

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. 4025
City Of Newport - Utilities Division - Water Department
Response to
Portsmouth Water & Fire District's Data Requests
Set 2

PWFD 2-1: Please provide the basis for the new allocation of the Director of Utilities that results in an increase allocation from 40% to 60% over that for the Director of Public Works. Does the Director of Utilities contend that she is providing in excess of 400 additional hours to water related activities as a result of this change?

Response: The basis for the new allocation is that the Director of Utilities is now responsible for the management of the water and water pollution control divisions. The Director is no longer responsible for public works projects such as roadway maintenance and construction, solid waste and recycling collection, traffic control, etc. The allocation can best be demonstrated by applying it to a forty hour work week. Sixty percent of a forty hour work week is twenty four hours, or three eight hour days. Forty percent of a forty hour work week is sixteen hours, or two eight hour days. The Director of Utilities spends the equivalent of at least three days per week devoted to the water division.

Supplemental Response: In response to Portsmouth's request for additional information, Newport hereby provides this supplemental response:

The Director of Utilities is not an hourly employee and has not claimed that she is providing in excess of 400 additional hours to water related activities as a result of the reclassification of her job duties. However an analysis of the re-allocation using a forty hour work week seems to indicate that the Director is now able to devote at least 400 additional hours per year to the water fund as result of the change to her job duties. Before the reclassification, the Director of Public Works' salary was allocated as follows:

- 40% Drinking Water
- 40% Public Works
- 10% Waste Water
- 10% Solid Waste and Recycling

Based on a forty hour work week, this equates to 16 hours for Drinking Water, 16 hours for Public Works, 4 hours for Waste Water and 4 hours for Solid Waste and Recycling. After the reclassification, the allocation was changed to 60% Drinking Water and 40% Waste Water. Thus an additional 20%, or the equivalent of 8 hours, was allocated to Drinking Water, and an additional 30%, or 12 hours, was allocated to Waste Water. Thus based on this analysis, an additional 416 hours per year has been allocated to Water. As set forth in the original response, the Director of Utilities does spend the equivalent of at least three days per week devoted to Water Division issues. However, it should also be noted that the Director does not work a strict forty hour work week. In fact, the Director typically works in excess of forty hours per week.

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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 25, 2009, and one original to Luly Massaro, Clerk, Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission.

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