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Ms. Stephanie De La Rosa
Clerk of the RI Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Blvd., 4th Fl.
Warwick, RI 02888

RE: Kent County Water Authority – Amendment to the Motion to Pass Through
Docket # 26-24-WW

Dear Ms. De La Rosa:

Please find enclosed herewith Kent County Water Authority's Revised Proposed Rate Schedule (Tariff) filed in the within Docket which corrects the Effective Date for bills issued on or after August 1, 2026. The electronic filing inadvertently listed this effective date incorrectly as July 1, 2026. However, the original hard copy and nine (9) copies correctly listed the correct effective date as of August 1, 2026.

I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Mary B. Shekarchi
Attorney at Law

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: Kent County Water Authority

Docket No.

MOTION TO PASS THROUGH WATER WHOLESALE RATE DECREASE/COMPLIANCE FILING

Now comes the Kent County Water Authority ("KCWA") and hereby files its request to pass through the Second Step increase in wholesale increase requested by Providence Water Supply Board ("PWSB")'s Multistep increase in Docket No. 24-51-WW.

KCWA submits this Motion to Pass Through a Wholesale Rate Decrease pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws ("RIGL"), §39-3-38.1 which provides as follows:

§39-3-38.1 Rate Adjustments – Purchase and Sales of water between regulated water supply boards. Regulated water supply boards which purchase wholesale water from another regulated water supply board may impose a retail rate increase. The total amount of the retail rate so imposed shall not exceed the amount of the wholesale rate increase. The proposed retail rate increase to be applied by the wholesale purchase shall be submitted no less than thirty (30) days prior to its effective date to the public utilities commission for its review and approval.

Attached hereto as Exhibit A, is pre-filed testimony of Mr. David Bebyn, together with exhibits in support of this Motion and the proposed rate schedules and review schedules and revenue schedules, each of which is incorporated herein by reference. This Motion to Pass Through a Wholesale Rate Increase is based upon the compliance filing of the PWSB multiyear step increase to its rates which would decrease the KCWA wholesale price of water by 2.57% from \$1,999.92 per million gallons to \$1,948.54 per million gallons, which will result in decreased purchased expenses of \$121,139.00 per year. As detailed in the attached Exhibit A, the proposed pass-through will result in a rate decrease in KCWA's metering rates in order to meet the annual expenses.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to RIGL, § 39-3-38.1, Rate Adjustments, KCWA hereby requests the PUC grant the within Motion as it relates to any wholesale decrease granted

to PWSB in Docket No. 24-51-WW, such pass through be effective the 1st day of August 2026, per the PUC's Order in Docket No. 24-51-WW.

Respectfully submitted,
Kent County Water Authority
By its attorney,

Dated: June 26, 2026

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that on this 26th day of June 2026, I filed Nine (9) copies of the within Motion with the PUC and a copy to Mr. Leo Wold, Attorney of the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers at 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI 02888.

/s/MBS

**Pre-Filed Direct Testimony
of
David G. Bebyn CPA**

**On Behalf of
Kent County Water Authority
Docket No. 26-__-WW**

June 25, 2026

1 INTRODUCTION

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3 **Q. Please state your name and business address for the record.**

4 A. My name is David G. Bebyn CPA and my business address is 840 Cumberland Hill
5 Road STE 7, Woonsocket, Rhode Island 02895.

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7 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

8 A. I am the President of B&E Consulting LLC (B&E). B&E is a CPA firm that
9 specializes in utility regulation, expert rate and accounting testimony, and accounting
10 services.

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12 **Q. Mr. Bebyn, have you testified as an expert accounting witness prior to this**
13 **docket?**

14 A Yes. I have provided testimony on several rate-related matters before utility
15 commissions in Rhode Island and Connecticut. Regarding the Rhode Island Public
16 Utilities Commission (Commission), I have prepared testimony and testified in by Kent
17 County Water Authority's (KCWA) last rate filings in Docket #25-34-WW in support of
18 an abbreviated filing which KCWA filed a motion to pass through wholesale rate
19 increase. In addition to KCWA's abbreviated filing, I provided testimony and testified in
20 Dockets #24-51-WW regarding revenue requirement and rate design on behalf of the
21 KCWA in their intervention of Providence Water Supply Board rate case. I have
22 prepared testimony and testified in Pascoag Utility District in Docket #24-14-EL in
23 support of the adjusted test year, rate year and rate design. In addition, I also prepared
24 testimony and testified in the Woonsocket Water Division's (WWD) last rate filing in
25 Docket #25-01-WW in support of the adjusted test year and rate year.

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27 **Q. What is your educational background?**

28 A. I received my Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting (BSA) from Rhode Island
29 College. I became a Certified Public Accountant in 2000 after passing the CPA exam.

1 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

2 A. B&E was engaged by KCWA to provide testimony to support a pass-through
3 decrease to reflect the second step decrease of the Providence Water low service
4 wholesale decrease by the step 2 compliance filing in Docket No. 24-51-WW.

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6 **Q. What is the impact of the decrease proposed by Providence Water on the Kent**
7 **County Water Authority?**

8 A. The decrease in Providence Water's wholesale rate from \$1,999.92/mg
9 (\$1.495939/HCF) to the new rate approved for FY 2027 in Docket 24-51-WW will
10 decrease purchased water expenses as shown on DGB Schedule 1. Schedule 1 also uses
11 the Providence water rate it charges to Warwick for the portion of water KCWA
12 purchases from Warwick. The proposed and existing rates are the same for both KCWA
13 and Warwick in Docket No. 24-51-WW.

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15 **Q. How does the Kent County Water Authority propose to address these reduced**
16 **costs?**

17 A. The Authority proposes to decrease its metered water rates as shown in DGB
18 Schedule 2.

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20 **Q. Does the Authority propose adjusting any other of its rates and charges?**

21 A. No, as in the past, the Authority is only proposing to decrease the metered water
22 rates for this pass-through decrease. In conformance with the Authority's cost of
23 service study, nearly all purchased water costs are allocated to the base, metered
24 water rates. As a result, only the metered water rates would be impacted by
25 the pass-through.

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27 **Q. Have you prepared a schedule that shows the reconciliation of revenues**
28 **under your proposed pass-through rates?**

29 A. Yes, the bottom portion of DGB Schedule 2 presents the calculation of
30 revenues under the proposed rates. Because the rates are rounded to the nearest
31 \$0.001, the revenues do not match exactly.

1 **Q. Have you prepared a schedule showing the impacts on various customers?**

2 A. Yes, DGB Schedule 3 presents the impacts at various uses and meter
3 sizes. Because no change to the fire protection or service charges is proposed, the
4 impacts vary. Fire service accounts see no increase. Smaller volume customers
5 will see decreases less than the average because a portion of their bill is
6 due to the service charge where there is no change proposed. As usage increases
7 and the metered water rate portion of the bill becomes larger, the percentage impacts
8 approach the decrease in the metered rates that were calculated.

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10 **Q. Have you prepared a comparison of the current and proposed rates?**

11 A. Yes, I have. DGB Schedule 4 presents the current and proposed rates
12 and shows the percentage change in each.

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14 **Q. Does that conclude your testimony?**

15 A. Yes.

COST OF WATER PURCHASED - RATE YEAR
Kent County Water Authority

DGB Compliance-Schedule-1
FY-2027 (Step 2) PWSB Pass-through

Current purchase water costs using the current providence water rate (FY 2026) and consumption as reported in KCWA Docket 5161

	(B) (A / 100) HCF	(C) Low service Wholesale Step 1 Rates of PWSB by Docket 24-51-WW	(D) (B x C) cost of purchased water
<u>Water Purchased Direct from Providence</u>	2,590,693	1.495939	\$ 3,875,518
<u>Water Purchased via Warwick</u> (664,081+37,062 for additional QDC)	<u>701,143</u>	1.495939	<u>\$ 1,048,867</u>
Total Purchase	3,291,836		\$ 4,924,385
<u>Water Purchased by Warwick</u>	<u>(139,715)</u>	1.495939	<u>\$ (209,005)</u>
Net Purchase	<u>3,152,121</u>		<u>\$ 4,715,380</u>

Proposed purchase water costs using the FY 2027 Providence water rate as reported in Docket 24-51-WW per Step 2 compliance schedules after Commission open meeting of June 5.

	(B) (A / 100) HCF	(C) Low service Wholesale Step 1 Rates of PWSB by Docket 24-51-WW	(D) (B x C) cost of purchased water
<u>Water Purchased Direct from Providence</u>	2,590,693	1.457508	\$ 3,775,955
<u>Water Purchased via Warwick</u> (664,081+37,062 for additional QDC)	<u>701,143</u>	1.457508	<u>\$ 1,021,922</u>
Total Purchase	3,291,836		\$ 4,797,877
<u>Water Purchased by Warwick</u>	<u>(139,715)</u>	1.457508	<u>\$ (203,636)</u>
Net Purchase	<u>3,152,121</u>		<u>\$ 4,594,241</u>
Net Increase in Cost			\$ (121,139) -2.57%

Calculation of Proposed Rates
Kent County Water Authority

DGB Compliance-Schedule-2
FY-2027 (step2) PWSB Pass-through

Current Rates

Docket 5161 modified for PWSB step 1			
Consumption Charge:	Number 100/cu.ft.	Rate	Revenue
Small-Single Register	2,523,356	\$5.142	\$ 12,975,096
Medium-Single Register	34,267	\$5.465	\$ 187,271
Large-Single Register	69,253	\$5.014	\$ 347,236
Medium-with Bypass	94,938	\$5.465	\$ 518,836
Large-with Bypass	526,880	\$5.014	\$ 2,641,776
Wholesale	35,135	\$3.763	\$ 132,213
			<u>\$ 16,802,428</u>
Increase Annual Revenue Required (DGB Schedule 1)			\$ (121,139)
Percentage Increase Required in Water Rates			-0.72%

Revenue Required

Current Revenue	\$ 16,802,428
Increase	(121,139)
Proposed Revenue Required	<u>\$ 16,681,289</u>

Proposed Rates

Consumption Charge:	Current Rates	% Increase	Proposed Rates
Small-Single Register	\$5.142	-0.72%	\$5.105
Medium-Single Register	\$5.465	-0.72%	\$5.426
Large-Single Register	\$5.014	-0.72%	\$4.978
Medium-with Bypass	\$5.465	-0.72%	\$5.426
Large-with Bypass	\$5.014	-0.72%	\$4.978
Wholesale	\$3.763	-0.72%	\$3.736

Consumption Charge:	Number 100/cu.ft.	Rate	Revenue
Small-Single Register	2,523,356	\$5.105	\$ 12,881,732
Medium-Single Register	34,267	\$5.426	\$ 185,934
Large-Single Register	69,253	\$4.978	\$ 344,743
Medium-with Bypass	94,938	\$5.426	\$ 515,134
Large-with Bypass	526,880	\$4.978	\$ 2,622,809
Wholesale	35,135	\$3.736	\$ 131,264
Proposed Revenue			\$ 16,681,615
Revenue Required			\$ 16,681,289
Difference			\$ 327
Percentage			0.002%

IMPACT OF PROPOSED RATES

Kent County Water Authority

DGB Schedule-3

FY-2027 (step2) PWSB Pass-through

METER SIZE	YEARLY USE - CU FT	CURRENT BILL	<----- PROPOSED ----->		
			NEW BILL	\$ INCREASE	% INCREASE
Small-Single Register					
5/8	1,500.00	\$136.53	\$135.98	(\$0.56)	-0.41%
5/8	2,000.00	\$162.24	\$161.50	(\$0.74)	-0.46%
5/8	5,000.00	\$316.50	\$314.65	(\$1.85)	-0.58%
5/8	10,000.00	\$573.60	\$569.90	(\$3.70)	-0.65%
1	30,000.00	\$1,621.68	\$1,610.58	(\$11.10)	-0.68%
1	75,000.00	\$3,935.58	\$3,907.83	(\$27.75)	-0.71%
2	100,000.00	\$5,289.84	\$5,252.84	(\$37.00)	-0.70%
2	200,000.00	\$10,431.84	\$10,357.84	(\$74.00)	-0.71%
Medium-Single Register					
3	50,000.00	\$2,922.10	\$2,902.60	(\$19.50)	-0.67%
3	125,000.00	\$7,020.85	\$6,972.10	(\$48.75)	-0.69%
4	250,000.00	\$13,933.22	\$13,835.72	(\$97.50)	-0.70%
4	1,000,000.00	\$54,920.72	\$54,530.72	(\$390.00)	-0.71%
Large-Single Register					
6	250,000.00	\$12,985.00	\$12,895.00	(\$90.00)	-0.69%
6	575,000.00	\$29,280.50	\$29,073.50	(\$207.00)	-0.71%
6	775,000.00	\$39,308.50	\$39,029.50	(\$279.00)	-0.71%
8	2,000,000.00	\$101,042.12	\$100,322.12	(\$720.00)	-0.71%
Medium-with Bypass	Sm meter/Med meter usage -- 68%/32%				
3	40,000/18,823 - 58,823 Total	\$3,404.28	\$3,381.34	(\$22.94)	-0.67%
4	90,000/42,352 - 132,352 Total	\$7,503.76	\$7,452.14	(\$51.62)	-0.69%
Large-with Bypass	Sm meter/Lrg meter usage-- 68%/32%				
6	250,000/117,647- 367,470 total	\$18,883.82	\$18,751.47	(\$132.35)	-0.70%
8	750,000/352,941-1,102,941 total	\$56,063.58	\$55,666.52	(\$397.06)	-0.71%
Wholesale		\$132,220.03	\$131,264.36	(\$955.67)	-0.72%
Municipal Fire Service	400 hydrants	\$262,491.60	\$262,491.60	\$0.00	0.00%
Private Fire Service	6 Inch Service	\$700.08	\$700.08	\$0.00	0.00%

COMPARISON TO CURRENT RATES

Kent County Water Authority

DGB Schedule-4.0

FY-2027 (step2) PWSB Pass-through

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<u>METERED RATES</u>				
Small (5/8-2" meters) Single Register	\$5.142	\$5.105	(\$0.037)	-0.72%
Medium (3&4" meters) Single Register	\$5.465	\$5.426	(\$0.039)	-0.71%
Large (6" & up meters) Single Register	\$5.014	\$4.978	(\$0.036)	-0.72%
Medium Compound Meters with Bypass	\$5.465	\$5.426	(\$0.039)	-0.71%
Large Compound Meters with Bypass	\$5.014	\$4.978	(\$0.036)	-0.72%
Wholesale	\$3.763	\$3.736	(\$0.027)	-0.72%

SERVICE CHARGES

Monthly	5/8 & 3/4	\$4.95	\$	4.95	\$0.000	0.00%
	1	\$6.59	\$	6.59	\$0.000	0.00%
	1 1/2	\$9.66	\$	9.66	\$0.000	0.00%
	2	\$12.32	\$	12.32	\$0.000	0.00%
	3	\$15.80	\$	15.80	\$0.000	0.00%
	4	\$22.56	\$	22.56	\$0.000	0.00%
	6	\$37.50	\$	37.50	\$0.000	0.00%
	8 & up	\$63.51	\$	63.51	\$0.000	0.00%

FIRE CHARGES

Fire Service (per Month)

		<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Public	/hydrant	\$54.68	\$54.68	\$0.000	0.00%
	/bill	\$2.90	\$2.90	\$0.000	0.00%
Private (per month)					
	4 in	\$21.98	\$21.98	\$0.000	0.00%
	6 in	\$58.34	\$58.34	\$0.000	0.00%
	8 in	\$121.04	\$121.04	\$0.000	0.00%
	10 in	\$215.36	\$215.36	\$0.000	0.00%
	12 in	\$346.09	\$346.09	\$0.000	0.00%