

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

IN RE: CITY OF NEWPORT, UTILITIES DEPT., WATER DIVISION'S APPLICATION  
TO CHANGE RATE SCHEDULES - DOCKET NOS. 4243 AND 4355

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-3-11, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, May 5, 2014 @ 6:00 P.M.** at the Newport Public Library, Program Room, 300 Spring Street, Newport, Rhode Island. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit comments regarding the above dockets. In these dockets, the PUC will examine the propriety of two filings simultaneously submitted by the City of Newport, Utilities Department, Water Division (Newport Water) seeking to implement revised rates and charges effective July 1, 2014.

In Docket No. 4243, Newport Water submitted a compliance filing seeking to implement its final rate increase under the Multi-Year Rate Plan approved by the PUC in this docket. Newport Water seeks to collect additional revenues of \$3,075,984 to support a total cost of service of \$17,321,802. The revenues sought will support increased debt service requirement for the design and construction of the new Lawton Valley Water Treatment Plant and improvements to the Station One Water Treatment Facility.

In Docket No. 4355, the PUC approved Newport Water's rates based on a fully allocated Cost of Service Study designed to be revenue neutral to Newport Water. In the instant filing, Newport Water filed a Miscellaneous Petition for Relief and a proposal to reduce the monthly base charge in Schedule C of its existing tariffs concurrent with the implementation of monthly billing to all customers. The relief sought will allow Newport Water to maintain the same amount of base charge revenues previously authorized by the PUC in this docket.

The combined impact of Newport Water's proposals on a residential customer's bill with an annual consumption of 60,000 gallons is an increase of \$119.60 per year from \$540.28 to \$659.88, or 22.1%. The impact on all other classes will vary based on customer rate class and consumption. The PUC can approve different rates that may be higher or lower than those proposed by the Newport Water.

The filings are on file for examination at the PUC's office and at office of the Newport Water, 70 Halsey Street, Newport, Rhode Island. The filings can also be accessed at [www.ripuc.org](http://www.ripuc.org), Commission Docket Menu, Docket 4243 and Docket 4355. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk  
April 25, 2014