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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010**

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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
TO DENY THE PROPOSED INCREASE REQUESTED BY THE KENT COUNTY WATER  
AUTHORITY**

Introduced By: Representative Patricia A. Serpa

Date Introduced: February 25, 2010

Referred To: Placed on House Calendar

1           WHEREAS, On January 27, 2010, the Kent County Water Authority (KCWA), in  
2 accordance with Rhode Island General Law Section 39-3-11, filed notice with the Public Utilities  
3 Commission (PUC) for a proposed change in rates; and

4           WHEREAS, The proposed rate change anticipates an additional \$1,460,031 in operating  
5 revenue for the KCWA, an amount KCWA is requesting to offset lower than expected revenues;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, The proposed rate change would result in an annual increase of \$45.12 for a  
8 typical residential customer, and an approximately 8.2 percent increase for all other classes of  
9 customers, including several fire districts which purchase water from the authority; and

10           WHEREAS, With many individuals, small businesses, and communities in Rhode Island  
11 facing critical financial difficulties and almost 13 percent of Rhode Islanders unemployed, an  
12 increase of 8.2 percent in the cost of water is unsupportable; now, therefore be it

13           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
14 Providence Plantations hereby respectfully requests that the Rhode Island Public Utilities  
15 Commission deny the Kent County Water Authority's proposed rate hike; and be it further

16           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
17 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Director of the Rhode Island Public Utilities  
18 Commission, the Director of the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, and the Kent County

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1 Water Authority.

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