

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: KENT COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY :  
GENERAL RATE APPLICATION : DOCKET NO. 4142

KENT COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY'S ("KCWA")  
RESPONSES TO THE  
COMMISSION'S FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS  
Issued January 29, 2010

1-1. What is the test year of the Kent County Water Authority in this filing?

Response: The test year is November 1, 2008 – October 31, 2009

Witness Responsible: C. Woodcock, T. Brown

1-2. What is the rate year of the Kent County Water Authority in this filing?

Response: The rate year is March 1, 2010 – February 28, 2011

Witness Responsible: C. Woodcock, T. Brown

1-3. Please reconcile the differences between the rate increase figures used in Mr. Brown's testimony with those used by Mr. Woodcock.

Response: The impacts shown in Mr. Woodcock's Sch 10 are correct. Page 3, line 14 of Mr. Brown's testimony should be changed from "\$12.05 increase per quarter" to "\$11.28 increase per quarter", line 13 should be changed from "13 cents per day" to "12 cents per day", and line 16 should be changed from "\$159.72 or \$1.77 per day" to "149.46 or \$1.64 per day".

Witness Responsible: C. Woodcock, T. Brown

1-4. The miscellaneous revenues totals on Mr. Woodcock's Schedule 1 and Schedule 11 do not agree. Please provide an explanation. What is the impact of the difference on KCWA's request?

Response: The value on Schedule 11 should be the same \$354,259 as shown on Schedule 1. This has no impact on the requested rates or amounts.

Witness Responsible: C. Woodcock

1-5. Mr. Woodcock's schedules refer to the Test Year in Docket 3942. Are the adjustments in the schedules to the allowed revenues in Docket No. 3942 or Docket No. 4067, KCWA's Request for a Pass-Through of Wholesale rates?

Response: The test year amounts are those from Docket 4067. Aside from the change in the purchased water cost (Docket 4067) they are also the same as those in Docket 3942.

Witness Responsible: C. Woodcock

- 1-6. Given the fact that KCWA has experienced consumption at levels below those upon which rates were set in Docket No. 4067, what measures, other than deferring funding to the IFR and Operating Revenue Allowance restricted fund, has KCWA taken to reduce its operating costs?

Response:

Kent County Water Authority has frozen all non-essential expenditures. All expenditures require the General Manager's approval prior to purchase no matter how small or large. This allows management full control over the expenditures based on cash flow as well as balancing whether we need to defer IFR or operating revenue allowance. Essential parts and equipment for restock has been controlled tightly and ordering for replacements for emergencies is allowed. Sufficient stock is on hand for public safety and emergency replacements. All leak repairs are being done by Kent County Water Authority personnel and if controllable, during the normal work day only if the public safety and health is not jeopardized. This reduces emergency overtime and payment for same. Kent County Water Authority is performing all functions with existing staff wherever possible, outside services are limited to paving and I. T. support. All IFR expenditures have been curtailed except ongoing contractor construction. Design is being frozen at completion prior to construction commencement. No commencement of construction will occur except on existing programs that have already been let to construction contractor. Open personnel positions are frozen except for essential replacements for key functions. Military deployment of a meter reader was not filled. All worker's compensation or long-term disability openings are not being filled by temporary or other personnel at the Kent County Water Authority. Reduction in planned overtime has been reduced with staff coverage only when needed. Permanent reduction in night staff overtime has occurred. Dig-Safe coverage is being monitored closely on the night shift to prevent violations of current requirements. Changes to this overtime reduction may be required if violations occur based on a proper notice period as determined by the new statute for Dig-Safe markings. Tangible cost savings have been calculated and are attached. Intangible cost savings are not calculable at this time. Those include of course frozen expenditures, reduced overtime and reduction in stock to emergency levels only. Collections are critical to our cash flow to meet our obligations. All efforts have been implemented to assure timely payments of billings with fair and equitable payment plans, monitoring of this continues with in-house staff in all cases. Each and everyday close monitoring occurs between the accounting staff and the General Manager along with weekly transfers to restricted accounts as needed. This continued monitoring allows for immediate changes as necessary on any expenditure that may be held for a short period of time as well as holding payments until due. This will continue in order to control cash flow and to monitor all expenditures.

Witness Responsible: T. Brown

**Kent County Water Authority  
Salary and Benefit Savings due to Vacant Positions**

**Date of Departure thru June 30, 2009:**

	<u>Base Salary</u>	<u>F.I.C.A.</u>	<u>Health and Dental Insurance</u>	<u>Life, Disability and A.D.D. Insurance</u>	<u>Holiday Bonus</u>	<u>Total</u>
Chief Operator	41,118.48	3,145.56	-	-		44,264.04
Digsafe	23,133.60	1,769.72	5,340.60	112.96		30,356.88
Engineer	56,376.92	4,312.83	9,346.05	281.19	150.00	70,466.99
GIS Operator	26,308.35	2,012.59	10,681.20	321.36	150.00	39,473.50
Meterman 2	18,135.04	1,387.33	8,010.90	122.34		27,655.61
Meterman 2 Operator	7,329.60	560.71	-	-		7,890.31
Operator						-
Sub-total	\$ 172,401.99	\$ 13,188.74	\$ 33,378.75	\$ 837.85	\$ 300.00	\$ 220,107.33

**July 1, 2009 thru January 31, 2010:**

	<u>Base Salary</u>	<u>F.I.C.A.</u>	<u>Health and Dental Insurance</u>	<u>Life, Disability and A.D.D. Insurance</u>	<u>Holiday Bonus</u>	<u>Total</u>
Chief Operator	30,954.96	2,368.05	-	-		33,323.01
Crew Leader	9,460.84	723.75				10,184.59
Digsafe	6,238.32	477.23	4,493.97	84.72		11,294.24
Engineer	53,519.40	4,094.23	10,485.93	281.19	-	68,380.75
GIS Operator	8,398.38	642.48	4,493.97	88.62	-	13,623.45
Meterman 2	12,304.32	941.28	5,991.96	88.88		19,326.44
Meterman 2	25,422.48	1,944.82	-	-		27,367.30
Operator	4,285.45	327.84				4,613.29
Sub-total	\$ 150,584.15	\$ 11,519.68	\$ 25,465.83	\$ 543.41	\$ -	\$ 188,113.07

**Total - Departure thru January 31, 2010:**

	<u>Base Salary</u>	<u>F.I.C.A.</u>	<u>Health and Dental Insurance</u>	<u>Life, Disability and A.D.D. Insurance</u>	<u>Holiday Bonus</u>	<u>Total</u>
Chief Operator	72,073.44	5,513.61	-	-	-	77,587.05
Crew Leader	9,460.84	723.75				10,184.59
Digsafe	29,371.92	2,246.95	9,834.57	197.68	-	41,651.12
Engineer	109,896.32	8,407.06	19,831.98	562.38	150.00	138,847.74
GIS Operator	34,706.73	2,655.07	15,175.17	409.98	150.00	53,096.95
Meterman 2	30,439.36	2,328.61	14,002.86	211.22	-	46,982.05
Meterman 2	32,752.08	2,505.53	-	-	-	35,257.61
Operator	4,285.45	327.84	-	-	-	4,613.29
Grand Total	\$ 322,986.14	\$ 24,708.42	\$ 58,844.58	\$ 1,381.26	\$ 300.00	\$ 408,220.40

**Note: Annual Savings Attributed to Salary Differential in Replaced Personnel: \$26,371**

Kent County Water Authority  
Keith Raymond - Chief Operator  
Last Day Worked September 11, 2008  
Temporary Disability

September 12, 2008 Through June 30, 2009:

Base Salary	41,118.48
F.I.C.A.	3,145.56
Health and Dental Insurance	-
Life, Disability and A.D.D. Insurance	-
Sub-total	<u>44,264.04</u>

July 1, 2009 Through January 31, 2010:

Base Salary	30,954.96
F.I.C.A.	2,368.05
Health and Dental Insurance	-
Life, Disability and A.D.D. Insurance	-
Sub-total	<u>33,323.01</u>

Total	<u>\$ 77,587.05</u>
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Kent County Water Authority  
Alan Angiolilli - Crew Leader  
Last Day Worked November 30, 2009  
Workers' Compensation - Returned to Work January 19, 2010

December 7, 2009 Through January 15, 2010:

Base Salary	9,460.84
F.I.C.A.	723.75
Health and Dental Insurance	
Life, Disability and A.D.D. Insurance	
Total	<u>\$ 10,184.59</u>

Kent County Water Authority  
 James DiChristofaro - Digsafe  
 Last Day Worked January 5, 2009 (Deceased)  
 Replaced Position August 17, 2009

Salary Differential:

James DiChristofaro	49,168.08
Daniel Lemoi (Date of Hire 8/17/09)	32,032.00
	(17,136.08)

January 6, 2009 Through June 30, 2009:

Base Salary	23,133.60
F.I.C.A.	1,769.72
Health and Dental Insurance	5,340.60
Life, Disability and A.D.D. Insurance	112.96
Sub-total	30,356.88

July 1, 2009 Through August 17, 2009:

Base Salary (assumes a 3% increase)	6,238.32
F.I.C.A.	477.23
Health and Dental Insurance	4,493.97
Life, Disability and A.D.D. Insurance	84.72
Sub-total	11,294.24

Total	\$ 41,651.12
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Kent County Water Authority  
Kevin Fitta - Engineer  
Last Day Worked November 7, 2008  
Left Employment

November 10, 2008 Through June 30, 2009:

Base Salary	56,376.92
F.I.C.A.	4,312.83
Health and Dental Insurance	9,346.05
Life, Disability and A.D.D. Insurance	281.19
Holiday Bonus	150.00
Sub-total	<u>70,466.99</u>

July 1, 2009 Through January 31, 2010:

Base Salary (assumes a 3% increase)	53,519.40
F.I.C.A.	4,094.23
Health and Dental Insurance	10,485.93
Life, Disability and A.D.D. Insurance	281.19
Sub-total	<u>68,380.75</u>

Total	<u>\$ 138,847.75</u>
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Kent County Water Authority  
GIS Operator  
Position Filled September 14, 2009

November 1, 2008 Through June 30, 2009:

Base Salary	26,308.35
F.I.C.A.	2,012.59
Health and Dental Insurance	10,681.20
Life, Disability and A.D.D. Insurance	321.36
Holiday Bonus	150.00
Sub-total	<u>39,473.50</u>

July 1, 2009 Through September 14, 2009:

Base Salary (assumes at 3% increase)	8,398.38
F.I.C.A.	642.48
Health and Dental Insurance	4,493.97
Life, Disability and A.D.D. Insurance	88.62
Sub-total	<u>13,623.45</u>

Total	<u><u>\$ 53,096.94</u></u>
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Kent County Water Authority  
Eric Tift - Meterman 2  
Last Day Worked 12/31/2008  
Military Activation - Returned to Work 10/26/2009

January 2, 2009 Through June 30, 2009:

Base Salary	18,135.04
F.I.C.A.	1,387.33
Health and Dental Insurance	8,010.90
Life, Disability and A.D.D. Insurance	122.34
Sub-total	<u>27,655.61</u>

July 1, 2009 Through October 26, 2009:

Base Salary	12,304.32
F.I.C.A.	941.28
Health and Dental Insurance	5,991.96
Life, Disability and A.D.D. Insurance	88.88
Sub-total	<u>19,326.44</u>

Total	<u>\$ 46,982.05</u>
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Kent County Water Authority  
Glenn Dixon - Meterman 2  
Last Day Worked April 28, 2009  
Workers' Compensation

April 29, 2009 Through June 30, 2009:

Base Salary	7,329.60
F.I.C.A.	560.71
Health and Dental Insurance	
Life, Disability and A.D.D. Insurance	
Sub-total	<u>7,890.31</u>

July 1, 2009 Through January 31, 2010:

Base Salary	25,422.48
F.I.C.A.	1,944.82
Health and Dental Insurance	
Life, Disability and A.D.D. Insurance	
Sub-total	<u>27,367.30</u>

Total	<u><u>\$ 35,257.61</u></u>
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Kent County Water Authority  
Stephen D'Ambrosca - Operator  
Last Day Worked July 8, 2009 - Termination  
Replaced Position August 17, 2009

Salary Differential:

Stephen D'Ambrosca	41,267.20
Michael Beauregard (Date of Hire 8/17/09)	<u>32,032.00</u>
	(9,235.20)

July 9, 2009 Through August 17, 2009:

Base Salary	4,285.45
F.I.C.A.	327.84
Health and Dental Insurance	
Life, Disability and A.D.D. Insurance	-
Total	<u>\$ 4,613.29</u>

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

In accordance with Rule 1.7D of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Public Utilities Commission, I hereby certify that on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010, a copy of the within was mailed electronically to the attached service list.

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