



## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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### Memorandum

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Date: April 22, 2020

Subject: Kent County Water Authority's Petition for Waiver re: Interest on Delinquent Accounts

On April 17, 2020, the Kent County Water Authority (KCWA) submitted a Petition for Waiver concerning its Tariff Charge for Interest on Delinquent Accounts. According to KCWA's tariff, water account balances over 30 days from the bill date are subject to interest charges. According to the waiver, KCWA's request is due to the State of Rhode Island's declaration of emergency in response to the COVID-19 situation and they request the waiver be granted for the duration of the Public Utilities Commission's Order in Docket No. 5022, Suspension of Service Terminations and Certain Collections Activities During the COVID-19 Emergency.

The proposal will provide some relief for customers that are having difficulty paying their water bill during these difficult economic times. The Division supports the KCWA's request and recommends the Commission approve the request as filed.