





The lower septage volume at the NBC’s facilities has resulted in underutilization of assets and a reduction of overall revenue. The NBC has completed a review of its pricing history for septage, and the pricing of its “competitors”, and found that as the septage rate increased, the usage and eventually the revenue decreased as follows: The NBC noted that when its septage fee rates went from \$25 per thousand gallons to \$35 per thousand gallons the annual usage of the service went from 23.1 million gallons to 17.7 million gallons and the revenue increased by approximately \$21,000. When the rate was increased to \$44 per thousand gallons the annual usage dropped to 13.9 million gallons and the revenue increased by approximately \$13,000. When the septage fee rate was increased to \$51 per thousand gallons, both the usage (10.4 million gallons) and the revenue (\$533,000) declined. The NBC is projecting a continued decline in usage and septage revenue in FY 2005. The table below lists these findings.

	Est. Gallons	Septage Revenue	Rate/Thousand Gallons
<b>FY 1999</b>	17,819,060	\$445,476.50	\$25.00
<b>FY 2000</b>	23,134,280	\$578,357.00	\$25.00
<b>FY 2001</b>	17,728,194	\$599,231.60	\$35.00
<b>FY 2002</b>	17,077,020	\$597,695.70	\$35.00
<b>FY 2003</b>	13,876,873	\$610,582.40	\$44.00
<b>FY 2004</b>	10,446,454	\$532,769.13	\$51.00
<b>FY 2005 (Est.)</b>	8,494,529	\$433,221.00	\$51.00

In order to increase volume and revenues, the NBC is requesting that the Septage Tank Waste Discharge Fee be lowered from \$51 per thousand gallons to \$42 per thousand gallons. This reduction in rates is expected to generate septage revenues at a similar level to the approved revenues.

NBC believes the above described tariff advice would result in improved, more equitable tariff rates. NBC also feels the change is in the best interest of the majority of its rate payers who do not use this service. Enclosed please find two copies of the tariff schedules showing the appropriate changes.

I certify that I have given notice to the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers and to the Attorney General. I have also arranged for the giving of notice to the public by arranging for a notice to be published in the *Providence Journal* legal ads on April 11, 2005.

Please notify Bill Cox at 401-461-8848 ext. 408 if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Pinault". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" being more prominent than the last name "Pinault".

Paul Pinault, P.E.  
Executive Director

Cc: Division of Public Utilities & Carriers  
Rhode Island Attorney General

Enclosures

TARIFFS OF THE NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION

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**CONSUMPTION FEE:**  
\$1.942/hundred cubic feet of 100% of water used

**Residential Well Customers**

\$283.92 (based upon fixed fee and average usage of 200 gpd)

**INDUSTRIAL**

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