

EXHIBIT A

Summary of Enabling Legislation Amendments

1. **Section 2**, page 3, allowing RWA to conduct its non-core business outside of Connecticut.
 - In May we asked Murtha Cullina whether the RWA could acquire a noncore business if the business has operations outside of the RWA service territory and if some or all of the operations of the business are located outside of Connecticut. Memo attached.
 - As you will see in the attached that while Murtha concluded that the Enabling Legislation does not establish geographic boundaries in which a business must be located in order for it to qualify as a noncore business, Murtha also noted that the absence of guidance as to geographical limits for noncore acquisitions also means that the Enabling Legislation's provisions may be interpreted differently – particularly when the noncore business to be acquired has minimal or no Connecticut nexus. The revisions to the Enable Legislation now proposed is simply designed to make it explicitly clear that there is no geographic limitations for the non-core business.
2. **Section 4**, page 5, setting the Authority shall meet at least quarterly with the RPB. (This is just the reference that requires the RPB to meet quarterly with the Authority. (See below proposed change #5 – regarding Authority board meetings.)
3. **Section 4**, Page 6 correction of typo (the word timber)
4. **Section 5**, page 7, increasing the Authority board to seven members, providing exclusions to appointment (see below – not proposed for the Enabling Legislation), no less than 5 members shall be residents of the district and all shall be residents of the State of Connecticut. The increase to seven board members will be applicable in January 2025. The 6th member will be for an initial three year term and the 7th member for an initial five year term. No change to the full five-year term. See attached example. (The Enabling Legislation currently sets the term at five years.)
5. **Section 9**, page 8, allowing the Authority to meet at least quarterly. Also, setting that four members of Authority are a quorum applicable to when the board is more than five members.
6. **Section 14**, page 17, setting that interest rate can be applied to past due bills after the 28th day and allowing the RPB the ability to change the number of days. Also, fixing consistency within Section 14 regarding the interest rate charged not being more than the maximum allowed for unpaid taxes.
7. **Section 18**, page 21 and 22, combining (c) with (b) moving paragraph (c). Section 18, page 25, first paragraph, adding a period after the word records.
8. **Section 19**, page 24 and 25, adjust the \$2 million threshold for RPB approval of capital project as well as the non-core \$1 million threshold and allow for future adjustment based on a CPI factor, subject to RPB approval. The current proposal is to increase the \$2 million to \$3.5 million and the \$1 million to \$1.5 million, future CPI adjustments, subject to RPB approval. Also comports section 19 to section 18

when calculating the total weighted votes of the RPB membership need to approve various items. (Also see below new proposals.)

9. **Section 21**, page 25 & 26, looked at if the word “improvements” should be defined to eliminate questions about the applicability of certain provisions. Upon review, not proposing to further define improvements but to add “affiliated business entity” to Section 21.
10. **Section 22**, page 30, correcting the spelling of the word “all”.
11. **Section 30**, page 34, relates to the threshold for RPB approval of a project. See also #8 above. Proposal is to increase capital projects to \$3.5M and be adjusted, subject to RPB approval, by a CPI factor every three years.
12. **Special Act 03-12**, page 39, correcting the word “affect” to “effect”.

New Proposed Amendments

13. **Section 2**, page 3, add “sustainable manufacturing support” to allowed non-core business activity

Additional Information:

The EPA defines Sustainable manufacturing as “the creation of manufactured products through economically-sound processes that minimize negative environmental impacts while conserving energy and natural resources.”

As an example, a lab that provides analytical services critical to support sustainable manufacturing by enabling the lab’s manufacturing clients to operate their processes at the highest level of efficiency. An optimized manufacturing process minimizes process waste generation, minimizes energy usage, and minimizes scrap product.

Further, an optimized manufacturing process results in the highest throughput at the lowest possible operating cost while minimizing process waste generation and scrap. CT Manufacturers can thus produce the highest quality product with a competitive, compliant operation.

14. **Section 22** (b), page 27 remove “not exceeding forty years from their respective dates”
15. **Section 22** (h), page 30 remove “any bonds issued by it at a price of not more than the principal amount thereof and accrued interest”
16. **Section 4**, page 4 and 5, RPB compensation – update to base compensation amount (proposal is \$250), change to every third vs. fifth year, and update referenced dates
17. **Section 5**, page 7, Authority board consecutive term limits - 4 full terms, inclusive of existing members
18. **Section 5**, page 7, consider including a CPI factor for Authority board member compensation, applicable every three years, subject to RPB approval

Regarding #4 above, exclusions to appointments, handle through the rules and regulations vs. the Enabling Legislation, consider including the Authority board Chair as a non-voting member of the nominating committee

19. Total weighted votes for approval. Examples below are from the current wording:

Section 1: Increasing the 5% cap for non-core, is majority of total weighted votes of the RPB.

Section 5: Majority of votes present but two-thirds of the weighted votes need to be present. This is for approving Authority board members.

Section 18: Related to land sales is majority of total weighted votes, excluding vacancies. With land over 20 acres needing three-fourths of the total weighted votes, excluding vacancies. This currently addresses vacancies but not absences.

Section 19: Related to capital programs – is majority of total weighted votes. As currently written does not address vacancies or absences.

Section 14: Related to rate changes, does not specify the vote.

Proposed to change for the purpose of addressing vacancies and absences:

Section 1: Increasing the 5% cap for non-core, majority of total weighted votes present.

Section 5: Majority of votes present but two-thirds of the weighted votes need to be present.

Section 18: Related to land sales - majority of total weighted votes present. With land over 20 acres - three-fourths of the total weighted votes present.

Section 19: Related to capital programs – majority of total weighted votes present.

Section 14: Related to rate changes, does not specify the vote. Proposal is to leave as this is covered in the by-laws.

Note: There is no proposed change to the quorum requirement for RPB meetings

20. **Section 20** – change the requirement to publish a concise financial statement in a newspaper to allowing it to be posted on the Authority’s website. Also, remove the reference to providing a copy of the audit to the “public utilities control authority” - no longer required.

21. **Section 28** – the reference to the annual PURA report under 16-29 should be removed.
(We do file our audit with OMP)