

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: KENT COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY  
Docket Number: **5012**

**NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATE**

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws (“RIGL”), § 39-3-11 and in accordance with Section 5.4 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission, and the Kent County Water Authority (KCWA) hereby gives notice of a proposed change in rates filed and published in compliance with RIGL, §39-3-10.

The new rates, as proposed are to become effective March 2, 2020. The new rates are designed to reduce operating revenue in a twelve (12) month period by \$2,050,751.00 to support total operating revenue in the amount of \$21,894,055.00. The bill impact on a typical residential customer using 8,000 cubic feet of water per year is a decrease of \$63.56 per year from \$739.44 to \$678.85 or -8.6%.

KCWA proposes to reduce rates for small meters sized 2 inches or less. Also, to create a blended rate for Medium and Large compound meters with a bypass that will result in a net reduction due to the effect of its bypass meter. KCWA further proposes to create a new tariff class for single register large and medium meter customers. This new tariff class will result in a rate increase ranging from 15.4% to 17.4% for 19 single register medium and large metered customers. KCWA proposes revised rates for all public and private fire services that will result in a rate decreases ranging from 22.8% to 29.50%. KCWA also seeks to create a new wholesale rate for Quonset Development Corporation. Lastly, KCWA proposes to fund an ongoing meter replacement program.

While the new rates requested are proposed to become effective March 2, 2020, the Commission can suspend the rates up to eight months from the proposed effective date. No rate change will take effect until the Commission has conducted a full investigation and hearing on the proposal. The Commission will publish a notice of the hearing dates when they are scheduled. Ratepayers may comment on the proposed rate increases at that time.

A copy of this filing is on file at our office 1072 Main Street or on our website [www.kentcountywater.org](http://www.kentcountywater.org) and at the Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick RI 02889 and its website [www.ripuc.ri.org](http://www.ripuc.ri.org) and may be examined by the public during business hours. Also, copies are available at the public libraries and cities and towns we service.

Kent County Water Authority