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December 20, 2016

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

Re: *Narragansett Bay Commission – Docket 4680*
Change in Terms and Conditions

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed please find the Narragansett Bay Commission's Responses to the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission's First Set of Data Requests.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Joseph A. Keough, Jr.

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Enclosures

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

**IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT BAY :
COMMISSION – CHANGE IN TERMS : DOCKET NO. 4680
AND CONDITIONS :**

**THE NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION’S RESPON TO THE RHODE
ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION’S
FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS**

COMM 1-1 Please explain the reasons and rational for proposed changes to the terms and conditions.

RESPONSE: These are “housekeeping” matters as follows:

1. Change to Water Shut-off Fee: The Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) works with the various water suppliers in its service area to collect delinquent accounts through the termination of water service. NBC compensates the water suppliers for their services as a pass-through cost. The water utilities that perform water shut-off services on behalf of the NBC have different fees, which can change from time to time. For instance, the Pawtucket Water Supply Board tariffs were recently increased in a rate filing before the Public Utilities Commission. This language change will allow NBC to charge customers the amount charged by the water supplier without having to change its terms and conditions each time a water supplier changes its fee.
2. Billing of Output Meters: The overwhelming majority of NBC’s customers are billed a consumption fee based upon metered water service supply; however there are a few customers that must be billed consumption fees based upon an output meter. These customers have installed output meters that measure the water discharged into NBC’s sewer as opposed to a traditional input meter that measures the water coming into the property. NBC’s Customer Service Rules and Regulations allow for billing based on an output meter; and NBC desires to formally incorporate the billing method into the Terms and Conditions on file with the PUC. The calculation does not include any allowance for a percent not returned to sewer since 100% of the measured flow is in fact discharged into NBC’s system for collection and treatment.
3. Abatement Methodology: NBC’s abatement program provides customers with an opportunity to have their consumption charges adjusted if they can demonstrate that more than 15% of the water measured by their input meter is not being discharged to NBC’s sewer system for collection and treatment. For example, a customer may install an abatement meter to measure water used for irrigation or cooling. In certain circumstances, however, it is not feasible from an engineering perspective to install an abatement meter. This may apply to situations where the

flow ends up in the product or the discharge is of a quality that renders a flow meter ineffective and/or unreliable. The modification to the Abatement Methodology will allow NBC to approve abatements in these circumstances.

Prepared by, or under the supervision of, Karen Giebink

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that on December 20, 2016, 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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