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MEMORANDUM

To: The Chair and Members of the Commission

From: Amy J. Woodward, Public Utility Analyst III

Subject: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UNITED WATER DELAWARE INC. (UWDE) FOR A REVISION TO RESIDENTIAL VOLUMETRIC RATE RESULTING FROM CHANGE TO MONTHLY BILLING (FILED NOVEMBER 13, 2014) – PSC DOCKET NO. 14-0526

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On November 13, 2014, United Water Delaware Inc. (“United” or the “Company”) filed an application seeking approval for a revision to residential volumetric rate resulting from changing its customers from quarterly to monthly billing beginning January 1, 2015. The Company proposes to re-state the consumption blocks to equivalent monthly amounts. In addition, United proposes minor adjustments to the rate per 1,000 gallons for the second and third blocks. Their current tariff reflects both monthly and quarterly amounts with respect to Fixed Service Charges.

On November 25, 2014, United also filed a request with the PSC for a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement recommended for tariff changes so that the PSC may act expeditiously with regard to this billing and rate change. They submit the waiver in good cause stating that this conversion to monthly billing will result in a slight revenue decrease in rates overall to the Company which will benefit their Residential Customers.

The Commission approved United’s application and recognized that there may be a slight revenue decrease to its Residential customers. The Commission also granted the

60-day waiver requirement filed by the Company. PSC Order No. 8690 supported United and found “good cause” to grant the 60-day waiver.

Staff and Staff’s consultant Brian Kalcic of Excel Consulting reviewed the application and the new rate consumption blocks that were submitted in seeking approval of its change from quarterly to monthly billing. Attached is a schedule that reflects Staff’s replication of Proposed 14-0526 Proof of Revenue for United. As originally projected United will have a slight revenue decrease in rates in the amount of \$26,157 when converting their quarterly billing to monthly billing which will be a benefit to the Residential Customers.

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the final PSC Order No. 8712 for United to allow them to change their billing to their Residential Customers from quarterly to monthly billing.