

RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
WATER RESOURCES BOARD

Title of Rule: Rules of Procedure for Administrative Hearings

Rule Identifier: 490-RICR-00-00-9

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Adoption

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: November 21, 2023

End of Public Comment: December 22, 2023

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § § 46-15-2(b)

46-15-2.1

42-35-9

42-35-15

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The proposed rules prescribe procedures and requirements for the Water Resources Board ("Board") to review, and if required, issue decisions and orders from appeals related to the denial of water supply extensions by water suppliers.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed adoption until December 22, 2023 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

The proposed rules represent the most effective and least burdensome method of fulfilling the requirements set forth in R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 46-15-2(b), 46-15-2.1. They offer maximum flexibility and are drafted to reduce costs to all parties and WRB. Matters may be resolved through a prehearing process (9.5 D); Records may be condensed (9.5E); A full hearing may be waived (9.6 H); And alternate methods for reaching agreement are provided for (9.6 I, J).

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.