

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION
TARIFF ADVICE FILING

DOCKET NO. 3671

ORDER

On April 6, 2005, the Narragansett Bay Commission (“NBC”) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) a tariff advice under the Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure 1.9(c) to change Schedule B of its tariffs, to reduce the Septic Tank Waste Discharge Fee from \$51 per thousand gallons to \$42 per thousand gallons. The NBC maintains that the septic portion of its business is competitive and that the current septage fee has discouraged haulers from using NBC’s facilities. NBC provided an analysis of its pricing history for septage and pricing of its competitors. Based on its analysis, NBC has experienced and projects lower septage volume to its facilities, underutilization of its assets and a reduction in its overall revenues under the current septage fee. NBC maintains that approval of the tariff advice will allow NBC to compete in the business, increase volume and generate additional revenues that will be in best interest of the ratepayers.

On May 3, 2005, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers filed a memorandum indicating that it had conducted discovery on the filing and based upon its review recommended approval of NBC’s proposal.

The Commission considered NBC’s filing and found that reducing the Septic Tank Waste Discharge Fee from \$51 per thousand gallons to \$42 per thousand gallons would generate more revenues and allow NBC to compete in the septage waste industry. The proposed fee is fair, reasonable and in the best interest of the ratepayers.

Accordingly, it is

(18231) ORDERED:

That the tariff advice filing to change the Septic Tank Waste Discharge Fee filed by the Narragansett Bay Commission is hereby approved effective May 6, 2005. The approved tariff Schedule B is attached and incorporated as Appendix A.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON MAY 5, 2005. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED MAY 11, 2005.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Elia Germani, Chairman

Robert B. Holbrook, Commissioner

“APPENDIX A”

TARIFFS OF THE NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION

SCHEDULE B

NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION

EFFECTIVE: Pretreatment Annual Permit Fee: June 30, 2003
New Sewer Connection Fee: July 1, 2005
BOD/TSS Surcharge: June 30, 2003
Septic Tank Waste Discharge Fee: May 6, 2005
Sewer Back-up Removal Fee: March 24, 1995
Abatement Application Fee: January 29, 2001

Miscellaneous Charges

1. Pretreatment Annual Permit Fee: Applicable to all users regulated under R.I.G.L. 46-25-25 and the NBC's Rules and Regulations.

CAT #	User Classification	Permit Fee
11	Electroplater/Metalfinisher	
	Flow < 2,500 GPD	\$1,811
	Flow ≥ 2,500 < 10,000 GPD	\$3,623
	Flow ≥ 10,000 GPD < 50,000	\$7,246
	Flow ≥ 50,000 GPD < 100,000 GPD	\$10,144
	Flow ≥ 100,000	\$10,869
12	Metal Molding and Casting	\$1,087
13	Organic Chemical Manufacturers	\$7,246
14	Other Categorical Industries	\$1,087
15	Metal Formers	\$5,797
21	Tubbing/Vibratory/Mass Finishing	
	Flow < 5,000 GPD	\$725
	Flow ≥ 5,000 GPD	\$1,449
22	Chemical Transporters, Refiners, Recyclers, Manufacturers	\$2,898
23	Textile Processing Firms	
	Flow < 2,500 GPD	\$1,449
	Flow ≥ 2,500 < 10,000 GPD	\$3,768
	Flow ≥ 10,000 < 50,000	\$5,072
	Flow ≥ 50,000 GPD	\$7,246

CAT #	User Classification	Permit Fee
24	Printers	
	Gravure	\$3,623
	Other Flow \geq 2,500 GPD	\$1,087
	Other Flow < 2,500 GPD	\$725
25	Industrial Laundries	\$3,623
26	Machine Shops/Machinery Rebuilders	\$1,449
27	Other firms discharging toxics and/or prohibited pollutants	
	Flow \geq 10,000 GPD	\$2,898
	Flow \geq 2,500 GPD < 10,000 GPD	\$1,449
	Flow < 2,500 GPD	\$725
28	Central Treatment Facilities - Hazardous Waste	\$14,492
29	Central Treatment Facilities - Non-Hazardous Waste	\$4,348
34	Manufacturers with high BOD/TSS wastestreams	
	Flow \geq 100,000 GPD	\$5,797
	50,000 GPD \leq Flow < 100,000 GPD	\$3,623
	10,000 GPD \leq Flow < 50,000 GPD	\$1,811
	Flow < 10,000 GPD	\$1,087
35	Other facilities discharging conventional pollutants	
	Flow \geq 10,000 GPD	\$1,449
	Flow < 10,000 GPD	\$725
37	Automotive Maintenance/Service Facilities	
	Small \leq 2 Bays	\$435
	Large \geq 3 Bays	\$1,449
40	Groundwater Remediation/Excavation Projects	
	Flow \geq 10,000 GPD	\$1,449
	Flow < 10,000 GPD	\$725
41	Recycle or Disconnected Electroplating or Chemical Processes	\$725

CAT #	User Classification	Permit Fee
42	Other Process Operations Disconnected or Recycled	\$290
43	Recycle or Disconnected Electroplating or Chemical Processes with Cooling Water or Boiler Discharges	\$870
44	Other Recycled or Disconnected Process Operations with Cooling Water or Boiler Discharges	\$362
46	Cooling Water with Solvent, Toxic and/or Hazardous Chemicals on Site	\$362
49	Other Discharges with Solvents, Toxics and/or Hazardous Chemicals on Site	
	Flow \geq 10,000 GPD	\$1,087
	Flow $<$ 10,000 GPD	\$725
51	Cooling Water with No Solvents, Toxic or Hazardous Chemicals on Site	\$362
52	Boiler Blowdown/Condensate Discharges	\$362
53	Cooling Tower Discharges	\$362
59	Other Non-Toxic Industrial Discharges	
	Flow \geq 5,000 GPD	\$725
	Flow $<$ 5,000 GPD	\$362
80	Septage Haulers/Dischargers	\$435
81	Food/Fish/Meat/Produce Processing (wholesale)	
	Flow $<$ 1,000 GPD	\$362
	1,000 GPD \leq Flow $<$ 10,000 GPD	\$725
	Flow \geq 10,000 GPD	\$1,449
82	Supermarkets (Retail Food Processing)	\$725
83	Parking Garages/Lots	\$725

CAT #	User Classification	Permit Fee
84	Cooling Water/Groundwater/ Boiler Discharges with Potential to Discharge Conventional Pollutants	\$362
85	Restaurants	
	< 50 seats	\$217
	≥ 50 seats < 100 seats	\$435
	>100 seats of fast food (2 or more fryolators and/or drive through window)	\$580
86	Commercial Buildings with Cafeteria and/or laundry operations	\$725
89	Other Commercial Facilities with Potential to Discharge Conventional Pollutants	
	< 2,500 GPD	\$362
	≥ 2,500 GPD	\$725
90	Hospitals	\$3,623
91	Cooling Water/Groundwater/ Boiler Discharges with Potential to Discharge Toxic, Prohibited and/or Conventional Pollutants	\$362
92	Laundries/Dry Cleaners	
	Laundromats	\$725
	Dry Cleaners with 1 washer or less	\$362
	Dry Cleaners with ≥ 2 washers	\$725
93	Photo Processing	
	< 1,000 GPD	\$362
	1,000 GPD ≤ Flow < 2,500	\$725
	2,500 GPD - 5,000 GPD	\$1,087
	> 5,000 GPD	\$1,449
94	X-Ray Processing	
	≤ 2 processors	\$362
	3 - 4 processors	\$725
	5 - 9 processors	\$1,087
	≥ 10 processors	\$1,449

CAT #	User Classification	Permit Fee
95	Clinical, Medical and Analytical Laboratories	\$725
96	Funeral Homes/Enbalming Operations	\$362
97	Motor Vehicle Service/Washing Operations	
	rate per tunnel	\$725
	rate per bay	\$217
	maximum rate per facility	\$1,449
99	Other Commercial Users with Potential to Discharge Toxic, Prohibited and/or Conventional Pollutants	
	Flow < 2,500 GPD	\$362
	Flow ≥ 2,500 GPD	\$725

NOTE: All flow rates are based upon operating days.

2. **New Sewer Connection Fee:** Applicable to all applications for a new service connection directly or indirectly to NBC facilities. Payable at the time of application.

Residential	\$260 per connection
Commercial	\$779 per connection
Industrial	\$779 per connection

3. **Sewer Back-up Removal Fee:** Applicable to all visits by Commission personnel to clear a sewer blockage when such blockage is determined to be a private sewer and is cleared by Commission personnel.

Charge: \$75.00 per incident

4. **Septic Tank Waste Discharge Fee:** Applicable to all discharges of septic tank waste into the NBC system.

Charge: \$42.00 per thousand gallons

5. **BOD/TSS Surcharge:** \$87.00/1,000 pounds of BOD with a concentration above 300 mg/l \$87.00/1,000 pounds of TSS with a concentration above 300 mg/l
(if applicable)

To be assessed as the result of compliance with an industrial permit or NBC requirement.

6. **Abatement Application Fee:** Applicable to all applicants who request an abatement to sewer user fees charged. Payable at the time of application.

Charge: \$36.00