

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. 4025
City Of Newport - Utilities Division - Water Department
Response to
The Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission's
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Comm. 1-1: In her Direct Testimony, Ms. Forgue indicated that Electricity expense was projected to increase from 5.96 cents per kWh to 9.4 cents per kWh when the City of Newport's contract expired in February 2009. Please indicate the new contractual cost per kWh of electricity for the Rate Year.

Response: The new contractual cost per kWh of electricity for the Rate Year is 9.463 cents per kWh for electricity only.

Prepared by: R. Esten

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Comm. 1-2: For all pro forma rate year expenses that were estimated pending receipt of actual contractual costs for which those actual costs have since been received, to the extent not already done, please provide the updated pro forma expenses.

Response: The estimated expenses for which actual costs have been received are for medical and dental insurance, chemicals, and electricity. The updated expenses are as follows:

	Original Cost	Updated Cost
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Administration – Employee Benefits	\$ 101,000	\$ 96,500
Customer Service- Employee Benefits	\$ 177,800	\$ 175,200
Source Supply Island – Employee Benefits	\$ 137,300	\$ 135,300
Newport Plant – Employee Benefits	\$ 240,300	\$ 237,000
Lawton Valley – Employee Benefits	\$ 279,500	\$ 275,500
Laboratory – Employee Benefits	\$ 63,000	\$ 62,400
Distribution – Employee Benefits	\$ 251,800	\$ 249,000
Total Employee Benefits	\$1,250,700	\$1,230,900
<u>Retiree Insurance</u>	\$ 362,000	\$ 347,200
<u>Chemicals</u>		
Source of Supply – Island	\$ 67,500	\$ 54,000
Newport Treatment Plant	\$ 411,000	\$ 399,000
Lawton Valley	\$ 261,000	\$ 216,000
Total Chemicals	\$ 739,500	\$ 669,000
<u>Electricity</u>		
Administration	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Source of Supply – Island	\$ 34,000	\$ 34,100
Source of supply – Mainland	\$ 92,100	\$ 92,600
Treatment Plant – Newport	\$ 238,900	\$ 247,500
Lawton Valley	\$ 179,800	\$ 180,600
Distribution	\$ 19,500	\$ 19,600
Total Electricity	\$ 572,300	\$ 582,400

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Comm 1-3: When is open enrollment for health care?

Response: Employees can change their health plans in June for an effective date of July 1.

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Comm. 1-4: Please provide a listing of the health care premium co-shares for Fiscal Years 2008, 2009 and 2010

Response: Non-union personnel pay 10% of the premium up to a maximum of 2% of their salary. This was in effect for FY08, FY09 and likely will be unchanged for FY10.

NEA Supervisory Union:

- No cost share in FY2008
- Pays 2% of base salary for a family plan and 1% of base salary for a single plan not to exceed 10% of premium effective 4/1/09.
- All new hires as of 4/1/09 will pay 3.5% of their base salary.
- Retirees on or after 6/1/10 pay 3% of premium
- FY2010 – new contract to be negotiated.

AFSCME Union:

- Pays 2% of base salary plus longevity for a family plan and 1% of base salary plus longevity for a single plan effective for July 1, 2008.
- New hires as of January 2008 pay 3.5% of base salary plus longevity.
- Retirees as of 6/1/09 pay 3% of the premium
- FY2009 – contract remains in effect
- FY2010 – new contract to be negotiated.

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Comm. 1-5: Please provide a comparison similar to the first four columns of Mr. Smith's Schedule Ds to show NWD's allocations resulting from the Direct Testimony and Rebuttal Testimony of Ms. Sitrin regarding the Allocation of Legal and Administrative items.

Response: Please see attached.

Prepared by: Harold Smith

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Allocated Item	Original Filing			Rebuttal			
	Cost To Be Allocated	Water %	Water Fund	Cost To Be Allocated	Water %	Water Fund	
Audit Fees	\$ 84,875	6.18%	5,245	\$ 84,875	6.18%	5,245	
OPEB Contribution (1)	\$ 3,500,000	0.00%	-	\$ 3,500,000	0.00%	-	
City Council	\$ 76,655	11.40%	8,739	\$ 76,655	5.75%	4,408	
Citizen Survey	\$ 16,000	8.30%	1,328	\$ -	8.30%	-	
City Clerk	\$ 319,706	11.40%	36,446	\$ 319,706	5.75%	18,383	
City Manager	\$ 418,103	22.55%	94,282	\$ 418,103	14.32%	59,885	
Human Resources	\$ 303,388	12.90%	39,137	\$ 303,388	12.90%	39,137	
City Solicitor	\$ 289,177	22.55%	65,209	\$ 289,177	14.32%	41,419	
Finance Admin 80%	\$ 310,370	22.55%	69,988	\$ 299,170	14.32%	42,850	
Finance Admin 5%	\$ 38,796	31.00%	12,027	\$ 18,698	37.00%	6,918	
Purchasing	\$ 90,123	17.90%	16,132	\$ 90,123	18.60%	16,763	
Assessment	\$ 113,456	10.00%	11,346	\$ 113,456	5.00%	5,673	
Collections	\$ 313,663	20.50%	64,301	\$ 313,663	15.26%	47,865	
Accounting - 5%	\$ 9,749	100.00%	9,749	\$ 9,749	100.00%	9,749	
Accounting	\$ 383,951	16.90%	64,888	\$ 383,951	16.90%	64,888	
Public Safety	\$ 28,531,884	0.10%	28,532	\$ 28,531,884	0.10%	28,532	
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 823,521	1.47%	12,106	\$ 823,521	1.47%	12,106	
Legal & Administrative			539,455	Legal & Administrative			403,821
rounded			\$ 539,500	rounded			\$ 403,800

Allocation of Data Processing Costs to Enterprise Funds

Allocated Item	Cost To Be Allocated	Water %	Water Fund	Cost To Be Allocated	Water %	Water Fund	
MIS - Communications Cost	\$ 328,960	7.90%	25,988	\$ 328,960	7.90%	25,988	
MIS - Other Costs	\$ 886,172	22.55%	199,832	\$ 841,172	14.32%	120,481	
Data Processing (1)			225,820	Data Processing (1)			146,469
rounded			\$ 226,000	rounded			\$ 146,000

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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 May 11, 2009, and one original to Luly Massaro, Clerk, Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission.

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