

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: KENT COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATE SCHEDULES

DOCKET NO. 5012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Rhode Island Gen. Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, July 27, 2020 @ 9:30 a.m.** at the PUC's office, Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing may continue thereafter from time to time as required. The hearing will be streamed live at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

People interested in providing public comment at the meeting may participate in a Zoom meeting through the internet or by calling in, preferably 5-10 minutes prior to the hearing. To participate, click this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82376216298> and you will be given instructions to enter the meeting by internet. If you choose to participate by telephone, you may call 929-205-6099 and enter meeting number 823 7621 6298 followed by the # symbol when prompted. If you are not interested in providing public comment, please watch the live stream at the address in the first paragraph. You will be able to observe the hearing and hear others' public comment.

This docket relates to the PUC's review of the Kent County Water Authority's rate application submitted January 31, 2020. At this hearing, the PUC will examine the propriety of a Settlement Agreement executed between the Kent County Water Authority and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (collectively, the Parties) resolving the issues in the docket. Per the Settlement Agreement executed June 30, 2020, the Parties agreed that Kent County Water Authority will reduce operating revenue in the amount of \$2,601,409 to support total operating revenue in the amount of \$21,343,396. The effective date of the new rates is September 1, 2020. If approved, the bill impact for a typical residential customer using 2000 cubic feet of water per quarter is a decrease of \$85.16 per year from \$739.44 to \$654.28 or -11.5%.

The Settlement Agreement may be examined at the PUC's office. Also, it can be accessed at <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/5012page.html>. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The Public Utilities Commission is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Clerk's office at 780-2107 seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
July 17, 2020