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April 23, 2014

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

Re: *Newport Water Dockets*
4243 & 4355

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed please find an original and nine copies of the following documents:

1. Newport Water's Response to the Portsmouth Water & Fire District's Data Request (Set 1);
2. Newport Water's Response to the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers' Data Request (Set 1).

Please note that an electronic copy of these documents has been sent to the service list.

Sincerely,



Joseph A. Keough, Jr.

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Enclosures

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DOCKETS 4243 & 4355
TARRIFF ADVICE FILING
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Division 1-1: Please confirm that the debt service amounts included in the Newport Water's filing for its Phase III increase under the multi-year rate plan approved in Docket No. 4243 reflect actual amounts for all bond issues. If not, please explain which amounts are estimates and when the final debt service amounts will be known.

Response: The debt service amounts included in Newport Water's filing for its Phase III increase reflect actual amounts for all bond issues.

Prepared by: Harold J. Smith

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Div. 1-2: Please provide Newport Water's planned capital spending plan related to the use of the Capital Spending Account over the next three years.

Response: See attached DIV 1-2 spreadsheet detailing NWD's Recommend Capital Improvement Program (CIP) FY 2015 – 2017.

Prepared by: Julia A. Forgue, Director of Utilities

Docket No. 4243

Div. 1-2

Div. 1-2			CIP	CIP	CIP
	Project Title	Funding 2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
	Meter Replacement	Rates	\$78,200	\$81,300	\$84,500
	Water Trench Restoration	Rates \$87,700	\$91,200	\$94,900	\$98,700
	Fire Hydrant Replacement	Rates	\$18,000	\$19,000	\$19,000
	Financial Legal Services	Rates	\$50,000		
	Finished Storage Tank	Rates		\$700,000	
	Dam and Dike Rehabilitation - Lawton Valley	Rates	\$100,000	\$900,000	
	Dam and Dike Rehabilitation - Station One	Rates	\$250,000		
	Station 1 Raw Water Pump Station Improvem	Rates	\$195,000		
	Equipment and Vehicle Replacement	Rates	\$120,000	\$66,000	\$66,000
	St Mary's Pump Station Improvements	Rates \$185,000			
	Sakonnet Pump Station Improvements	Rates \$152,000			
	Forest Ave Pump Station Improvements	Rates \$250,000			
	Water Department Office/Garage Rehabilitati	Rates \$400,000			
	Mitchell's Lane Emergency Interconnection	Rates \$97,146			
	Raw Water Main Gardiner to Paradise Design	Rates \$67,524			
	Raw Water Main Gardiner to Paradise Constr	Rates	\$2,000,000		
	System Wide Improvements Biszko	Rates \$147,735			
	System Wide Improvements	Rates \$440,551	\$2,900,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,200,000
	System Wide Improvements Broadway	Rates \$76,419			
	Infrastructure Replacement Plan 5 Year updat	Rates	\$50,000		
	GIS and Hydraulic Modeling - WP	Rates \$5,800			
	DB Review Assistance-RIDOH	Rates \$105,867			
Total			\$2,015,742	\$5,852,400	\$2,861,200
				\$1,468,200	

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Div. 1-3: In light of the fact that the balance in the Capital Spending Account is approximately \$3.4 million and is being funded at a rate of \$2.5 million per year, please explain why it would not be appropriate to moderate the increase required in this proceeding by transferring some funds from the Capital Spending Account to the Restricted Debt Service Account.

Response: As documented within the response to Div. 1-2 Newport needs the money in its Capital Spending Account to fund its Capital Spending Plan. For instance, the design is complete for the Raw Water Main from Gardiner to Paradise and for the System Wide Improvements and both projects – in the combined amount of \$4,900,00 – are shovel ready in Fiscal Year 2015.

Prepared by: Julia A. Forgue, Director of Utilities

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Div. 1-4: Please state when Newport Water currently estimates it will be required to file its next base rate case.

Response: Newport Water anticipates that it will file its next base rate case in October 2015 for rates effective in FY17. The construction of the new Lawton Valley Treatment Plant and the improvements to the Station One Treatment plant are ahead of schedule and Newport anticipates it will begin operating the new Lawton Valley Plant and upgraded Station One Plant in August 2014, which is ahead of schedule. Thus, by October 2015, Newport should have enough data on the operation and maintenance costs to include in a rate filing.

Response: Julia Fogue

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that on April 23, 2014, I sent a copy of the within to all parties set forth on the attached Service List by electronic mail and copies to Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk, by electronic mail and regular mail.

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