

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: KENT COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
MOTION TO PASSTHROUGH WHOLESALE
RATE INCREASE

DOCKET NO. 4417

ORDER

On March 29, 2013, the Providence Water Supply Board (Providence Water) filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) seeking to implement new rates designed to generate additional operating revenue requirements in the amount of \$14,621,794.¹ On December 6, 2013, the PUC approved a revenue increase of \$7,494,513. As part of that decision, the wholesale rate was increased from \$1,544.16 per million gallons to \$1,731.16 per million gallons.

On November 27, 2013, the Kent County Water Authority (KCWA), a wholesale customer of Providence Water, filed an Amended Petition pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-3-38.1, seeking to pass through to its ratepayers the wholesale rate increase resulting from Providence Water's rate filing.² As part of its filing, KCWA submitted the pre-filed testimony of Christopher P.N. Woodcock, its consultant. Mr. Woodcock calculated the impact of the increase on KCWA's rates and provided supporting schedules.³

On December 17, 2013, after examination, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) filed a memorandum supporting approval. Explaining that the

¹ Docket No. 4406 (In re: Providence Water Supply Board Application to Change Rate Schedules).

² R. I. Gen. Laws § 39-3-38.1 Rate adjustments – Purchase and sale 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 provided the public utilities commission has approved the wholesale 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 purchaser shall be submitted no less than thirty (30) days prior to its effective date to the public utilities commission for its review and approval. KCWA filed its original Petition to Pass Through Wholesale Rate on June 4, 2013.

increase in wholesale rates resulted in a 0.54% increase in KCWA's metered rates with approximately the same impact on customer bills, the Division determined that KCWA's filing properly reflected the increased rate.

At an Open Meeting held on December 20, 2013, the PUC approved KCWA's Amended Petition, finding that KCWA is entitled to pass through the aforementioned increase in wholesale rates pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-3-38.1. Further, the PUC found that KCWA had accurately calculated the proposed rates. The following rates are approved: Small customer class - \$5.254 per hcf; Medium customer class - \$4.476 per hcf; and Large customer class - \$3.816 per hcf.

Accordingly, it is

(21709) ORDERED:

1. That the amended motion to pass through the wholesale rate increase filed by the Kent County Water Authority on November 17, 2013 is hereby approved.
2. That Kent County Water Authority's Tariff dated December 7, 2013 is hereby approved.

³ Pre-Filed Testimony of Christopher P.N. Woodcock, Nov. 27, 2014.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION HELD ON DECEMBER 20, 2013. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON NOVEMBER 3, 2014.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



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Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson

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Paul J. Roberti, Commissioner

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Herbert F. DeSimone, Jr., Commissioner

Notice of right of Appeal: Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-5-1, any person aggrieved by a decision or order of the PUC may, within seven days from the date of the order, petition the Supreme Court for a Writ of Certiorari to review the legality and reasonableness of the decision or order.