PUBLIC NOTICE

File Number: 2020-02-043  Date: July 16, 2020

This office has under consideration the application of:

The Narragansett Bay Commission
Attn: Kathryn Kelley, P.E.
CSO Program Manager
One Service Road
Providence, RI 02905

for a State of Rhode Island Assent to:

Implement Phase IIIA and Phase IIIB of its Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Abatement Program (the Phase III Program). CSO Abatement is a requirement of a Consent Agreement between NBC and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM). The Phase III Program will be focused in Pawtucket and Central Falls, which is serviced by the Bucklin Point Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) in East Providence.

The Phase III Program will include construction of the Pawtucket Tunnel, tunnel pump station, four (4) drop shafts, gate and screening structures, consolidation conduits, and diversion structures. Related facilities will include green stormwater infrastructure, sewer separation, a tunnel odor control facility, emergency overflow structures, modifications to regulator structures, and enlargement of dry weather sewer connections. The Master Plan also includes upgrades at the Bucklin Point WWTF to improve operational and treatment efficiency and upgraded administrative facilities. All surface construction will occur in the public right-of-way or on properties owned or controlled by NBC. The project will include a temporary filtered groundwater infiltration discharge associated with Tunnel boring operations.

Portions of the work will occur within coastal areas and freshwater wetland areas regulated by the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC). The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) has deferred the Freshwater Wetlands review to the CRMC for review under CRMC’s Rules and Regulations Governing the Protection and Management of Fresh Water Wetland in the Vicinity of the Coast (650-RICR-20-00-2).

NBC has submitted an Assent Application and a Master Plan for the Phase III Program to CRMC for initial review and approval. Any Assent issued by CRMC on the Master Plan will be amended in the future as project designs mature and additional details become available.
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<td>City/Town:</td>
<td>Pawtucket, Central Falls, East Providence</td>
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<td>Plat/lot:</td>
<td>Numerous – see plans on file at CRMC Office</td>
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<td>Waterway:</td>
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Plans of the proposed work may be seen at the CRMC office in Wakefield.

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (Chapter 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws) you may request a hearing on this matter.

You are advised that if you have good reason to enter protests against the proposed work it is your privilege to do so. It is expected that objectors will review the application and plans thoroughly, visit site of proposed work if necessary, to familiarize themselves with the conditions and cite what law or laws, if any, would in their opinion be violated by the work proposed.

If you desire to protest, you must attend the scheduled hearing and give sworn testimony. A notice of the time and place of such hearing will be furnished you as soon as possible after receipt of your request for hearing. If you desire to request a hearing, to receive consideration, it should be in writing (with your correct mailing address, e-mail address and valid contact number) and be received at this office on or before August 16, 2020.