

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**  
**DOCKET NO. 4025**  
**City Of Newport - Utilities Division - Water Department**  
**Response to**  
**The Division of Public Utilities and Carriers' Data Requests**  
**Set 2**

**Div. 2-1:** With regard to the responses to Div. 1-5 and 1-6, please identify the position that was vacated as a result of the promotion to fill the Senior Maintenance Mechanic position. Also please indicate whether any other changes in the number of filled vacant positions have occurred and, if so, identify the changes.

**Response:** The position that was vacated to fill the Senior Maintenance Mechanic position is the Maintenance Mechanic position in Source of Supply – Island. That position is currently vacant.

The Senior Maintenance Person – Distribution has been filled from a Maintenance Mechanic position in Distribution. That position is currently vacant.

A Water Meter Repair position became open in January, 2009 due to retirement. That position has been filled from a Laborer position in Source of Supply – Island. That position is currently vacant.

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**Div. 2-2:** With regard to the responses to Div. 1-7 and 1-13, please identify which vacant positions are AFSCME or NEA positions.

**Response:** There are no vacant NEA positions. All vacant positions are AFSCME.

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**Div. 2-3:** With regard to the response to Div. 1-11:

- a. Please reconcile the FY 2008 overtime hours shown in this response (128) with those shown on RFC Schedule B-4 (250).
- b. Please provide the same reconciliation for FY 2006 overtime hours (136 vs. 120).
- c. Please provide the number of Temporary employee hours at Source of Supply – Mainland in FY 2004 and FY 2005.
- d. Please identify the number of overtime hours and Temporary personnel hours for FY 2009 to date and for the most recent 12 months at Source of Supply – Mainland.

**Response:**

- a. The overtime hours shown in Div 1-11 did not include a temporary employee who worked 122 hours of overtime for Source of Supply- Mainland. The temporary employee's overtime was incorrectly assigned to Lawton Valley Treatment in the database report which was used for the answer to Div 1-11. The database report has been revised. The correct number of overtime hours for Source of Supply- Mainland for FY2008 is 250 hours.
- b. There was an error in the database report used as the basis for the response to Div 1-11 and the overtime for several employees was assigned to the wrong section in the Water Division. There was a similar error in the database report from the City of Newport Payroll Department when RFC Schedule B-4 was prepared. This has been reviewed and the correct OT hours for FY 2006 for Source of Supply – Mainland is 224 hours.
- c. There were zero Temporary Employee hours at Source of Supply Mainland in FY 2004 and FY 2005
- d. Overtime hours for FY 2009 to date and for the last twelve months (February 2008 – January 2009) are 122.5 hours. Temporary personnel hours for FY 2009 to date and for the last twelve months (February 2008 – January 2009) are 792 hours.

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**Div. 2-4:** With regard to the response to Div. 1-12.

- a. Please reconcile the FY 2008 hours shown in this response with those shown for the various operating divisions on RFC Schedule B-5, B-6, B-8 and B-2, respectively.
- b. Please verify the OT hours for the fiscal years 2004 through 2007 are stated on a consistent basis with those shown in the RFC Schedule B series. If not, please provide consistent data.

**Response:**

a&b. The overtime hours in RFC Schedule B for FY2008 were incorrect due to a week being missed and an addition error. In reviewing the report used to supply data for Div 1-12, it was discovered that there were errors in overtime hours for seven Water Division employees. The report has been reviewed and the following is a tabulation of the correct number of overtime hours per section per Fiscal Year:

	2222 Station One OT Hours	2223 Lawton Valley OT Hours	2241 Distribution OT Hours	2209 Customer Service OT Hours
FY 2004	2100	875	1948.5	581.5
FY 2005	1757	1266	2260	782
FY 2006	1628	1163.5	1822	254.5
FY 2007	2188	996.5	1483.5	49
FY 2008	2352	1576.5	1047	131.5

Please note that the pay rates shown for OT in FY 2008 on RFC Schedule B were not an actual amount but were an average taken by dividing the amount paid by the number of hours.

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**Div. 2-5:** Please provide the number of overtime hours for Source of Supply – Island for FY 2004 through FY 2008 and explain how the normalized hours (871) shown on Schedule RFC B-3 were determined.

**Response:** The overtime hours for Source of Supply – Island for FY 2004 through FY 2008 is as follows:

FY	Overtime Hours
2004	798.5 hours
2005	840.5 hours
2006	1026.5 hours
2007	920 hours
2008	1,049 hours

The normalized test year amount of \$28,055 is the actual amount spent on overtime in FY08. This amount was then rounded up to \$28,200. The 871 hours is derived by taking the total dollars and dividing them by the average overtime pay rate for FY 2010. A comparison of these total hours to overtime hours in prior years indicates that the total hours are consistent with these prior years

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**Div. 2-6:** With regard to the response to Div. 1-16, please state when FY 2010 medical and dental premiums are expected to be known and provide when available.

**Response:** The FY 2010 medical and dental premiums are expected to be known on or about April 15. They will be provided when available.

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**Div. 2-7:** With regard to the claimed increase to normalize Customer Service Temporary Salaries:

- a. Please explain the need for the two meter reading and customer service representatives in light of the move to Radio Read meters and the claimed additional overtime.
- b. Please provide support for the claimed weekly expense of \$600 per employee for 19 weeks.

**Response:**

- a. As previously discussed in response 1-17, the Radio Read project is anticipated to run for the entire rate year and one additional year thereafter. This is an extremely labor intensive project and will require temporary employees for the two years anticipated to complete the project. The following work for the project is being performed by the Water Division, above and beyond normal day to day operations:
  - Complete scheduling of meter change outs with all customers;
  - Receipt and handling of all new meters and radio read transceivers including final assembly of the meter heads onto the body and tagging each meter;
  - Preparing work orders with all detailed information for the contractor to install the correct meters and transceivers at the correct service address;
  - Recording and inputting final read data from the old meters removed from service; and,
  - Inputting all new meter data, including serial number, company number, initial read, and transceiver information into the Opal Billing software in order to provide an uninterrupted flow of data to the system.
- b. The \$600 weekly expense is based upon a 40 hour work week at a total cost to the City of \$15/hour.

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**Div. 2-8:** With regard to the response to Div. 1-20, please explain the basis for the 3.7 percent premium increase and provide supporting documentation.

**Response:** The basis for the 3.7% premium increase in Fire & Liability insurance is the average annual increase in RI Interlocal Risk Management Trust premiums between FY 2005 to FY 2008, which was 3.68%. This was rounded to 3.7%. Please see attached supporting documentation.

Prepared by: R. Esten



Newport Water Division  
Docket #4025  
Division Data Request 2-8  
Fire & Liability Insurance  
Insurance Premium Increase

RI Interlocal Risk Management Trust  
Premiums charged to Water Division

	Premium	% change
FY 2008	\$93,494	5.97%
FY 2007	\$88,228	3.13%
FY 2006	\$85,547	1.92%
FY 2005	\$83,932	
average		3.68%

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**Div. 2-9:** With regard to the response to Div. 1-22, please identify the average cost per gallon in January 2009 for gasoline and diesel.

**Response:** The average cost for gasoline in January 2009 was \$1.58 per gallon. The average cost for diesel in January 2009 was \$2.22 per gallon.

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**Div. 2-10:** Please provide workpapers in Excel format with formulas intact showing the derivation of the claimed chemical costs for Station One and Lawton Valley.

**Response:** Please see enclosed Excel workpapers for derivation of chemical costs for Station One and Lawton Valley. Estimated costs for the FY 2010 rate year are based upon actual FY 2009 unit prices with the following assumed increases in total chemical costs, which is similar to the increase seen from FY 2008 to FY 2009:

- Alum – 20%
- Chlorine – 0%
- Sodium Chlorite – 4.7%
- Fluoride – 20%
- Sodium Hydroxide – 20%
- Granular activated carbon – 10%

Actual FY 2010 unit pricing will not be known until May, 2009.

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**City of Newport Water Division**

Chemical Usage Station #1

	<b>Sodium Chlorite</b>	<b>Alum</b>	<b>Chlorine</b>	<b>Fluoride</b>	<b>Polymer</b>	<b>Lime</b>	<b>Sodium Hydroxide</b>	<b>GAC</b>
<b>FY 05-06</b>								
July	7,165	44,707	5,640	1,872	100	22,071		
August	9,013	48,346	5,860	1,869	200	26,915		
September	7,862	31,536	5,054	1,528	50	20,250		
October	7,786	17,597	4,670	1,414	105	13,888		
November	7,193	14,488	4,240	1,411	110	12,688		
December	3,652	19,182	3,170	1,431	110	11,782		
January	3,299	15,697	2,790	1,294	55	9,865		
February	2,899	12,679	1,995	1,160	110	8,080		
March	3,032	15,742	2,320	1,322	55	9,450		
April	4,208	25,591	3,090	771	110	13,339		
May	5,905	35,840	4,070	1,039	110	16,024		
June	8,338	30,548	4,920	1,204	110	17,419		
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,352</b>	<b>311,953</b>	<b>47,819</b>	<b>16,315</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>181,771</b>		<b>\$35,943</b>
<b>FY 06-07</b>								
July	14,447	38,291	6,420	760	165	21,107		
August	13,577	47,579	7,680	525	110	23,851		
September	9,926	33,113	5,660	660	55	18,066		
October	8,368	32,308	4,300	1,039	55	16,716		
November	3,728	28,048	3,030	1,305	110	14,435		
December	3,485	23,096	2,480	1,277	55	12,821		
January	3,483	20,169	2,270	1,214	55	11,402		
February	3,044	17,226	2,080	1,202	55	9,450		
March	3,136	18,441	2,210	1,238	55	9,813		
April	3,360	21,281	2,510	1,332	110	11,819		
May	6,500	24,797	3,610	1,360	110	14,337		
June	9,080	32,578	4,380	1,611	55	18,146		
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,134</b>	<b>336,927</b>	<b>46,630</b>	<b>13,523</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>181,963</b>		<b>\$35,943</b>

	Chemical Usage Station #1						Sodium Hydroxide	GAC
	Sodium Chlorite	Alum	Chlorine	Fluoride	Polymer	Lime		
<b>FY 07-08</b>								
July	12,338	45,128	5,920	1,798	165	30,678		
August	13,318	49,405	6,600	1,738	165	32,019		
September	11,027	43,427	6,040	1,163	110	22,426		
October	7,789	28,960	4,270	1,332	110	16,607		
November	7,327	27,086	3,730	1,400	55	15,985		
December	3,481	26,870	5,110	1,608	55	17,820		
January	4,098	35,219	5,220	1,878	165	20,962		
February	4,759	29,036	3,420	1,435	110	16,655		
March	6,892	26,725	3,360	1,399	55	16,040		
April	7,653	23,911	3,310	1,190	110	15,281		
May	8,705	31,536	4,480	1,456	55	20,123		
June	12,338	45,128	5,920	1,798	165	30,678		
<b>Total</b>	<b>99,725</b>	<b>412,431</b>	<b>57,380</b>	<b>18,195</b>	<b>1,320</b>	<b>255,274</b>	Est. 96,400	\$35,943
Docket 3818 quantities	83,000	420,000	63,000	22,000	1,600		96,400	\$35,943
Three year maximum usage	99,725	412,431	57,380	18,195	1,320			
FY 09 unit price	\$0.986	\$0.193	\$0.600	\$0.550	\$6.380		\$0.928	
FY 2009 Expenditures	\$98,329.00	\$79,599.00	\$34,428.00	\$10,007.00	\$8,421.00		\$106,534.00	\$35,943.00 \$373,261.00
FY 2010 unit price (est)	\$1.0353	\$0.2413	\$0.6000	\$0.6875	\$6.5714		\$1.1600	
Rate Year Expenditures	\$103,245	\$99,520	\$34,428	\$12,509	\$8,674	\$0	\$111,824	\$40,700 \$410,900.20

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**City of Newport Water Division**

Chemical Usage Lawton Valley

	<b>Alum</b>	<b>Chlorine</b>	<b>Sodium Chlorite</b>	<b>Fluoride</b>	<b>Lime</b>	<b>Sodium Hydroxide</b>
<b>FY 05-06</b>						
July	51,974	4,935	6,856	2,228	23,750	
August	61,774	6,125	7,245	2,363	28,650	
September	41,689	4,785	5,383	1,702	21,600	
October	36,244	3,850	4,880	1,520	20,150	
November	24,195	3,060	3,962	1,300	14,850	
December	20,294	2,260	3,777	1,134	13,300	
January	18,371	1,965	3,746	823	11,100	
February	18,018	1,945	3,502	1,307	10,600	
March	21,903	2,130	3,864	1,244	10,950	
April	30,041	2,375	4,067	820	13,950	
May	33,238	2,560	5,378	915	14,650	
June	24,799	3,140	4,893	973	15,100	
<b>Total</b>	<b>382,540</b>	<b>39,130</b>	<b>57,553</b>	<b>16,329</b>	<b>198,650</b>	
<b>FY 06-07</b>						
July	36,939	4,050	5,349	743	21,050	
August	43,024	5,695	5,902	1,599	24,600	
September	37,339	5,179	4,991	1,510	22,500	
October	32,236	4,185	4,286	1,355	18,600	
November	23,771	2,985	3,518	1,267	14,150	
December	22,386	2,265	3,385	1,046	12,450	
January	20,323	2,189	3,408	1,077	12,150	
February	21,724	1,610	3,414	1,032	10,650	
March	26,010	1,810	3,771	1,052	12,600	
April	20,213	1,985	3,520	843	10,600	
May	21,862	2,720	5,468	834	13,300	
June	30,277	3,192	5,656	1,136	16,600	
<b>Total</b>	<b>336,104</b>	<b>37,865</b>	<b>52,668</b>	<b>13,494</b>	<b>189,250</b>	

	Chemical Usage Lawton Valley						
	Alum	Chlorine	Sodium Chlorite	Fluoride	Lime	Sodium Hydroxide	
<b>FY 07-08</b>							
July	38,464	4,270	5,789	1,280	20,400		
August	44,657	4,520	5,693	403	21,350		
September	42,904	4,060	5,304	1,219	24,950		
October	38,780	3,737	4,976	1,861	22,200		
November	27,393	3,230	3,695	1,400	16,100		
December	23,708	2,370	3,839	1,318	15,050		
January	20,501	1,805	2,919	910	11,300		
February	14,330	1,285	2,371	625	8,850		
March	15,483	1,200	2,368	655	10,000		
April	21,288	2,165	3,951	972	12,700		
May	21,849	2,595	3,758	811	13,150		
June	38,464	4,270	5,789	1,280	20,400		
<b>Total</b>	<b>347,821</b>	<b>35,507</b>	<b>50,452</b>	<b>12,734</b>	<b>196,450</b>		64000 Estimated
Docket 3818 quantities	382,000	40,000	63,500	16,800	235,000		64,000 Estimated
Three year maximum usage	382,540	39,130	57,553	16,329	198,650		
FY 09 unit price	\$0.193	\$0.600	\$0.986	\$0.550	\$0.079		\$0.928
FY 2009 Expenditures	\$73,812.00	\$23,478.00	\$56,747.00	\$8,980.00			\$59,392.00 \$222,409.00
FY 2010 unit price (est)	\$0.2413	\$0.6000	\$1.0353	\$0.6875			\$1.1600
Rate Year Expenditures	\$92,288	\$23,478	\$59,585	\$11,226	\$0		\$74,240 \$260,816.58

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**Div. 2-11:** With regard to the responses to Div. 1-33 through 1-35, please update RFC Schedule 5 to reflect Newport Water's current estimate of the debt service schedule.

**Response:** RFC Schedule 5 Revised is attached. As indicated in the response to Navy 1-4, since the original filing the 2009 SRF loan has closed and the revised schedule includes the actual debt service payments for this loan. Additionally, First Southwest, Newport's financial advisor, indicates that based on current market conditions the operative assumption for the interest rate on future SRF borrowings should be 6.5%. Therefore, the attached schedule has been revised to reflect this change in the assumed interest rate on future borrowings. To the extent that changes in the municipal debt market suggest further revision of the assumed interest rate on future borrowings, the rate model will be updated accordingly.

Prepared by: Harold Smith



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City of Newport, Rhode Island  
 FY 2010 Rate Filing  
 Debt Service

RFC Schedule 5 Revised

Fiscal Year	Existing(1)					Proposed (2)							Total Existing and Proposed
	2008 SRF A Sta 1 and LV					2009 SRF A \$6.35M	2010 SRF A \$7.1 M (4)	2010 SRF B \$3.6M	2011 SRF A \$11.45M	2011 SRF B \$9.12M	2012 SRF A \$41.1M	Total Proposed	
	Revenue Bonds	2007 SRF A \$3.0M (3)	Improvements \$2.8M	2008 SRF B Radio Read \$3.1M	Total Existing								
2008	1,009,932	72,901	-	-	1,082,833	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,082,833
2009	959,782	211,318	43,405	23,347	1,237,853	1,213	3,713	-	-	-	-	4,926	1,242,779
2010	910,552	211,749	96,021	61,894	1,280,215	137,531	260,855	214,500	-	-	-	612,886	1,893,101
2011	642,596	211,990	201,409	210,414	1,266,410	524,300	322,791	228,924	204,750	137,540	-	1,418,305	2,684,716
2012	571,079	211,081	201,652	223,206	1,207,018	524,125	617,455	316,242	570,520	338,643	938,232	3,305,216	4,512,234
2013	388,755	211,034	201,567	222,797	1,024,154	523,400	618,217	316,512	713,573	802,911	2,615,839	5,590,452	6,614,606
2014	-	210,828	201,245	223,120	635,192	522,125	619,029	316,799	991,634	804,758	2,559,099	5,813,443	6,448,636
2015	-	211,441	201,725	223,220	636,387	525,163	619,893	317,105	992,858	806,725	3,556,313	6,818,057	7,454,444
2016	-	210,861	200,992	223,078	634,931	522,513	620,814	317,431	994,161	808,819	3,560,704	6,824,442	7,459,373
2017	-	184,069	201,038	222,689	607,796	524,175	621,795	317,779	995,550	811,050	3,565,379	6,835,727	7,443,523
2018	-	184,052	200,847	222,051	606,950	525,013	622,839	318,149	997,029	813,425	3,570,358	6,846,812	7,453,762
2019	-	210,815	200,404	222,133	633,351	525,025	623,951	318,542	998,603	815,955	3,575,661	6,857,739	7,491,090
2020	-	210,360	200,692	221,915	632,968	524,213	625,136	318,962	1,000,281	818,650	3,581,309	6,868,549	7,501,517
2021	-	210,677	200,698	222,387	633,761	522,575	626,397	319,409	1,002,067	821,519	3,587,324	6,879,291	7,513,052
2022	-	210,752	200,421	221,547	632,720	524,975	627,741	319,885	1,003,969	824,575	3,593,730	6,894,874	7,527,594
2023	-	210,583	199,870	221,404	631,856	521,413	629,171	320,391	1,005,995	827,830	3,600,552	6,905,352	7,537,209
2024	-	210,169	200,025	221,920	632,115	521,888	630,695	320,931	1,008,153	831,296	3,607,818	6,920,780	7,552,895
2025	-	210,489	199,870	221,099	631,459	521,263	632,318	321,506	1,010,450	834,988	3,615,555	6,936,080	7,567,539
2026	-	209,543	199,415	220,951	629,908	524,400	634,046	322,118	1,012,898	838,919	3,623,796	6,956,178	7,586,086
2027	-	209,336	199,634	221,430	630,400	521,300	635,887	322,770	1,015,504	843,106	3,632,573	6,971,140	7,601,540
2028	-	209,832	199,512	220,541	629,884	521,963	637,847	323,464	1,018,280	847,566	3,641,920	6,991,039	7,620,923
2029	-	-	199,043	220,278	419,321	521,250	639,935	324,204	1,021,236	852,315	3,651,874	7,010,813	7,430,134
2030	-	-	203,109	223,522	426,632	524,025	642,159	324,991	1,024,384	857,373	3,662,476	7,035,407	7,462,039
2031	-	-	-	-	-	-	644,526	325,830	1,027,737	862,759	3,673,766	6,534,619	6,534,619
2032	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,031,308	868,496	3,685,791	5,585,594	5,585,594
2033	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,035,111	-	3,698,597	4,733,708	4,733,708
2034	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,712,236	3,712,236	3,712,236
2035	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2036	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2037	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2038	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	\$ 4,482,696	\$ 4,233,879	\$ 4,152,597		\$ 17,384,114	\$ 10,603,844	\$ 13,157,212	\$ 6,846,443				\$ 147,863,667	

- (1) Debt service on existing debt based on debt service schedules provided by City of Newport Finance Dept.
- (2) Debt service on proposed SRF debt assumes interest only payments during construction. Interest during construction period is calculated based on the timing of expected annual draws. Loan term is 20 years after completion of construction. See Schedule RFC B for additional detail.
- (3) Loan amounts are inclusive of borrowing costs. For proposed loans, borrowing costs are assumed to be 6% of total project costs.
- (4) Interest in FY 2009 for the 2010 SRF A loan is the assumed interest on Loan Anticipation Notes issued in anticipation of the 2010 SRF A loan.

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**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that I sent by electronic mail a copy of the within to all parties set forth on the attached Service List on March 6, 2009, and one original to Luly Massaro, Clerk, Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission.

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