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December 2, 2011

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

Re: *City of Newport, Utilities Department, Water Division*
Docket 4243

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed please find an original and nine copies of Newport Water's Responses to the Portsmouth Water and Fire District's Data Requests 5-5 and 5-6. Although, the Commission approved the Settlement Agreement in this Docket, Newport agreed to answer these requests as part of the settlement.

Please note that an electronic copy of this document has been provided to the service list.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Joseph A. Keough Jr.

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Enclosures

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
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- PWFD 5-5: With reference to the attachment to Ms. Forgue's testimony regarding pumping expenses:
- a. Please confirm that NWD did not perform any repair or maintenance work on the pumping facilities at Station 1 since June 2009.
 - b. If NWD incurred any repair or replacement expenses for these facilities since June 30, 2011, please indicate the amount of those expenses and identify the work performed.
 - c. Please indicate the last time NWD did any maintenance or repair work on the pumping equipment at Station 1 and the cost of that work.

Response:

- a. NWD did not use any subcontracted services or vendors for repairs and maintenance to the booster pumps in FY 2010 and FY 2011. In-house maintenance performed by NWD staff such as greasing bearings and replacing temperature or pressure gauges is completed under the labor section described in the breakdown of pumping expenses.
- b. In September 2011, Flow Rite Valve Service Inc. cleaned the 4-way control valve to the booster pump. The cost for this service was \$284.00.
- c. As described above, NWD personnel perform routine maintenance of the pumping equipment for which costs are included under the labor section in the breakdown of pumping expenses. For subcontracted services or vendors, in 2008, NWD purchased a solenoid valve from Grainger for the sum of \$287.28. This was a replacement control valve for Booster Pump #2.

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PWFD 5-6: With reference to the attachment to Ms. Forgue's testimony regarding pumping expenses:

- a. Please confirm that the labor costs for Station 1 were exactly the same in FY 2010 and FY 2011.
- b. What were these costs in FY 2009?

Response:

- a. Labor costs at Station 1 were the same during FY 2010 and FY 2011.
- b. Labor costs in FY 2009 were \$4,829.00

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that on December 2, 2011, I sent by electronic mail a copy of the within to Service List herein below, and mailed one original and nine copies to Luly Massaro, Clerk, Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission.

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