

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD'S COST OF SERVICE STUDY -
DOCKET NO. 4994**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §39-3-11 and §39-15.1-4, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is commencing a hearing on **Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 9:30 A.M.** at the PUC's office, Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing may continue thereafter from time to time as required. The hearing will be streamed live at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

This docket relates to Providence Water Supply Board's (Providence Water) request to increase its rates under the multi-year plan pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-15.1-4. In Order No. 23928 issued in this docket, the Commission ordered Providence Water to file a new allocated cost of service study (COSS) that address the allocation of costs to wholesale customers. Specifically, the COSS was to address the allocation of costs associated with the central operations facility, the allocation of the cost of non-revenue water, the allocations of pumping costs and the allocation of unidirectional flushing costs. The Commission will use the new COSS to inform the Commission's decision-making for wholesale class rate allocations for rate year three. Providence Water submitted a new COSS on April 1, 2021.

At the hearing, the PUC will consider evidence provided by witnesses for Providence Water, the Intervenor Wholesale customers, and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers.

Providence Water has proposed the following percentage changes to wholesale rates:

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| Bristol County | 0.5% to 1.0% increase |
| East Providence | 1.9% to 6.2% decrease |
| Greenville | 4.9% to 14.2% increase |
| Kent County | 9.9% to 30.1% decrease |
| Lincoln | 4.5% to 12.9% increase |
| Smithfield | 12.0% to 47.5% increase |
| Warwick | 3.1% to 9.7% decrease |

The impact to retail rates based on customer class would range from an increase of 0.39% to 3.87%.

Bristol County Water Authority has proposed the following percentage changes to wholesale rates:

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| Bristol County | 4.98% decrease |
| East Providence | 0.47% decrease |
| Greenville | 15.79% increase |
| Kent County | 7.27% decrease |
| Lincoln | 11.07% increase |
| Smithfield | 17.66% increase |
| Warwick | 15.89% increase |

The impact to retail rates based on customer class would range from a decrease of 1.52% to 2.68%.

The Division has proposed the following percentage changes to wholesale rates:

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| Bristol County | 1.29% increase |
| East Providence | 1.16% decrease |
| Greenville | 5.88% increase |
| Kent County | 9.30% decrease |
| Lincoln | 5.42% increase |
| Smithfield | 12.0% increase |
| Warwick | 2.43% decrease |

The impact to retail rates based on customer class would range from an increase of 0.09% to 7.37%.

The is available for examination at the PUC's office. The filing can also be accessed at <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/4994page.html>. Reference is made to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35.

The PUC is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Commission Clerk's office at 780-2107, forty-eight hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
February 8, 2022