



**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Water Resources Board**
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**CONSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING**

April 8, 2008

Members Present:

Robert Griffith
Frank Perry
June Swallow

Members Absent:

Pamela Marchand

Staff Present:

Romeo Mendes
Juan Mariscal

Guests

John Faile
Chris Champi
John Ratcliffe

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Perry called the meeting to order at 10:13 AM noting that there was a quorum present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Perry noted that the minutes of the March 5, 2008 meeting were not yet ready therefore the committee would move onto items for discussion and approval.

III ITEMS FOR ACTION:

Interconnection Program – Eligibility Determination New Lincoln/Smithfield Connection.

Mr. Mendes explained that the project actually consisted of two separate connections which were originally detailed in the September 2000 Emergency Water Systems Interconnection study. The preliminary estimate for project design, construction and contingencies is \$1,352,000.00. The proposed project was reviewed under the current emergency interconnection rules and regulations and found to be eligible; therefore, staff's recommendation is for approval. Mr. Perry inquired as to whether or not the funding would be split between the two systems and also if the connection would allow flow in either direction. Mr. Faile responded the connection will be designed to allow flow in both directions and that with regard to funding, at certain stages either Lincoln or Smithfield would take the lead but basically an even split is envisioned. Ms. Swallow

reminded the committee that Health Department approval was required.

Motion: Ms. Swallow moved approval. The motion received a second from Mr. Griffith and passed unanimously.

Interconnection Program – Providence Water Reimbursement Request.

Mr. Perry introduced the item explaining that a request for reimbursement had been received for the previously approved interconnection project. The requested amount was for one half of the \$1,130,769.54 total expended to date or \$565,384.77.

Motion: Mr. Griffith moved approval. The motion received a second from Ms. Swallow and passed unanimously.

Interconnection Program – Cumberland Water Reimbursement Request.

Mr. Perry introduced the item explaining that a request for reimbursement had been received for the previously approved interconnection project. The requested amount was for one half of the \$101,373.26 total expended or \$50,686.63.

Motion: Ms. Swallow moved approval. The motion received a second from Mr. Griffith and passed unanimously.

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Romeo N. Mendes, P.E.
Supervising Civil Engineer

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