

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

**IN RE: CITY OF NEWPORT, UTILITIES DEPARTMENT, WATER DIVISION
APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATE SCHEDULES**

DOCKET NO: 4128

**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, UTILITIES DEPARTMENT,
WATER DIVISION, OF FILING AND CHANGE IN RATE SCHEDULES**

On November 2, 2009, pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 39-3-11, the City of Newport, Utilities Department, Water Division (“Newport Water”) hereby gives notice that it has filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) an application to change the existing rates it charges each of its customer classes through the filing of a Cost of Service Study. Newport Water’s application does not seek an increase in its operating revenues.

The impact of Newport’s request will vary based on customer classification. For a typical residential customer, who uses 60,000 per gallons per year, the impact of this request will result in a decrease of \$18.20 per year or - 4.8%. The impact on all other customers will vary based on customer class. Please note that while Newport Water is requesting this change in rates, the Commission, after full investigation and hearings, may order different rates than proposed by Newport.

While the new rates are proposed to become effective December 2, 2009, the Commission can suspend the rates up to nine months from the proposed effective date. No rate change will take effect until the Commission has conducted a full investigation and hearing on the proposal. The Commission will publish a notice of the hearing dates when they are scheduled. Ratepayers may comment on the proposed rate increases at that time.

A copy of the application is on file for examination at the Newport Water’s office and at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. A copy of the filing was also provided to The Town of Portsmouth, The Town of Middletown and the United States Navy. A copy was also provided to the Rhode Island Attorney General’s Department, Consumer Division. Subscriber billing statements will contain notice of this filing. Some larger subscribers will receive notice in their monthly billing and others in their regular billing.

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