

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: CITY OF NEWPORT, UTILITIES DEPARTMENT, WATER DIVISION**

**DOCKET NO:**

**CITY OF NEWPORT, UTILITIES DEPARTMENT, WATER DIVISION'S PETITION  
FOR EXEMPTION FROM FILING REQUIREMENTS**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Pursuant to Section 1.10 of the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (hereinafter "Rule(s)"), the City of Newport, Utilities Department, Water Division (hereinafter "Newport" or "Newport Water") hereby files this Petition for exemption from certain rules and requirements for filing general rate schedule changes.

**II. FACTS/REQUEST**

Newport Water, in conjunction with its legal counsel and financial consultants, is preparing to file for a change in its general rate schedules. Pursuant to Rule 2.6(b), a utility filing a request for a rate schedule change must include a Test Year that constitutes "a historic year of actual data for a period ending within nine (9) months of the filing date." The test year may also be for such other period as the Commission may allow.

Newport Water will be filing a request for a rate increase that will use a test year of FY10 (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010). Pursuant to the applicable rule, Newport Water's filing would have to be made by March 31, 2011. However, Newport Water required additional time to prepare and submit its filing.

As such, Newport Water requests that it be granted relief from the rule so that it may

continue to use FY10 as its test year. Newport Water anticipates filing its request for a change in its rate schedules no later than April 18, 2011.

**III. CONCLUSION**

For the reasons set forth herein, Newport Water prays that the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission grant the relief sought herein and all other relief it deems meet and just.

City of Newport,  
Utilities Department,  
Water Division,  
By its attorney,



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**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that I sent by electronic mail a copy of the within to the parties listed in the Docket 4025 Service List on April 15, 2011, and one original to Luly Massaro, Clerk, Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission.

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