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October 30, 2009

Ms. Luly Massaro, Clerk  
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission  
89 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, RI 02888

***Re: PUC Docket No. 4113***

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed please find Newport Water's response to the Commission's First Set of Data Requests in the above captioned matter. Please file in your customary manner. An electronic copy of this filing has been provided to the service list.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Keough, Jr.

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Enclosure

**CITY OF NEWPORT - WATER DIVISION  
Docket No. 4113**

**Response to  
Public Utilities Commission Data Requests  
Set I**

**Comm. 1-1 Question:** Please provide monthly consumption figures for each year commencing with FY 2006 to the most recent month available. Utilities are welcome to file additional information for periods prior to 2006 but it is not required.

**Response:** See attached spreadsheet: Comm Request 1-1

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**Comm. 1-2 Question:**

- (a) Please provide a spreadsheet setting forth the following expenses: debt service; IFR (amounts allowed in most recent rate case); payroll, property taxes, all other operating expenses.
- (b) Please indicate what you believe is the current ratio of fixed to variable costs.

**Response:**

- (a) See attached spreadsheet. Comm Request 1-2a
- (b) Newport Water Division expenses per Docket 4025 are 87.7% fixed and 12.3% variable.

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Newport Water Division  
Docket 4113  
Commission Request 1-2a  
Backup

Payroll & Benefits

Accrued Benefits Buyout	\$175,000
Permanent Part-Time	\$13,000
Salaries & Wages	\$2,293,500
Overtime	\$206,418
Holiday Pay	\$39,100
Temporary Salaries	\$58,100
Standby Salaries	\$12,500
Employee Benefits	\$1,185,491
Retiree Insurance Coverage	\$347,200
Workers Compensation Insurance	\$114,000
Annual Leave Buyback	\$31,100
Total	\$4,475,409

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Comm Request 1-2a

Expenses per Docket 4025

Debt Service	\$2,010,823.00
IFR	\$1,146,918.00
Payroll & Benefits	\$4,475,409.00
Property Taxes	\$229,000.00
All other operating expenses	\$3,422,703.00
Total Expenses	\$11,284,853.00

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**Comm. 1-3 Question:** Please provide the company's revenue stream as percentages broken down into two categories, fixed & variable.

**Response:** The Newport Water Division's revenue stream per Docket No. 4025 is as follows:

<b>Revenue Item</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Fixed/Variable</b>
Water Commodity Charge	74.3%	Variable
Water Penalty	.4%	Variable
Investment Income	.3%	Variable
WQP Charge	.2%	Variable
Sundry/ Miscellaneous	1.3%	Variable
<b>Total Variable</b>	<b>76.5%</b>	
Fire Protection Charges	10.8%	Fixed
Billing Charges	8.5%	Fixed
Customer Service Cost Share	3.5%	Fixed
Rental Income	.7%	Fixed
<b>Total Fixed</b>	<b>23.5%</b>	

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**Comm. 1-4 Question:** Please provide the difference between the revenues allowed in the utility's most recent rate case and the amount billed during the first quarter of FY 2010. Please be sure to provide the approved revenue requirement as part of the answer.

**Response:** Revenues allowed in the Docket 4025 are \$11,537,876 for the full year. First quarter billings are as follows:

	<b>Docket 4025</b>	<b>Q1 FY 2010</b>
Billing charges	\$ 978,003	\$ 238,085
Retails Water Sales	\$ 6,512,098	\$1,491,586
Bulk Water Sales	\$ 2,060,387	\$ 451,719
Public Fire Protection	\$ 868,131	\$ 597,003
Private Fire Protection	\$ 378,880	\$ 379,024
Other	\$ 740,378	\$ 64,509
 Total	 \$11,537,876	 \$3,221,926

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**Comm. 1-5 Question:** Please provide a current copy of a customer bill..

**Response:** See attached copy of bill.

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CITY OF NEWPORT, RI  
 DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES  
 www.cityofnewport.com/departments/utilities/home.cfm  
 For Billing Inquiries Call  
 (401) 845-5604

Account Number:  
 Due Date: 10/8/2009  
 Bill Date: 9/8/2009

**Meter Information**

Number	35877604	
Previous Reading/Date	0	07/28/09
Current Reading/Date	3,365	08/13/09
Consumption	10,145	
Type of Reading	ACTUAL	



Service Address:

Current Billing Information		Usage History	
Previous Balance	0.00	<b>Date</b>	<b>Gallons Used</b>
Customer Charge	15.31	08/13/09	10,145
Water/Sewer Penalty Charge	0.00	05/19/09	8,000
Water Usage Charge	53.26	02/06/09	7,902
Water Quality Protection Surcharge	2.96	11/24/08	26,511
Sewer Charge	66.45	08/26/08	30,587
CSO Fixed Charge	26.00	05/08/08	49,000
Sales Tax	0.00	02/08/08	15,400
Miscellaneous Fees	0.00	11/23/07	19,600
Previous Credit	0.00		
<b>TOTAL DUE</b>	<b>\$163.98</b>		

**SPECIAL COMMENTS:**

RETAIN TOP PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS - FEES WILL APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL COPIES - REFER TO REVERSE SIDE FOR CUSTOMER INFORMATION

**WATER BILL**

Account Number:  
**DUE DATE: 10/8/2009**

Service Address:

Name/Address	Previous Balance	0.00
	Customer Charge	15.31
	Water/Sewer Penalty Charge	0.00
	Water Usage Charge	53.26
	Water Quality Protection Surcharge	2.96
	Sewer Charge	66.45
	CSO Fixed Charge	26.00
	Sales Tax	0.00
	Miscellaneous Fees	0.00
	Previous Credit	0.00
	<b>TOTAL DUE</b>	<b>\$163.98</b>



Remit payment  
 and make check  
 payable to :  
 City of Newport  
 Water Collection  
 43 Broadway  
 Newport, RI 02840



### Billing Information

#### The current water rate structure for billing:

Customer Charge \$ 15.31 / bill  
Water Charge \$ 5.25 / 1000 gal

### How to compute a bill

Customer Charge: The cost of providing customer related services such as metering, meter reading and billing. These fixed costs are unaffected by the amount of water consumption.

Water Usage Charge: Multiply the total consumption by \$0.00525

Water Quality Protection Surcharge: Multiply the total consumption by \$ 0.000292

If you are a homeowner age 65 or older, you may be exempt from paying the Water Quality Protection Surcharge portion of the water bill for your residence. Applications are available at the Water Department, 70 Halsey St, as well as the Collections Division in City Hall, 43 Broadway. Please call the Billing Office (401)845-5604 for details. If you have previously applied in the past there is no need to reapply.

If you believe your bill is inaccurate, contact the Billing Clerk at (401)845-5604. Billing Department hours of operation are 8am to 4 pm daily. If a mutually satisfactory settlement of the matter cannot be reached, you have the right to submit the matter to:

Division of Public Utilities and Carriers  
89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02888  
Telephone 401- 780-9700

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#### The current sewer rate structure for Newport customers:

Sewer Charge \$ 6.80 / 1000 gal  
CSO fixed charge Assessed by meter size

Sewer Charge: Multiply total water consumption by \$ 0.00680

CSO Fixed Charge (Sewer): An annual flat fee based on water meter size for costs associated with the City of Newport CSO Long-Term Capital Plan. This is an annual fee and is prorated based on your billing cycle.

Additional information on sewer rates available at  
[www.cityofnewport.com/departments/utilities/pollution\\_control/home.cfm](http://www.cityofnewport.com/departments/utilities/pollution_control/home.cfm)

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#### All past due accounts: Penalties accrue daily 18% per annum

Credit card payments are accepted as follows:

[www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com) or call toll free 1-800-272-9829 -VISA card is not accepted

For phone payments use Jurisdiction Code 4908.

Confirmation numbers should be kept for your records

**Official Payments charges a nominal convenience fee for this service**

ESTA NOTICIA MUITO IMPORTANTE. FACA FAVOR DE TRADUZIR IMEDIATAMENTE.

A VISO IMPORTANTE. POR FAVOR PIDA QUE LO TRADUZCAN LOS MAS PRONTO POSIBLE