, 2025 by \$624,240 to collect additional operating revenue to support a total operating revenue requirement of \$22,410,545. The impact of this increase resulted in an across-the-board rate increase of approximately 2.9% on all rate classes. For a typical residential customer who uses 800 cubic feet of water per month (200 gallons per day), the impact of this request resulted in an increase of \$18.09 per year, or \$1.51 per month.
13. The Docket 23-30-WW Settlement Agreement also provided for a preliminary Step Three increase proposed to take effect on July 1, 2026 (FY 2027), whereby the proposed rates were designed to collect additional operating revenue in the amount of \$834,002 to support total operating revenue requirements of \$22,696,747. The impact of this request would have resulted in an across-the-board rate increase of approximately 3.8% on all rate classes. For a typical residential customer who uses 800 cubic feet of water per month (200 gallons per day), the impact of this request would have resulted in an increase of \$25.14 per year.
14. The Testimony of James L. DeCelles, PWSB Chief Engineer, and David M. Fox, Vice President of Raftelis Financial Consultants, submitted in support of this Petition and the PWSB’s Multi-Year Compliance filing address the Step Three adjustments and reconciliations for Local 1012 Employees; Treatment Plant Operating Contract and Expenses; and, Electricity Expense as required by the Settlement Agreement.

15. As a result of these adjustments and reconciliations, the PWSB now seeks to increase its overall cost of service on July 1, 2026 by \$422,375 to collect additional operating revenue to support a total operating revenue requirement of \$22,832,920. The impact of this request, if granted, will result in an across-the-board rate increase of approximately 1.88% on all rate classes. For a typical residential customer who uses 800 cubic feet of water per month (200 gallons per day), the impact of this request will result in an increase of \$12.24 per year.

### **III. CONCLUSION**

As set forth herein above, the Pawtucket Water Supply Board seeks to modify Step Three of the multi-year rate plan approved in the above-captioned Docket. In support of this petition, the PWSB relies on the testimony of James L. DeCelles, Chief Engineer of the Pawtucket Water Supply Board, and David M. Fox, Vice President of Raftelis Financial Consultants, which is incorporated herein and attached hereto.

WHEREFORE, the Pawtucket Water Supply Board prays that the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission grant the relief sought herein.

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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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**NOTICE OF MULTI-YEAR RATE PLAN COMPLIANCE FILING, PETITION TO MODIFY MULTI-YEAR  
RATE PLAN AND CHANGE IN RATE SCHEDULES  
PURSUANT TO R.I.G.L. § 39-15.1-4**

The Pawtucket Water Supply Board (“PWSB”) hereby gives notice that on April 23, 2026 it filed a Multi-Year Rate Plan Compliance Filing, Petition To Modify Multi-Year Rate Plan And Change In Rate Schedules Pursuant To R.I.G.L. § 39-15.1-4 (“Compliance Filing”) with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”). This Compliance Filing seeks to implement the third phase of a Multi-Year Rate Plan approved by the Commission in Docket 23-30-WW.

In its Compliance Filing, the PWSB seeks to increase its overall cost of service on July 1, 2026 by \$422,375 to collect additional operating revenue to support a total operating revenue requirement of \$22,832,920. The impact of this request, if granted, will result in an across-the-board rate increase of approximately 1.88% on all rate classes. For a typical residential customer who uses 800 cubic feet of water per month (200 gallons per day), the impact of this request will result in an increase of \$12.24 per year.

While the new rates are proposed to become effective July 1, 2026, the Commission may approve, or reasonably amend, the PWSB’s proposal. No rate change will take effect until the Commission has conducted a full investigation of the PWSB’s proposal.

Copies of the PWSB’s filings are on file for examination at the Pawtucket Water Supply Board’s office and at the office of the Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. A copy of the filing was also provided to the Rhode Island Attorney General’s Department.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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**TESTIMONY  
OF  
JAMES L. DeCELLES  
CHIEF ENGINEER  
PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD**

**APRIL 23, 2026**

1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 **Q. Please provide your full name, title and business address for the record.**

3 A. James L. DeCelles, P.E., Chief Engineer, Pawtucket Water Supply Board (“PWSB”), 85  
4 Branch Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860.

5

6 **Q. Did you provide testimony in support of PWSB’s application to increase rates in  
7 Docket 23-30-WW.**

8 A. Yes. I provided direct and rebuttal testimony in PWSB’s original rate filing in Docket  
9 23-30-WW, and PWSB’s May 8, 2025 Step Two Compliance Filing in Docket 23-30-  
10 WW.

11

12 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

13 A. I am testifying in support of the PWSB’s Multi-Year Rate Plan Compliance Filing,  
14 Petition To Modify Multi-Year Rate Plan, And Change In Rate Schedules Pursuant to  
15 R.I.G.L. §39-15.1-4 for Step Three of the rate plan approved by the Rhode Island  
16 Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) in Docket 23-30-WW.

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18 **II. PWSB MULTI-YEAR RATE PLAN**

19 **Q. Can you please provide some background on the PWSB’s Multi-Year Rate Plan?**

20 A. Yes. On September 14, 2023, PWSB filed an application for a general rate increase  
21 (Docket 23-30-WW) with the Commission. In our application, we proposed a four-  
22 step multi-year rate plan pursuant to R.I.G.L. §39-15.1-4. During the litigation of  
23 Docket 23-30-WW, PWSB and the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and  
24 Carriers (Division) reached a settlement agreement (“Settlement Agreement”) that  
25 the Commission approved at an Open Meeting on June 13, 2024, and through a  
26 subsequent written order dated August 2, 2024. The Settlement Agreement  
27 provided for a multi-year three step rate plan (rather than the four-step plan initially  
28 requested) with increased rates effective in Fiscal Years 2025 (Step One), 2026 (Step  
29 Two) and 2027 (Step Three), and the first step of the increase became effective on  
30 July 1, 2024.

1 The Settlement Agreement and R.I.G.L. §39-15.1-4 required PWSB to submit a  
2 compliance filing to the Commission before it implemented Steps Two and Three of  
3 the multi-year rate plan.

4

5 **Q. Did the Settlement Agreement contain any specific requirements for PWSB’s Step**  
6 **Two and Three Compliance Filings?**

7 A. Yes. The Settlement Agreement contained the following provisions regarding the  
8 Step Two and Three Compliance Filings:

9 “46. The PWSB and the Division agree that in the steps two and three  
10 compliance filings, the PWSB will adjust the increase attributable to the  
11 salary increases for the Local 1012 employees based on the final  
12 approved contract. In addition, the PWSB shall present evidence to  
13 support updated expense levels, and the parties agree to reset the  
14 expense levels as part of the step two and three compliance filings, of the  
15 following:

16

- 17 a. Treatment Plant Operating Contract and Expenses.
- 18 b. Electricity Expense.”

19

20 **Q. Did PWSB submit a Step Two Compliance Filing?**

21 A. Yes, on May 8, 2025, PWSB submitted a Multi-Year Rate Plan Compliance Filing,  
22 Petition To Modify Multi-Year Rate Plan, And Change In Rate Schedules Pursuant to  
23 R.I.G.L. §39-15.1-4.

24

25 **Q. What was the resolution of the Step Two Compliance Filing?**

26 A. In the Step Two Compliance Filing, PWSB and the Division of Public Utilities and  
27 Carriers (“Division”) reached a settlement, which was approved by the Commission.  
28 The settlement of PWSB’s Step Two compliance filing resulted in an increase to  
29 PWSB’s cost of service on July 1, 2025 of \$624,240 to collect additional operating  
30 revenue to support a total operating revenue requirement of \$22,410,545. The  
31 impact of this increase resulted in an across-the-board rate increase of  
32 approximately 2.9% on all rate classes. For a typical residential customer who uses

1 800 cubic feet of water per month (200 gallons per day), the impact of this request  
2 resulted in an increase of \$18.09 per year, or \$1.51 per month.

3

4 **Q. Were there any other noteworthy terms of the Step Two Compliance Filing  
5 Settlement?**

6 A. Yes. PWSB and the Division agreed that all future capital costs related to the  
7 Treatment Plant would be paid out of the restricted IFR account. Thus, the only  
8 expenses that need to be adjusted in this Step Three Compliance Filing are Local  
9 1012 Employees Salaries; Treatment Plant Operating Contract Expense; and,  
10 Electricity Expense as required by the Docket 23-30-WW Settlement Agreement.

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12 **III. SALARIES AND BENEFITS – LOCAL 1012 EMPLOYEES**

13 **Q. Can you please address the Step Three adjustment for the salaries and benefits of  
14 PWSB’s Local 1012 employees?**

15 A. Yes, as I indicated in my Docket 23-30-WW testimony, PWSB has 36 employees who  
16 are members of RI Council 94, AFSCME, AFL-CIO Local 1012 (“Local 1012”). These  
17 employees were covered under a Collective Bargaining Agreement that expired on  
18 June 30, 2024. During the litigation of Docket 23-30-WW, the City of Pawtucket and  
19 Local 1012 had been negotiating a new agreement and had narrowed the  
20 outstanding issues that required resolution for a new three-year agreement.  
21 However, a new agreement was unlikely to be ratified by the parties before the  
22 conclusion of Docket 23-30-WW. As such, the PWSB incorporated a 2.0% increase  
23 for Local 1012 employees in the first step of the multi-year increase that took effect  
24 on July 1, 2024 (FY 2025). The PWSB’s preliminary Step Two and Step Three  
25 increases included a one percent (1%) placeholder increase for these salaries. The  
26 Settlement Agreement provided “...that in the steps two and three compliance

1 filings, the PWSB will adjust the increase attributable to the salary increases for the  
2 Local 1012 employees based on the final approved contract.”

3

4 **Q. Was a new Collective Bargaining Agreement for PWSB’s Local 1012 employees**  
5 **approved following the conclusion of Docket 23-30-WW?**

6 A. Yes. The new Local 1012 contract resulted in the following increases:

- 7 • July 2024 – 2% increase
- 8 • July 2025 – 2% increase
- 9 • January 2026 – 1% increase
- 10 • July 2026 – 2% increase
- 11 • January 2027 – 2% increase

12

13 **Q. Is PWSB seeking rates to pay for increased salaries and benefits?**

14 A. Yes, and the amount of the increase, which was referred at the May 8, 2024 hearing  
15 in Docket 23-30-WW as a “reset”, and its impact on rates, is addressed in David Fox’s  
16 testimony.

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18 **IV. TREATMENT PLANT OPERATING CONTRACT**

19 **Q. Can you please address the Step Three adjustments for the Treatment Plant**  
20 **Operating Contract?**

21 A. Yes. As addressed in my Docket 23-30-WW testimony, the PWSB built a new  
22 treatment plant pursuant to a Design, Build, Operate contract dated September 10,  
23 2003. Through a series of mergers and acquisitions, the treatment plant was  
24 operated by Veolia at the time of Docket 23-33-WW, and the contractual obligation  
25 to operate the treatment was set to expire on February 14, 2024. After issuing a  
26 competitive bid Request For Proposals (RFP), Veolia was the winning bidder, and the  
27 PWSB awarded a new treatment plant operating contract to Veolia on October 8,  
28 2024. The applicable terms of the contract are as follows:

- 29 • The term of the contract is ten years with two five-year renewal options.
- 30 • The base annual fee is \$3,230,000 per year.

- 1           • The contract is adjusted annually using a weighted index that reflects the  
2           increase in the component indices for the previous 12 months. The  
3           weighting is as follows:
- 4           ○ 55% Labor component
  - 5           ○ 20% chemical component
  - 6           ○ 25% all other component

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8   **Q. What is the operating contract cost for Fiscal Year 2027?**

9   A. The cost for FY 2027 is \$3,518,612 as set forth in Exhibit 1 to my testimony. This is an  
10   increase of \$199,784 over the \$3,318,828 expense approved in the Step Two  
11   Compliance Filing.

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13   **Q. Can you please explain how this amount was calculated?**

14   A. As noted above, the contract is adjusted annually through a weighted index that  
15   reflects increases in the component indices for the previous 12 months. The  
16   increases in each of the component indexes are shown in the Box titled “Index  
17   Components” on page 2 of Exhibit 1 attached to my testimony. The weighted index  
18   is then calculated in the box titled “Weighted Index Calculation” on that same page,  
19   which renders a 3.74% increase. When this applied to the current monthly cost of  
20   \$282,082.73, it yields an increased monthly payment of \$292,636.65. However, this  
21   increased payment does not start until November 2026. As such, and as shown on  
22   page 1 of Exhibit 1, we will be paying \$282,082.73 for the months of July, August,  
23   September and October 2026. Then, the monthly payments increase to \$292,636.65  
24   for the remainder of the fiscal year. In addition, we pay Veolia to perform reservoir  
25   maintenance and treatment, which will be \$49,188 in FY 2027. As such, the total  
26   expense for FY 2027, for which PWSB seeks increased revenues of \$199,784, is  
27   \$3,518,621, and Mr. Fox’s testimony addresses the impact on rates resulting from  
28   the Treatment Plant Operating Contract expense for Fiscal Year 2027.

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1 **V. ELECTRICITY**

2 **Q. Can you address the electricity expense?**

3 A. Yes. The Step Two electricity expense was set at \$1,381,297 for FY 2026. The  
4 requested amount for FY 2027 is \$88,564.76 as set forth in Exhibit 2 to my  
5 testimony. This amount is based on actual FY 2026 electricity expenses incurred  
6 through March 2026 and three months of anticipated expenses. Once again, Mr. Fox  
7 has calculated the impact on rates that results from this request.

8

9 **VII. CONCLUSION**

10 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

11 A. Yes. Subject to review of further documentation and a review of the Division's  
12 position on this matter, this concludes my testimony.

TAB 6

**TESTIMONY OF  
MR. DAVID M. FOX, VICE PRESIDENT  
RAFTELIS FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS, INC.**

**DOCKET No. 23-30-WW**

**THE PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD  
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**APRIL 23, 2026**

1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 **Q. Please provide your full name, title and business address for the record.**

3 A. David M. Fox, Vice President, Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc., 24 Superior Drive,  
4 Suite 107, Natick, MA 01760.

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6 **Q. Did you provide testimony in support of the Pawtucket Water Supply Board's**  
7 **application to increase rates in Docket 23-30-WW.**

8 A. Yes. I provided direct and rebuttal testimony in PWSB's original rate filing in Docket  
9 23-30-WW, and PWSB's May 8, 2025 Step Two Compliance Filing in Docket 23-30-  
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12 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

13 A. I am testifying in support of the Multi-Year Rate Plan Compliance Filing, Petition To  
14 Modify Multi-Year Rate Plan, And Change In Rate Schedules Pursuant to R.I.G.L. §39-  
15 15.1-4 submitted by the Pawtucket Water Supply Board ("PWSB") for Step Three of  
16 the rate plan approved by the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission  
17 ("Commission") in Docket 23-30-WW. The testimony submitted by James L.  
18 DeCelles, the PWSB's Chief Engineer, outlines the multi-year plan approved by the  
19 Commission in Docket 23-30-WW. Mr. DeCelles also addresses PWSB's settlement  
20 agreement ("Settlement Agreement") with the Rhode Island Division of Public  
21 Utilities And Carriers ("Division") in Docket 23-30-WW, which was approved by the  
22 Commission and PWSB's Step Two Compliance Filing. As such, I will not repeat Mr.  
23 DeCelles' testimony on these topics. Rather, I will address the specific adjustments  
24 that PWSB has made to Step Three (Fiscal Year 2027) of the multi-year increase in  
25 conformity with the Settlement Agreement. I will also provide schedules that show  
26 the results of these adjustments; PWSB's requested revenues and rates for Fiscal  
27 Year 2027; and, revised tariffs that set forth the resulting proposed rates.

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1 **II. SALARIES AND BENEFITS – LOCAL 1012 EMPLOYEES**

2 **Q. Can you please address the Step Three adjustment for the salaries and benefits of**  
3 **PWSB’s Local 1012 employees?**

4 A. Yes. As set forth in Mr. DeCelles’ testimony, the PWSB has 36 employees who are  
5 members of RI Council 94, AFSCME, AFL-CIO Local 1012 (“Local 1012”). Following the  
6 conclusion of Docket 23-30-WW, the City of Pawtucket finalized a contract with  
7 Local 1012 that calls for the following increases:

- 8 • July 2024 – 2% increase
- 9 • July 2025 – 2% increase
- 10 • January 2026 – 1% increase
- 11 • July 2026 – 2% increase
- 12 • January 2027 – 2% increase

13  
14 As a result of the 2% increase for the months July 2026 through December 2026, and  
15 the 2% increase for the months January 2027 through June 2027, certain  
16 adjustments must be made to the salaries and benefits for these employees. During  
17 the May 8, 2024 hearing to examine the Docket 23-30-WW Settlement Agreement,  
18 these adjustments were referred to as a “reset.” The adjustments that comprise this  
19 reset for FY27 are as follows:

- 20  
21 • Increase Rate Year 2 (FY 2026) General & Admin. Salaries and Benefits  
22 allowance from \$758,495 to \$787,072 for Rate Year 3 (FY 2027).
- 23 • Increase Rate Year 2 (FY 2026) Customer Service Salaries and Benefits  
24 allowance from \$372,239 to \$384,294 for Rate Year 3 (FY 2027).
- 25 • Increase Rate Year 2 (FY 2026) Source of Supply Salaries and Benefits  
26 allowance from \$266,993 to \$276,113 for Rate Year 3 (FY 2027).
- 27 • Increase Rate Year 2 (FY 2026) Transmission and Distribution Salaries and  
28 Benefits allowance from \$1,445,546 to \$1,497,545 for Rate Year 3 (FY 2027).

- 1 • Increase Rate Year 2 (FY 2026) Engineering Salaries and Benefits allowance  
2 from \$654,750 to \$675,916 for Rate Year 3 (FY 2027).
- 3 • Increase Rate Year 2 (FY 2026) Metering Salaries and Benefits allowance from  
4 \$289,928 to \$301,037 for Rate Year 3 (FY 2027).

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6 As a result of these adjustments, the total reset in FY 2027 for PWSB's Local 1012  
7 employees is \$3,921,977, or an increase of \$134,026 from Step Two levels.

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9 **III. TREATMENT PLANT OPERATING CONTRACT**

10 **Q. Can you please address the Step Three adjustments for the Treatment Plant**  
11 **Operating Contract?**

12 A. Yes. As noted in Mr. DeCelles' testimony, Treatment Plant Operating Contract  
13 expense for FY 2026 is \$3,518,612. This is an increase of \$199,784 over the FY 2026  
14 expense of \$3,318,828 approved in the Step Two Compliance Filing.

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16 **IV. ELECTRICITY**

17 **Q. Can you please address the Step Three adjustments for electricity expenses?**

18 A. Yes. As noted in Mr. DeCelles' testimony, the Step Two electricity expense was set at  
19 \$1,381,297 for FY 2026. The requested amount for FY 2027 is \$1,469,862, which is  
20 an increase of \$88,565.

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22 **V. STEP THREE (FY27) RATES**

23 **Q. How does PWSB's modified Step Three increase differ from the preliminary**  
24 **increase set forth in the Settlement Agreement?**

25 A. The Docket 23-30-WW Settlement Agreement also provided for a preliminary Step  
26 Three increase, proposed to take effect on July 1, 2026 (FY 2027), whereby the  
27 proposed rates were designed to collect additional operating revenue in the amount  
28 of \$834,002 to support total operating revenue requirements of \$22,696,747. The  
29 impact of this request would have resulted in an across-the-board rate increase of

1 approximately 3.8% on all rate classes. For a typical residential customer who uses  
2 800 cubic feet of water per month (200 gallons per day), the impact of this request  
3 would have resulted in an increase of \$25.14 per year.

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5 As a result of the increased expenses set forth above, the PWSB now seeks to  
6 increase its overall cost of service on July 1, 2026 by \$422,375 to collect additional  
7 operating revenue to support total operating revenue requirement of \$22,832,920.<sup>1</sup>

8 The impact of this request, if granted, will result in an across-the-board rate increase  
9 of approximately 1.88% on all rate classes. For a typical residential customer who  
10 uses 800 cubic feet of water per month (200 gallons per day), the impact of this  
11 request will result in an increase of \$12.24 per year.

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13 **Q. Have you prepared schedules to show the impact of these adjustments?**

14 A. Yes. I have provided a summary of adjustments and revised tariffs that show the  
15 proposed rate increases.

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17 **VI. CONCLUSION**

18 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

19 A. Yes. Subject to review of further documentation and a review of the Division's  
20 position on this matter, this concludes my testimony.

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<sup>1</sup> This total amount includes the Step Two Increase, which was higher than the amount originally set forth in the Docket 23-30-WW Settlement Agreement (\$22,410,545 as opposed to \$21,862,745)



**COMPARISON OF CURRENT & PROPOSED RATES**

		<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<u>Metered Rates (\$/ccf)</u>				
Small (5/8 - 1")		\$4.484	\$4.569	1.9%
Large (>1")		\$4.115	\$4.193	1.9%
Wholesale		\$4.039	\$4.115	1.9%
<u>Service Charges (Monthly)</u>				
	5/8	\$12.53	\$12.77	1.9%
	3/4	\$16.80	\$17.12	1.9%
	1	\$25.34	\$25.82	1.9%
	1 1/2	\$46.67	\$47.55	1.9%
	2	\$72.27	\$73.63	1.9%
	3	\$132.02	\$134.51	1.9%
	4	\$217.36	\$221.46	1.9%
	6	\$430.72	\$438.84	1.9%
	8	\$686.76	\$699.70	1.9%
<u>Fire Service (Monthly)</u>				
Public	/hydrant/month	\$81.12	\$82.65	1.9%
Pawtucket	\$/month			
	5/8	\$5.71	\$5.814	1.9%
	3/4	\$8.56	\$8.721	1.9%
	1	\$14.27	\$14.535	1.9%
	1 1/2	\$28.53	\$29.070	1.9%
	2	\$45.65	\$46.511	1.9%
	3	\$85.60	\$87.209	1.9%
	4	\$142.66	\$145.349	1.9%
	6	\$285.32	\$290.698	1.9%
	8	\$456.51	\$465.117	1.9%
Private				
	2	\$18.31	\$18.66	1.9%
	4	\$39.53	\$40.28	1.9%
	6	\$99.28	\$101.15	1.9%
	8	\$180.65	\$184.05	1.9%
	10	\$269.49	\$274.57	1.9%
	12	\$392.61	\$400.01	1.9%

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**IMPACT OF PROPOSED RATES**

	METER SIZE	MONTHLY USE - CU FT	CURRENT RATES	<----- PROPOSED ----->		
				NEW BILL	\$ INCREASE	% INCREASE
<u>Metered Service (Monthly Bills/Includes Pawtucket Fire)</u>						
Small						
	5/8	600	\$45.14	\$45.99	\$0.85	1.9%
	<b>5/8</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>\$54.11</b>	<b>\$55.13</b>	<b>\$1.02</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
	5/8	1,200	\$72.04	\$73.40	\$1.36	1.9%
	5/8	1,700	\$94.46	\$96.24	\$1.78	1.9%
	5/8	2,500	\$130.34	\$132.79	\$2.46	1.9%
	5/8	3,000	\$152.76	\$155.64	\$2.88	1.9%
	5/8	5,000	\$242.44	\$247.01	\$4.57	1.9%
	5/8	7,500	\$354.54	\$361.22	\$6.68	1.9%
	5/8	9,000	\$421.80	\$429.75	\$7.95	1.9%
	1	1,000	\$84.45	\$86.04	\$1.59	1.9%
	1	12,000	\$577.69	\$588.57	\$10.89	1.9%
	1	25,000	\$1,160.61	\$1,182.48	\$21.87	1.9%
Large						
	1 1/2	25,000	\$1,103.95	\$1,124.76	\$20.81	1.9%
	1 1/2	50,000	\$2,132.70	\$2,172.90	\$40.20	1.9%
	2	75,000	\$3,204.17	\$3,264.56	\$60.39	1.9%
	2	100,000	\$4,232.92	\$4,312.70	\$79.78	1.9%
	3	75,000	\$3,303.87	\$3,366.13	\$62.27	1.9%
	3	100,000	\$4,332.62	\$4,414.27	\$81.66	1.9%
	4	250,000	\$10,647.52	\$10,848.20	\$200.68	1.9%
	6	300,000	\$13,061.04	\$13,307.20	\$246.16	1.9%
Wholesale						
	6	1,000,000	\$40,820.72	\$41,590.07	\$769.35	1.9%
<u>Fire Service (Monthly Bill)</u>						
Municipal Fire Service		200 hydrants	\$16,224.00	\$16,529.78	\$305.78	1.9%
Pawtucket Public Fire Protection		Per Month (5/8")	\$5.71	\$5.81	\$0.11	1.9%
Private Fire Service		4 Inch Service	\$39.53	\$40.28	\$0.75	1.9%
Private Fire Service		6 Inch Service	\$99.28	\$101.15	\$1.87	1.9%
Private Fire Service		8 Inch Service	\$180.65	\$184.05	\$3.40	1.9%

	<u>Step 1</u> <u>FY 2025</u>	<u>Step 2</u> <u>FY 2026</u>	<u>Step 3</u> <u>FY 2027</u>
<b>Rate Revenue</b>	\$ 21,786,306	\$ 21,786,306	\$ 22,410,545
<u>Salary Step Increases</u>			
General & Admin	\$ -	\$ 35,659	\$ 32,295
Customer Service	-	9,485	12,055
Source of Supply	-	26,507	16,749
Purification	-	487,883	276,204
T&D	-	38,670	52,797
Engineering	-	17,801	21,166
Metering	-	8,234	11,109
Subtotal: Salary Step Increases	\$ -	\$ 624,239	\$ 422,375
<b>Rate Year Revenue Required from Rates</b>	\$ 21,786,306	\$ 22,410,545	\$ 22,832,920
Step Increase (%)		2.87%	1.88%
Step Increase (\$)		\$ 624,239	\$ 422,375

	<u>Rate Year 1</u>	<u>Rate Year 2</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>
General & Admin.	\$ 732,341	\$ 758,495	\$ 26,154
Customer Service	362,754	372,239	9,485
Supply	259,993	266,993	7,001
Purification	-	-	-
Transm. & Distr.	1,408,915	1,445,546	36,630
Engineering	636,949	654,750	17,801
Metering	281,694	289,928	8,234
	<u>\$ 3,682,646</u>	<u>\$ 3,787,950</u>	<u>\$ 105,305</u>

	<u>Rate Year 2</u>	<u>Rate Year 3</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>
General & Admin.	\$ 758,495	\$ 787,072	\$ 28,577
Customer Service	372,239	384,294	12,055
Supply	266,993	276,113	9,119
Purification	-	-	-
Transm. & Distr.	1,445,546	1,497,545	52,000
Engineering	654,750	675,916	21,166
Metering	289,928	301,037	11,109
	<u>\$ 3,787,950</u>	<u>\$ 3,921,977</u>	<u>\$ 134,026</u>

**Pawtucket Water Supply Board  
Docket # 23-30-WW Compliance  
Summary of Electricity Expense  
FY2026**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Total Charges (1)</u>	<u>Solar Credits</u>	<u>Total Billings</u>
Jul-25	\$ 228,387.04	\$ (82,943.49)	\$ 145,443.55
Aug-25	234,347.54	(85,843.06)	148,504.48
Sep-25	231,916.85	(92,487.36)	139,429.49
Oct-25	183,809.50	(55,018.70)	128,790.80
Nov-25	166,221.45	(38,846.12)	127,375.33
Dec-25	155,938.62	(45,928.34)	110,010.28
Jan-26	122,916.76	(6,536.98)	116,379.78
Feb-26	135,408.31	(30,056.84)	105,351.47
Mar-26	108,056.62	(26,945.48)	81,111.14
	<u>1,567,002.69</u>	<u>(464,606.37)</u>	<u>1,102,396.32</u>
4/1/2026 - ESTIMATE	174,111.41	(51,622.93)	122,488.48
5/1/2026 - ESTIMATE	174,111.41	(51,622.93)	122,488.48
6/1/2026 - ESTIMATE	174,111.41	(51,622.93)	122,488.48
	<u>522,334.23</u>	<u>(154,868.79)</u>	<u>367,465.44</u>
Total FY2026 Estimated Expenses	<u>\$ 2,089,336.92</u>	<u>\$ (619,475.16)</u>	1,469,861.76
RIPUC Allowed FY2026 Expenses			<u>1,381,297.00</u>
Over/(Under) Collected in Rates			<u>\$ (88,564.76)</u>

Note: (1) Comprised of RI Energy, Constellation Energy and Revity Management billings

**PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD**  
**TARIFF SCHEDULES**

**DOCKET 22-30-WW**

Effective: July 1, 20265

Replaces: July 1, 20254

PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD  
85 BRANCH STREET PAWTUCKET,  
RHODE ISLAND 02860

# PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

## TARIFF SCHEDULES

Public Utilities Docket No. 22-30-WW

Replaces Tariff: July 1, 202~~5~~<sup>4</sup>

Effective: July 1, 202~~5~~<sup>6</sup>

### TARIFF SCHEDULES

#### Schedule

- A Bulk Sales for Resale
- B Public Fire Protection
- C Private Fire Protection
- D Customer Service Charge
- E Metered Sales
- F Miscellaneous Charges
- G Penalty for Late Payment of Water Bill

# SCHEDULE A

## PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

### Bulk Sales to Public Suppliers

### for Resale

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission  
Public Utilities Docket No. 22-30-WW

Effective: July 1, 202~~6~~<sup>5</sup>

#### Applicability

Applicable throughout the entire territory served by the Pawtucket Water Supply Board for bulk water sales for resale to public water suppliers.

#### Rates

For each Hundred Cubic Foot:	\$ 4. <del>115039</del>
For each Thousand Gallons	\$ 5. <del>500398</del>
For each Million Gallons	\$ 5, <del>500.20398.45</del>

or such other pricing as the PWSB is either bound to by existing contract or may negotiate with an individual municipal supplier.

#### Terms of Payment

All bills for bulk sales for resale to public water authorities furnished under this schedule are due and payable in full when rendered.



## SCHEDULE B

8 inch

\$

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### Terms of Payment

All bills for public fire protection service furnished under this schedule are rendered monthly in arrears and are due and payable in full when rendered.

# SCHEDULE C

## PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD Private Fire Protection

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission  
Public Utilities Docket No. 22-30-WW

Effective: July 1, 202~~6~~<sup>5</sup>

### Applicability

Applicable throughout the entire territory served by the Pawtucket Water Supply Board for service to private fire protection appliances owned and maintained by the customer based upon the size of the connection to the premises measured at the street.

	<u>Per Annum</u>	<u>Per Month</u>
For each 2 inch connection	\$ <del>223.86</del> <sup>19.72</sup>	\$ <del>18.66</del> <sup>31</sup>
For each 4 inch connection	\$ <del>483.30</del> <sup>74.37</sup>	\$ <del>40.28</del> <sup>39.53</sup>
For each 6 inch connection	\$1, <del>213.81</del> <sup>191.30</sup>	\$ <del>101.15</del> <sup>99.28</sup>
For each 8 inch connection	\$2, <del>208.66</del> <sup>167.82</sup>	\$ <del>184.05</del> <sup>0.65</sup>
For each 10 inch connection	\$3, <del>294.83</del> <sup>33.84</sup>	\$ <del>274.57</del> <sup>69.49</sup>
For each 12 inch connection	\$4, <del>800.12</del> <sup>711.27</sup>	\$ <del>400.01</del> <sup>392.61</sup>

Unmetered fire hydrants will be charged as six-inch connections. No additional charge will be made for fire protection appliances owned and maintained by the customers.

### Terms of Payment

All bills for private fire protection service furnished under this schedule are rendered monthly in arrears and are due and payable in full when rendered. Water use through fire services for the purposes other than fire protection shall be billed in arrears at the same rate per hundred cubic feet as the small class in Schedule E.

Fire services are equipped with a detector check valve furnished by the owner, and a by-pass meter purchased by the owner from the Pawtucket Water Supply Board.

#### Detector Check Size

4 inch  
6 inch

#### By-Pass Meter Size

3/4 or 1 inch  
1-1/2 inch

# SCHEDULE C

8 inch  
10 inch  
12 inch

2 inch  
3 inch  
4 inch

# SCHEDULE D

## PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

### Customer Service Charge

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission  
Public Utilities Docket No. 22-30-WW

Effective: July 1, 202~~6~~<sup>5</sup>

#### Applicability

Applicable throughout the entire territory served by the Pawtucket Water Supply Board for residential, commercial and industrial users, exclusive of fire service connections.

#### Rates

For each service connected to the Pawtucket Water Supply Board's mains, the following quarterly and monthly minimum customer service charges shall apply:

<u>Size of Meter</u>		<u>Monthly Customer Service Charge</u>
5/8 inch		\$
	<del>12.77</del> <sup>53</sup>	
3/4 inch		\$
	<del>17.12</del> <sup>6-80</sup>	
1 inch		\$
	<del>25.82</del> <sup>34</sup>	
1-1/2 inch		\$
	<del>47.55</del> <sup>6-67</sup>	
2 inch		\$
	<del>73.63</del> <sup>2-27</sup>	
3 inch		\$
	<del>134.51</del> <sup>2-02</sup>	
4 inch		\$
	<del>221.46</del> <sup>17-36</sup>	
6 inch		\$
	<del>438.84</del> <sup>0-72</sup>	
8 inch		\$
	<del>699.70</del> <sup>86-76</sup>	

#### Terms of Payment

All customer service charges billed under this schedule are rendered in arrears on monthly basis and are due and payable in full when rendered.

# SCHEDULE E

## PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

### Metered Sales

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission

Public Utilities Docket No. 22-30-WW

Effective: July 1, 202~~6~~<sup>5</sup>

#### Applicability

General metered water service in the entire territory served by the Pawtucket Water Supply Board.

#### Rates

For all quantities used except for private fire protection and bulk sales to public authorities for resale, the following rates shall apply:

<u>Class (meter size)</u>	<u>Rate per HCF (Hundred Cubic Feet)</u>
Small (5/8" – 1")	\$ 4. <del>569</del> <sup>484</sup>
Large (> 1")	\$ 4. <del>193</del> <sup>15</sup>

#### Terms of Payment

All metered sales bills under this schedule are rendered on a monthly basis, in arrears and are due and payable in full when rendered.

# SCHEDULE F

## PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

### Miscellaneous Charges

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission

Public Utilities Docket No. 22-30-WW

Effective: July 1, 2024

#### **Meter Service Charge**

Applicable to all meters requiring repair due to freezing, hot water, vandalism, tampering, or other action or inaction of the premises owner to properly protect the meter. In addition, parts and labor will be billed at actual cost. Charges are payable when billed.

<u>Meter size and type</u>	<u>Meter Service Charge</u>
5/8" to 2" – all types	\$ 100.00
Over 2"	Customer's responsibility

#### **Meter Test Charge**

Meter testing for all meter over 2" is the responsibility of the customer.

The meter test charge for all meters up to 2" in size will be at PWSB's cost.

When a tested meter up to 2" in size has been deemed accurate the meter test charge will be charged to the customer's account and is payable in full when billed.

#### **Photocopying**

Distribution sheet	\$3.00 per page
Letter or legal size document	\$0.15 per page

#### **Pavement/Sidewalk Restoration**

At actual cost.

#### **Police Details**

Traffic control required for public safety will be at the hourly detail rate of the local police department.

# SCHEDULE F (continued)

## PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

### Miscellaneous Charges

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission

Public Utilities Docket No. 22-30-WW

Effective: July 1, 2024

#### **Service Termination Charges**

Applicable to all customers whose service has been terminated due to delinquent account status or violations of the Rules and Regulations of the Pawtucket Water Supply Board.

Payable in advance before service is restored.

Service Shutoff Fee: \$ 100.00 per occurrence

Service Restoration Fee: \$ 100.00 per occurrence

#### **Meter Tampering Charge:**

Charge: \$ 500.00 plus a meter service charge and the cost of parts to install a new meter.

These charges are payable in full when billed.

#### **Application Charge**

Not Applicable

#### **Returned Check Fee:**

Charge: \$ 20.00

#### **Lien Certificate Fee:**

Charge: \$ 20.00 per occurrence

#### **Fire Hydrant Flow Test**

Charge: \$150.00

#### **Swimming Pools**

Not Applicable.

#### **Tank Truck – Bulk Sales**

Tank trucks must be filled using an air-gap separation to assure the prevention of the backflow from the truck to the water system. The consumer will pay a service charge (Tank Truck filling Permit) of \$50.00 per day, plus the cost of the water used at the prevailing rate, plus the cost of PWSB labor if required. The customer will use a hydrant meter to document the volume of the truck.

# SCHEDULE F (continued)

## PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

### Miscellaneous Charges

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission

Public Utilities Docket No. 22-30-WW

Effective: July 1, 2024

#### Main Extensions

An engineering fee, sampling/testing charge will be assessed prior to approval of construction. The engineering inspection fee is \$250.00 per day.

The charge for sampling and testing shall be \$85.00 for each segment of pipe to be tested, and shall be paid prior to the start of construction.

A deposit is required as security for the faithful performance of the contract work. This deposit may be used to complete the installation or correct any defects in the event that the contractor fails to do so in a timely manner. This refundable deposit is due prior to commencement of construction and shall be held for a period of one year following acceptance of the main extension. The amount of the deposit is based on the length of the main extension as follows:

<u>Main Length</u>	<u>Deposit Fee</u>
0 – 150 linear feet 2,000.00	\$
151 – 300 linear feet	\$ 4,000.00
301 – 450 linear feet	\$ 6,000.00
* Over 450 linear feet 8,000.00 *	\$

\*A performance bond in the amount of \$20,000 may be substituted for the deposit fee upon prior approval of the PWSB.

# SCHEDULE F (continued)

## PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

### Miscellaneous Charges

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission

Public Utilities Docket No. 22-30-WW

Effective: July 1, 2024

#### Service Installation Charges

The charges for service installations are to be paid at the time of application for a new water service installation or for connection to a vacant lot service or abandoned water service.

The cost of road patching, sidewalk patching, and engineering/inspection, must be added to the basic service installation charges as set forth herein.

All installation charges are to be computed by the Engineering Section of the Pawtucket Water Supply Board.

#### NEW WATER SERVICE INSTALLATION FEES

<u>Service Size</u>	<u>Fee</u>
1" Service	\$ 1,973.00
2" Service	\$ 3,095.00
4" Service	3,433.00
6" Service	3,705.00
8" Service	4,324.00
10" Service	5,541.00

The basic installation fee for services greater than 10 inch in size shall be charged on a time and materials basis consistent with the methodology used in computing the above basic installation fees.

Special circumstances – Any new water service installation sites where special circumstances may be encountered (i.e. ledge, special fittings, routing around other utilities, and repair traffic control devices) will be charged on a time and materials basis.

# SCHEDULE F (continued)

## PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

### Miscellaneous Charges

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission

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- b. Water Charges are as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Material Deposit</u>	<u>6 month AP. Service Charge</u>	<u>Water Deposit</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
5/8"	\$ 100.00	\$ 27.90	\$ 272.04	\$ 400.00
2"	\$ 800.00	\$ 155.58	\$ 544.42	\$ 1,500.00

# **SCHEDULE G**

## **PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD**

### **Penalty for Late Penalty of Water Bills**

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission

Public Utilities Docket No. 22-30-WW

Effective: July 1, 2024

#### Applicability

Applicable throughout the entire territory served by the Pawtucket Water Supply Board for residential, commercial and industrial users.

#### Rates

Amounts not paid by the DUE DATE will accumulate a penalty of 18% per year (1.5% per month) from the DUE DATE through the PAYMENT DATE.

The DUE DATE is 24 days after the BILLING DATE and both dates are listed on each billing statement. The billing statements are postmarked and mailed no later than five days after the BILLING DATE.

**PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD**  
**TARIFF SCHEDULES**

**DOCKET 22-30-WW**

Effective: July 1, 2026

Replaces: July 1, 2025

PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD  
85 BRANCH STREET PAWTUCKET,  
RHODE ISLAND 02860

# PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

## TARIFF SCHEDULES

Public Utilities Docket No. 22-30-WW

Replaces Tariff: July 1, 2025

Effective: July 1, 2026

### TARIFF SCHEDULES

#### Schedule

- A Bulk Sales for Resale
- B Public Fire Protection
- C Private Fire Protection
- D Customer Service Charge
- E Metered Sales
- F Miscellaneous Charges
- G Penalty for Late Payment of Water Bill

# SCHEDULE A

## PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

### Bulk Sales to Public Suppliers

### for Resale

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission  
Public Utilities Docket No. 22-30-WW

Effective: July 1, 2026

#### Applicability

Applicable throughout the entire territory served by the Pawtucket Water Supply Board for bulk water sales for resale to public water suppliers.

#### Rates

For each Hundred Cubic Foot:	\$ 4.115
For each Thousand Gallons	\$ 5.500
For each Million Gallons	\$ 5,500.20

or such other pricing as the PWSB is either bound to by existing contract or may negotiate with an individual municipal supplier.

#### Terms of Payment

All bills for bulk sales for resale to public water authorities furnished under this schedule are due and payable in full when rendered.

# SCHEDULE B

## PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD Public Fire Protection

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission  
Public Utilities Docket No. 22-30-WW

Effective: July 1, 2026

### Applicability

Applicable throughout the entire territory served by the Pawtucket Water Supply Board for service to public fire hydrants.

### Rates

	<u>Per Annum</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
For each Hydrant	\$ 991.79	\$ 82.65

All public meters which are not 6 inch hydrants pay the private fire protection rates. See Schedule C of this tariff for the rates.

In addition, a monthly Public Fire Protection Service Charge per meter, will be charged to customers in the City of Pawtucket effective January 1, 2012

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<u>Size of Meter</u>	
5/8 inch	\$ 5.814
3/4 inch	\$ 8.721
1 inch	\$ 14.535
1-1/2 inch	\$ 29.070
2 inch	\$ 46.511
3 inch	\$ 87.209
4 inch	\$ 145.349
6 inch	\$ 290.698
8 inch	\$ 465.117

### Terms of Payment

All bills for public fire protection service furnished under this schedule are rendered monthly in arrears and are due and payable in full when rendered.

# SCHEDULE C

## PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD Private Fire Protection

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission  
Public Utilities Docket No. 22-30-WW

Effective: July 1, 2026

### Applicability

Applicable throughout the entire territory served by the Pawtucket Water Supply Board for service to private fire protection appliances owned and maintained by the customer based upon the size of the connection to the premises measured at the street.

	<u>Per Annum</u>	<u>Per Month</u>
For each 2 inch connection	\$ 223.86	\$ 18.66
For each 4 inch connection	\$ 483.30	\$ 40.28
For each 6 inch connection	\$1,213.81	\$ 101.15
For each 8 inch connection	\$2,208.66	\$ 184.05
For each 10 inch connection	\$3,294.83	\$ 274.57
For each 12 inch connection	\$4,800.12	\$ 400.01

Unmetered fire hydrants will be charged as six-inch connections. No additional charge will be made for fire protection appliances owned and maintained by the customers.

### Terms of Payment

All bills for private fire protection service furnished under this schedule are rendered monthly in arrears and are due and payable in full when rendered. Water use through fire services for the purposes other than fire protection shall be billed in arrears at the same rate per hundred cubic feet as the small class in Schedule E.

Fire services are equipped with a detector check valve furnished by the owner, and a by-pass meter purchased by the owner from the Pawtucket Water Supply Board.

#### Detector Check Size

4 inch  
6 inch  
8 inch

#### By-Pass Meter Size

3/4 or 1 inch  
1-1/2 inch  
2 inch

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10 inch  
12 inch

3 inch  
4 inch

# SCHEDULE D

## PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD Customer Service Charge

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission  
Public Utilities Docket No. 22-30-WW

Effective: July 1, 2026

### Applicability

Applicable throughout the entire territory served by the Pawtucket Water Supply Board for residential, commercial and industrial users, exclusive of fire service connections.

### Rates

For each service connected to the Pawtucket Water Supply Board's mains, the following quarterly and monthly minimum customer service charges shall apply:

<u>Size of Meter</u>	<u>Monthly Customer Service Charge</u>
5/8 inch	\$ 12.77
3/4 inch	\$ 17.12
1 inch	\$ 25.82
1-1/2 inch	\$ 47.55
2 inch	\$ 73.63
3 inch	\$ 134.51
4 inch	\$ 221.46
6 inch	\$ 438.84
8 inch	\$ 699.70

### Terms of Payment

All customer service charges billed under this schedule are rendered in arrears on monthly basis and are due and payable in full when rendered.

# SCHEDULE E

## PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

### Metered Sales

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission

Public Utilities Docket No. 22-30-WW

Effective: July 1, 2026

#### Applicability

General metered water service in the entire territory served by the Pawtucket Water Supply Board.

#### Rates

For all quantities used except for private fire protection and bulk sales to public authorities for resale, the following rates shall apply:

<u>Class (meter size)</u>	Rate per HCF <u>(Hundred Cubic Feet)</u>
Small (5/8" – 1")	\$ 4.569
Large (> 1")	\$ 4.193

#### Terms of Payment

All metered sales bills under this schedule are rendered on a monthly basis, in arrears and are due and payable in full when rendered.

# SCHEDULE F

## PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

### Miscellaneous Charges

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission

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#### **Meter Service Charge**

Applicable to all meters requiring repair due to freezing, hot water, vandalism, tampering, or other action or inaction of the premises owner to properly protect the meter. In addition, parts and labor will be billed at actual cost. Charges are payable when billed.

<u>Meter size and type</u>	<u>Meter Service Charge</u>
5/8" to 2" – all types	\$ 100.00
Over 2"	Customer's responsibility

#### **Meter Test Charge**

Meter testing for all meter over 2" is the responsibility of the customer.

The meter test charge for all meters up to 2" in size will be at PWSB's cost.

When a tested meter up to 2" in size has been deemed accurate the meter test charge will be charged to the customer's account and is payable in full when billed.

#### **Photocopying**

Distribution sheet	\$3.00 per page
Letter or legal size document	\$0.15 per page

#### **Pavement/Sidewalk Restoration**

At actual cost.

#### **Police Details**

Traffic control required for public safety will be at the hourly detail rate of the local police department.

# SCHEDULE F (continued)

## PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

### Miscellaneous Charges

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission

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#### **Service Termination Charges**

Applicable to all customers whose service has been terminated due to delinquent account status or violations of the Rules and Regulations of the Pawtucket Water Supply Board.

Payable in advance before service is restored.

Service Shutoff Fee: \$ 100.00 per occurrence

Service Restoration Fee: \$ 100.00 per occurrence

#### **Meter Tampering Charge:**

Charge: \$ 500.00 plus a meter service charge and the cost of parts to install a new meter.

These charges are payable in full when billed.

#### **Application Charge**

Not Applicable

#### **Returned Check Fee:**

Charge: \$ 20.00

#### **Lien Certificate Fee:**

Charge: \$ 20.00 per occurrence

#### **Fire Hydrant Flow Test**

Charge: \$150.00

#### **Swimming Pools**

Not Applicable.

#### **Tank Truck – Bulk Sales**

Tank trucks must be filled using an air-gap separation to assure the prevention of the backflow from the truck to the water system. The consumer will pay a service charge (Tank Truck filling Permit) of \$50.00 per day, plus the cost of the water used at the prevailing rate, plus the cost of PWSB labor if required. The customer will use a hydrant meter to document the volume of the truck.

# SCHEDULE F (continued)

## PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

### Miscellaneous Charges

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#### Main Extensions

An engineering fee, sampling/testing charge will be assessed prior to approval of construction. The engineering inspection fee is \$250.00 per day.

The charge for sampling and testing shall be \$85.00 for each segment of pipe to be tested, and shall be paid prior to the start of construction.

A deposit is required as security for the faithful performance of the contract work. This deposit may be used to complete the installation or correct any defects in the event that the contractor fails to do so in a timely manner. This refundable deposit is due prior to commencement of construction and shall be held for a period of one year following acceptance of the main extension. The amount of the deposit is based on the length of the main extension as follows:

<u>Main Length</u>	<u>Deposit Fee</u>
0 – 150 linear feet 2,000.00	\$
151 – 300 linear feet	\$ 4,000.00
301 – 450 linear feet	\$ 6,000.00
* Over 450 linear feet 8,000.00 *	\$

\*A performance bond in the amount of \$20,000 may be substituted for the deposit fee upon prior approval of the PWSB.

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## PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

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#### Service Installation Charges

The charges for service installations are to be paid at the time of application for a new water service installation or for connection to a vacant lot service or abandoned water service.

The cost of road patching, sidewalk patching, and engineering/inspection, must be added to the basic service installation charges as set forth herein.

All installation charges are to be computed by the Engineering Section of the Pawtucket Water Supply Board.

#### NEW WATER SERVICE INSTALLATION FEES

<u>Service Size</u>	<u>Fee</u>
1" Service	\$ 1,973.00
2" Service	\$ 3,095.00
4" Service	3,433.00
6" Service	3,705.00
8" Service	4,324.00
10" Service	5,541.00

The basic installation fee for services greater than 10 inch in size shall be charged on a time and materials basis consistent with the methodology used in computing the above basic installation fees.

Special circumstances – Any new water service installation sites where special circumstances may be encountered (i.e. ledge, special fittings, routing around other utilities, and repair traffic control devices) will be charged on a time and materials basis.

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TAB 7

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that on April 23, 2026, I sent a copy of the within to all parties set forth on the attached Service List by electronic mail and copies to Stehanie De La Rosa, Commission Clerk, by electronic mail and regular mail.

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