

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.6, following is a concise explanatory statement:

AGENCY: RI Water Resources Board

RULE IDENTIFIER: *490-RICR-00-00-6 (ERLID 768)*

RULE TITLE: Rhode Island Water Facilities Program Administrative Procedure

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: The purpose of the regulation is to set eligibility requirements and application procedures for water facilities assistance grants to invest in water transmission and system interconnectivity (pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 46-15.2). The Rhode Island Water Facilities Assistance Program enables the Water Resources Board to assist public water systems in obtaining and delivering potable water to meet present and future needs throughout the state of Rhode Island.

Amendments to the existing regulation improve grammar, eliminate restatements of statute, correct or eliminate outdated references, clarify and update legal language related to any acts of fraud.

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS: No comments or objections were received

CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE: There is no change in the text of the final rule as compared to the proposed rule published in the public notice.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS: The changes amend an existing regulation, are not substantive and do not result in any changes to the mandates. Societal benefits include assistance to public water systems in obtaining and delivering potable water to meet present and future needs throughout the state of Rhode Island. In amending this rule, consideration was given to: 1) alternative approaches; 2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and 3) significant economic impact on small

business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based on available information and there is no impact on small business.