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September 12, 2025

Ms. Stephanie De La Rosa, Clerk  
RI Public Utilities Commission  
89 Jefferson Blvd.  
Warwick, RI 02888


RE:    Kent County Water Authority – Motion to Pass Through

Dear Ms. De La Rosa:

Please find enclosed herewith the original and nine (9) copies of the Kent County Authority's Motion to Pass Through Water Wholesale Rate Decrease/Compliance Filing.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Mary B. Shekarchi  
Attorney at Law

Enclosure

Cc: Mr. Leo Wold, Esq.  
Division of Public Utilities & Carriers

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 first 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 7.42% from \$2,160.30 per million gallons to \$ 1,999.92 per million gallons, which will result in increased purchased expenses of \$445,588.00 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 2025, per the PUC's Order in Docket No. 24-51-WW.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kent County Water Authority  
By its attorney,

Dated: September 12, 2025

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#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025, 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 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903

/s/MBS

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

**On Behalf of  
Kent County Water Authority  
Docket No. 25-\_\_-WW**

**September 11, 2025**

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 21 Dryden Lane,  
5 Providence, Rhode Island 02904.

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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, tax 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 #5161 in support of an  
18 abbreviated filing which KCWA filed a motion to pass through wholesale rate increase.  
19 In addition to KCWA's abbreviated filing, I provided testimony and testified in Dockets  
20 #24-51-WW regarding revenue requirement and rate design on behalf of the KCWA in  
21 their intervention of Providence Water Supply Board rate case. I have prepared  
22 testimony and testified in Pascoag Utility District in Docket #24-14-EL in support of the  
23 adjusted test year, rate year and rate design. In addition, I also prepared testimony and  
24 testified in the Woonsocket Water Division's (WWD) last rate filing in Docket #25-01-  
25 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 first step decrease of the Providence Water wholesale decrease by  
4 the 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 \$2,160.30/mg &  
9 \$2,320.88/mg to the new rate approved for FY 2026 in Docket 24-51-WW will decrease  
10 purchased water expenses as shown on DGB Schedule 1. Schedule 1 also uses the  
11 Providence water rate it charges to Warwick for the portion of water KCWA purchases  
12 from Warwick. While the proposed rates are the same for both KCWA and Warwick, the  
13 existing rates were different.

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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-2026 PWSB Pass-through

**Current purchase water costs using the current providence water rate (FY 2025) and consumption as reported in KCWA Docket 5161**

	(B) ( A / 100 ) HCF	(C) Individual Wholesale 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	1.615908	\$ 4,186,321
<u>Water Purchased via Warwick</u> (664,081+37,062 for additional QDC)	701,143	1.736015	\$ 1,217,195
<b>Total Purchase</b>	3,291,836		\$ 5,403,516
<u>Water Purchased by Warwick</u>	(139,715)	1.736015	\$ (242,547)
<b>Net Purchase</b>	<u>3,152,121</u>		<u>\$ 5,160,968</u>

**Proposed purchase water costs using the FY 2026 Providence water rate as reported in Docket 24-51-WW per compliance schedules after Commission open meeting of July 24.**

	(B) ( A / 100 ) HCF	(C) Individual Wholesale 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)	701,143	1.495939	\$ 1,048,867
<b>Total Purchase</b>	3,291,836		\$ 4,924,385
<u>Water Purchased by Warwick</u>	(139,715)	1.495939	\$ (209,005)
<b>Net Purchase</b>	<u>3,152,121</u>		<u>\$ 4,715,380</u>
 <b>Net Increase in Cost</b>			 \$ (445,588) -8.63%



Calculation of Proposed Rates  
Kent County Water Authority

DGB Compliance-Schedule-2  
FY-2026 PWSB Pass-through

Current Rates

Consumption Charge:	Docket 5161		Revenue
	Number 100/cu.ft.	Rate	
Small-Single Register	2,523,356	\$5.278	\$ 13,318,272
Medium-Single Register	34,267	\$5.610	\$ 192,239
Large-Single Register	69,253	\$5.147	\$ 356,447
Medium-with Bypass	94,938	\$5.610	\$ 532,602
Large-with Bypass	526,880	\$5.147	\$ 2,711,851
Wholesale	35,135	\$3.863	\$ 135,727
			<u>\$ 17,247,138</u>
Increase Annual Revenue Required (DGB Schedule 1)			\$ (445,588)
Percentage Increase Required in Water Rates			-2.58%

Revenue Required

Current Revenue	\$ 17,247,138
Increase	(445,588)
Proposed Revenue Required	<u>\$ 16,801,550</u>

Proposed Rates

Consumption Charge:	Current Rates	% Increase	Proposed Rates
Small-Single Register	\$5.278	-2.58%	\$5.142
Medium-Single Register	\$5.610	-2.58%	\$5.465
Large-Single Register	\$5.147	-2.58%	\$5.014
Medium-with Bypass	\$5.610	-2.58%	\$5.465
Large-with Bypass	\$5.147	-2.58%	\$5.014
Wholesale	\$3.863	-2.58%	\$3.763

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
Proposed Revenue			\$ 16,802,428
Revenue Required			\$ 16,801,550
Difference			\$ 878
Percentage			0.005%

IMPACT OF PROPOSED RATES  
Kent County Water Authority

DGB Schedule-3  
FY-2026 PWSB Pass-through

METER SIZE	YEARLY USE - CU FT	CURRENT BILL	<----- PROPOSED -----> NEW BILL      \$ INCREASE      % INCREASE		
Small-Single Register					
5/8	1,500.00	\$138.57	\$136.53      (\$2.04)      -1.47%		
5/8	2,000.00	\$164.96	\$162.24      (\$2.72)      -1.65%		
5/8	5,000.00	\$323.30	\$316.50      (\$6.80)      -2.10%		
5/8	10,000.00	\$587.20	\$573.60      (\$13.60)      -2.32%		
1	30,000.00	\$1,662.48	\$1,621.68      (\$40.80)      -2.45%		
1	75,000.00	\$4,037.58	\$3,935.58      (\$102.00)      -2.53%		
2	100,000.00	\$5,425.84	\$5,289.84      (\$136.00)      -2.51%		
2	200,000.00	\$10,703.84	\$10,431.84      (\$272.00)      -2.54%		
Medium-Single Register					
3	50,000.00	\$2,994.60	\$2,922.10      (\$72.50)      -2.42%		
3	125,000.00	\$7,202.10	\$7,020.85      (\$181.25)      -2.52%		
4	250,000.00	\$14,295.72	\$13,933.22      (\$362.50)      -2.54%		
4	1,000,000.00	\$56,370.72	\$54,920.72      (\$1,450.00)      -2.57%		
Large-Single Register					
6	250,000.00	\$13,317.50	\$12,985.00      (\$332.50)      -2.50%		
6	575,000.00	\$30,045.25	\$29,280.50      (\$764.75)      -2.55%		
6	775,000.00	\$40,339.25	\$39,308.50      (\$1,030.75)      -2.56%		
8	2,000,000.00	\$103,702.12	\$101,042.12      (\$2,660.00)      -2.57%		
Medium-with Bypass      Sm meter/Med meter usage -- 68%/32%					
3	40,000/18,823 - 58,823 Total	\$3,489.57	\$3,404.28      (\$85.29)      -2.44%		
4	90,000/42,352 - 132,352 Total	\$7,695.67	\$7,503.76      (\$191.91)      -2.49%		
Large-with Bypass      Sm meter/Lrg meter usage-- 68%/32%					
6	250,000/117,647- 367,470 total	\$19,372.79	\$18,883.82      (\$488.97)      -2.52%		
8	750,000/352,941-1,102,941 total	\$57,530.49	\$56,063.58      (\$1,466.91)      -2.55%		
Wholesale		\$135,726.51	\$132,220.03      (\$3,506.47)      -2.58%		
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-2026 PWSB Pass-through

		<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<b><u>METERED RATES</u></b>					
	Small (5/8-2" meters) Single Register	\$5.278	\$5.142	(\$0.136)	-2.58%
	Medium (3&4" meters) Single Register	\$5.610	\$5.465	(\$0.145)	-2.58%
	Large (6" & up meters) Single Register	\$5.147	\$5.014	(\$0.133)	-2.58%
	Medium Compound Meters with Bypass	\$5.610	\$5.465	(\$0.145)	-2.58%
	Large Compound Meters with Bypass	\$5.147	\$5.014	(\$0.133)	-2.58%
	Wholesale	\$3.863	\$3.763	(\$0.100)	-2.58%
<b><u>SERVICE CHARGES</u></b>					
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%
<b><u>FIRE CHARGES</u></b>					
<u>Fire Service (per Month)</u>		<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%