

IN RE: KENT COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY-PASS THROUGH RATE INCREASE FROM
PROVIDENCE WATER WHOLESALE RATE CHANGE

Docket Number _____ 4994 _____

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATE

Providence Water Supply Board (“PWSB”) filed a multiyear step increase to its rates on December 2, 2019, which was approved by the RI Public Utilities Commission (“PUC”) in Docket No.4994. Kent County Water Authority (“KCWA”) purchases water at a wholesale rate from PWSB. Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws (“RIGL”), § 39-3-38.1, KCWA may impose a retail rate adjustment as long as the PUC has approved the wholesale rate increase. KCWA must pass through wholesale rate costs to cover the increased expenses from PWSB. Pursuant to RIGL and the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission, KCWA hereby gives notice of a change in rates as a result of increase wholesale water charges by PWSB.

PWSB’s first approved step increase of wholesale water costs was 16.34%. This cost did not affect KCWA customers as it was absorbed as part of a settlement agreement under PUC Docket No. 5012 that decreased rates to the customers.

PWSB’s second approved step increase of wholesale water costs of 4.02% are to become effective July 1, 2021. As a result, KCWA pass through will increase retail customers rates by 1.18%. The average retail customer will see a yearly billing of \$165.33 of the proposed rates, a \$1.24 increase over the current rates for the same amount of water consumed. The KCWA wholesale rate to Quonset Development Corporation will increase by 1.18%.

A copy of this notice is on file at our office at 1072 Main Street, West Warwick, RI or can be accessed on our website www.kentcountywater.org/current-rate-filings.aspx. All documents may be examined by the public during regular business hours. The motion to pass through may be accessed via the RI Public Utilities Commission website, www.ripuc.ri.gov.

Kent County Water Authority