

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held February 16, 2017

Attendees: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Herbert DeSimone, Commissioner Marion Gold, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Maggie Hogan, Alan Nault, Sharon Colby Camara, Todd Bianco and Luly Massaro.

Chairperson Curran called the Open Meeting to order at 11:05 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). A quorum was present.

4618 – Providence Water Supply Board (PWSB) – The PUC reviewed PWSB's compliance filing submitted on February 15, 2017. A review of the compliance filing shows that in Schedule HJS-1A, under capital reimbursement, there was a positive \$300,000 adjustment that offsets the downward adjustment the PUC ordered from the IFR replacement fund. Thus, what this does is it offsets the adjustment to IFR and there is no reduction. The PUC made one single adjustment and that was a reduction of \$300,000 to infrastructure replacement fund based on a three-year average that was calculated for capitalized labor and overhead and the PUC did not make a corresponding upward adjustment to capital reimbursement. The filing is not in compliance with the PUC's open meeting decision (on February 10, 2017).

After review, Chairperson Curran moved that PWSB compliance filing and accompanying tariffs are not in compliance with the PUC's decision. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion. Commissioner DeSimone agreed but he is not saying this with prejudice and stated that PWSB should explain and articulate why the adjustment would be in compliance with the PUC's decision. Because it was a little confusing looking at the schedules that ended up with the same number, referring to the 2nd page of the compliance filing HJS-1 under expenses, the PUC requested that PWSB clarify this schedule as part of the new compliance filing. **Vote 3-0.**

PWSB was instructed to file a revised compliance filing by the end of business today. The Division will have two days to review and file a position.

The Open Meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.