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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

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.

Staff recommends that the Commission approve United’s application and recognizes that there may be a slight revenue decrease to its Residential customers. Staff recommends that this application be examined more closely to ensure that the residential rate blocks are converted

from quarterly to monthly billing consistent with the tariff and additional information United has provided.

Staff also recommends that the Commission grant the 60-day waiver requirement filed by the Company due to good cause as a possible reduction in rates to its Residential customers. PSC Order No. 8690 supports United and found “good cause” to grant the 60-day waiver.