

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

IN RE: CITY OF WOONSOCKET WATER DIVISION  
APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATE SCHEDULES

DOCKET NO. 4879

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct public hearings on the following dates and locations to solicit comments on the above matter:

December 11, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.      Woonsocket City Hall – Harris Hall  
169 Main Street, Woonsocket, R.I

May 16, 2019 @ 9:30 A.M.          Public Utilities Commission, Hearing Room A  
89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, R.I.

In this docket, the PUC will examine an application by the City of Woonsocket Water Division (Woonsocket Water) seeking to implement a multi-year rate plan through a five step rate increase pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §39-15.1-4. In the first step of the rate plan (Year 2019), WWD seeks approval of proposed rates designed to collect additional operating revenues of \$799,205 to support total operating revenue requirements of \$8,916,284. The bill impact on a typical residential customer in Woonsocket using 8,000 cubic feet of water per year (165 gallons per day) will result in an increase of \$45 per year from \$460 to \$505 or 9.73%. The impact of the proposed rate request for a typical residential customer in other communities served by Woonsocket Water will result in an increase of \$52 per year or 13.34%. The rate impact on other retail customers is an increase between 9.73% and 13.34%; wholesale customers is an increase of 12.85%; and Private Fire Service is a decrease of 1.43% to 14.84%. Municipal Fire Service is a decrease of 17.21% per hydrant.

Under the multi-year rate plan, Woonsocket Water seeks to implement across-the-board rate increases to all rates and charges in subsequent Years 2020 through 2023. As proposed, the rate impact on a typical residential customer is an increase of 4.99% or \$25 per year in Year 2020, 6.77% or \$36 in Year 2021, 13.64% or \$77 in Year 2022, and 11.81% or \$76 in Year 2023. These rate changes are proposed to take effect on January 1 of each year.

The filing may be examined at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed at <http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4879page.html>. Reference is made to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35.

These buildings are accessible to the handicapped. Individual 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  
November 30, 2018