

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

IN RE: PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD DOCKET NO. 4406
APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATE SCHEDULES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 39-1-1 and 39-3-11 of the General Laws, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) will conduct public hearings on the following dates and locations to solicit comments on the above matter:

June 5, 2013 @ 6:00 P.M. Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, Rhode Island

June 18, 2013 @ 6:00 P.M. Providence Public Safety Complex - Auditorium
325 Washington Street
Providence, Rhode Island

The hearing will continue at 9:30 A.M., November 12, 2013 in the 1st floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission.

In this docket, the Commission will examine the propriety an application by the Providence Water Supply Board (“PWSB”) seeking approval to implement new rates designed to generate additional revenues in the amount of \$14,621,794 to support total cost of service of \$74,709,281 or an overall increase of 24.3% over current revenues. If approved, the impact on a residential customer’s bill with an annual consumption of 100 HCF will be an increase of \$72.98, from \$322.16 to \$395.14 per year. For Providence residents, the Fire Protection Surcharge will increase by \$2.04 per year, from \$12.36 to \$14.40. The impact on other retail customers, wholesale and fire service customers will vary based on customer class and consumption levels.

PWSB proposes to implement monthly billing for all retail customers. The application also includes a Conservation Rate structure that is based on a three-tier, inclining block-rate structure based on average winter consumption for single family customer class and is designed to target discretionary water consumption. A structure to promote conservation among Providence Water’s wholesale customers is also proposed. The Conservation Rate structure is designed to be revenue neutral.

The filing may be examined at the Commission’s office. The filing can also be accessed at www.ripuc.org, Commission Docket Menu, Docket No. 4406. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws; specifically Sections 39-1-7, 39-1-8, 39-1-11, 39-1-12, 39-1-16, 39-1-18, 39-1-20, 42-35-8 and 42-35-10.

These buildings are accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Commission Clerk’s office at 780-2107, seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
May 26, 2013