



August 28, 2026

Ms. Amy Dumeny
Administrative Director
Maine Public Utilities Commission
18 State House Station
Augusta Maine 04333-0018

Subject: Initial filing – proposed water rate increase

Dear Ms. Dumeny:

The Kennebec Water District is submitting this informational rate filing pursuant to 35-A, MRS §6104. Included, please find supporting materials for a four percent rate increase on January 1, 2027:

1. Proposed increased water rates for 2027
2. Supporting information for increased water rates
 - a. Statement of Income and Expenses
 - b. Income and Expense Variance Between Pro Forma 2026 and 2027
 - c. Operating Statement – Pro Forma 2026 and 2027
 - d. Water Operating Revenues Pro Forma 2026 and 2027
 - e. Long-Term Debt Summary
 - f. 2026-2027 Pro Forma Depreciation Projection
 - g. Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2025
3. Draft public notice

KWD is seeking this rate increase to cover the cost of replacing aging infrastructure to ensure ongoing reliability of our water treatment and delivery systems. The increase also reflects inflation and personnel cost increases. KWD is not forecasting a change in water sales over the rate effective period.

A public hearing has been scheduled for September 29, 2026, at KWD's facility at 131 Drummond Avenue in Waterville, Maine.

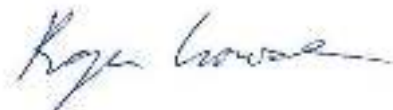
The table below summarizes our anticipated schedule for the rate setting process.

Date	Activity
August 28, 2026	Initial rate filing with PUC and OPA
September 9, 2026	Publish rate increase information on KWD website Publish notice of public hearing on KWD's Facebook page and send email to all customers who have signed up for electronic notification in our WaterSmart system Mail notice of public hearing to all customers via USPS (delivered to USPS)
September 10, 2026	File copies of public notices with the PUC
September 29, 2026	Public Hearing
October 1, 2026	Board of Trustee meeting – final approval of proposed rate increase
October 16, 2026	Final rate increase filing with PUC
January 1, 2027	Anticipated effective date of rate increase

A copy of this letter and the enclosures will be sent to the Office of the Public Advocate, published on KWD's website, and available for customer review at KWD's business office at 131 Drummond Avenue in Waterville, Maine during normal business hours.

If you have any questions, please contact me via phone at (207) 872-2763 or via e-mail at rcrouse@kennebecwater.org.

Yours for safe drinking water,



Roger Crouse
General Manager

Ec: Office of the Public Advocate

Kennebec Water District - proposed rate increase

		Rate Increase Percentage
		January 1, 2027 4%
METERED WATER RATES		
Quarterly Rates		
Meter Size	Volume Allowance (Cubic Feet)	Quarterly Minimum
5/8"	300	\$93.97
3/4"	300	\$166.39
1"	300	\$231.43
1 1/2"	300	\$453.12
2"	300	\$841.56
3"	300	\$1,545.92
4"	300	\$3,248.16
6"	300	\$9,548.04
8"	300	\$32,780.64
Monthly Rates		
Meter Size	Volume Allowance (Cubic Feet)	Monthly Minimum
5/8"	100	\$39.86
3/4"	100	\$64.02
1"	100	\$85.69
1 1/2"	100	\$159.58
2"	100	\$289.08
3"	100	\$508.52
4"	100	\$1,091.26
6"	100	\$3,191.20
8"	100	\$10,935.40
Volume Charge		
Volume (per 100 cubic feet)		\$2.38
Public Fire Protection Charges		
Municipality	No. of Hydrants	Annual Charge
Waterville	325	\$507,238.80
Winslow	142	\$221,624.34
Fairfield	129	\$201,334.79
Benton	31	\$48,382.78
Vassalboro	17	\$26,532.49
	644	\$1,005,113.20

Kennebec Water District - proposed rate increase

Rate Increase Percentage	
January 1, 2027	
4%	
Private Fire Services	
Service Size	Quarterly Charge
2"	\$21.69
4"	\$134.03
5"	\$255.36
6"	\$389.41
8"	\$829.85
10"	\$1,492.36
12"	\$2,410.55
Bulk Water Sales	
Minimum Purchase	\$52
Volume Allowance	5,000 gallons
Volume Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	\$10.40

**KENNEBEC WATER DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES**

Salary Increase 6.5%
Inflation Expense 3.0%
Rate Increase 4.0%

Acct #	Account Name	2025 Audit	FY26 Pro Forma		2027 VARIANCE	FY27 Pro Forma
601	Salaries and Wages - Employees	1,968,856	2,088,638	1	135,761	2,224,400
603	Salaries and Wages - Trustees and Officers	156,260	168,159	2	10,638	178,797
604	Employee Pensions and Benefits	628,943	814,762	3	65,181	879,943
615	Purchased Power	391,803	360,128	4	10,804	370,932
618	Chemicals	222,870	175,000	5	5,250	180,250
620	Materials and Supplies	516,962	532,947	6	15,988	548,936
632	Contractual Services - Accounting	18,000	15,000	7	4,292	19,292
633	Contractual Services - Legal	17,388	8,478	8	254	8,732
635	Contractual Services - Other	842,334	508,575	9	15,257	523,832
641	Rental Property	913	44	10	1	45
642	Rental of Equipment	5,015	3,377	11	101	3,478
650	Transportation Expenses	34,899	36,384	12	1,092	37,475
656	Insurance - Vehicle	17,836	16,688	13	501	17,189
657	Insurance - General Liability	55,295	54,824	14	1,645	56,469
658	Insurance - Workers Compensation	24,510	29,235	15	1,900	31,135
659	Insurance - Bond	2,924	2,846		85	2,932
660	Advertising Expense	-	-	16	-	-
667	Regulatory Comm Exp	-	-	17	-	-
670	Bad Debt Expense	-	2,000	18	60	2,060
408.1	Taxes Other than Income	237,812	290,587	19	18,888	309,476
675	Miscellaneous Expenses	169,203	210,243	20	6,307	216,550
	Total Water Utility Operating Expenses-before					
600	Depreciation	5,311,823	5,317,916	B	294,007	5,611,922
403	Depreciation	1,947,622	2,075,326	C	118,750	2,194,075
	Total Water Utility Operating Expenses	7,259,444	7,393,241		412,756	7,805,998
427	Interest Expense	836,078	900,675		25,672	926,347
221	Principal Repayment	1,270,667	1,147,874		232,126	1,380,000
	Total Expenses Plus Debt including Depreciation	7,418,568	7,366,465		551,805	7,918,269
461	Rate Revenue	8,387,784	8,013,159		320,526	8,333,686
	Non-Rate Operating Revenues	150,443	201,155		7,206	208,360
	Total Operating Revenues	8,538,227	8,214,314	A	327,732	8,542,046
428	Amortization of forgiveness and grants	318,830	349,533		115,443	464,976
415	Net Jobbing Revenues	24,521	7,226		774	8,000
419	Interest Income	350,630	376,623		3,377	380,000
	Other Misc non-operating revenues	758,679	55,584		-	55,584
421	Contribution in Aid of Construction	264,625	50,000		-	50,000
414	Gain/Loss from sale of property and equipment	325,925	(35,000)		-	(35,000)
433	Extraordinary Income	1,316,993	1,038,467		(1,038,467)	-
	TOTAL Revenues	11,898,430	10,056,747		(591,141)	9,465,605
	Net Income (GAAP)	3,802,907	1,762,830		(1,029,570)	733,261

**KENNEBEC WATER DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES**

Acct #	Account Name	Rate Incr	Rate Incr	Salary Increase	Inflation Exp
		2025 Audit	FY26 Pro Forma	2027 VARIANCE	FY27 Pro Forma
		2025	FY26	2027 Variance	FY27
	Contingency Allowance				
	Operating Expense	5,311,823	5,317,916	294,007	5,611,922
	Depreciation and Amortization	1,628,792	1,725,793	3,307	1,729,100
	Income Items	(1,398,455)	(489,433)	(4,151)	(493,584)
	Debt Service:				
	Interest	836,078	900,675	25,672	926,347
	Principal	1,270,667	1,147,874	232,126	1,380,000
	Total Base	7,648,905	8,602,825	550,961	9,153,785
	Contingency Allowance (5%)			457,689	457,689
	Gross Revenue:				
	All Expenses (Total Base)	7,648,905	8,602,825	550,961	9,153,785
	Contingency Allowance (5%)			457,689	457,689
	Gross Revenue Allowable	7,648,905	8,602,825	1,008,650	9,611,474
		2025	FY26 Pro Forma	Variance	FY27
	Operational Revenues with allowable increase	8,538,227	8,214,314	1,397,160	9,611,474
	Allowable increase percentage				17.0%
	Surplus/(Defecit)	889,322	(388,511)		-
	Operational Revenues with proposed increase	8,538,227	8,214,314	328,573	8,542,886
	Proposed increase percentage				4%
	Surplus/(Defecit) - <i>Proposed Revenues less Total Base</i>	889,322	(388,511)	(222,388)	(610,899)

KENNEBEC WATER DISTRICT
VARIANCE BETWEEN PRO FORMA 2026 AND PRO FORMA 2027

OPERATING EXPENSES			\$	%		
			INCREASE	INCREASE		
601 Salaries and Wages - Employees	Pro Forma 2027	\$ 2,224,400				
	Less PF 2026	<u>\$ 2,088,638</u>	\$ 135,761	6.5%	#1	6.5% wage increase per year
603 Salaries and Wages - Trustees and Officers	Pro Forma 2027	\$ 178,797				
	Less PF 2026	<u>\$ 168,159</u>	\$ 10,638	6.3%	#2	6.5% wage increase per year; no change to trustees
604 Employee Pensions and Benefits	Pro Forma 2027	\$ 879,943				
	Less PF 2026	<u>\$ 814,762</u>	\$ 65,181	8.0%	#3	Wage estimated increase was estimated to be 6.5% and Health Insurance is expected to be 8-10 percent
615 Purchased Power	Pro Forma 2027	\$ 370,932				
	Less PF 2026	<u>\$ 360,128</u>	\$ 10,804	3.0%	#4	Assumed standard inflation of 3%
618 Chemicals	Pro Forma 2027	\$ 180,250				
	Less PF 2026	<u>\$ 175,000</u>	\$ 5,250	3.0%	#5	Assumed standard inflation of 3%
620 Materials & Supplies	Pro Forma 2027	\$ 548,936				
	Less PF 2026	<u>\$ 532,947</u>	\$ 15,988	3.0%	#6	Assumed standard inflation of 3%
632 Contractual Services - Accounting	Pro Forma 2027	\$ 19,292				
	Less PF 2026	<u>\$ 15,000</u>	\$ 4,292	28.6%	#7	Assumed standard inflation of 3%
633 Contractual Services - Legal	Pro Forma 2027	\$ 8,732				
	Less PF 2026	<u>\$ 8,478</u>	\$ 254	3.0%	#8	Assumed standard inflation of 3%
635 Contractual Services - Other	Pro Forma 2027	\$ 523,832				
	Less PF 2026	<u>\$ 508,575</u>	\$ 15,257	3.0%	#9	Assumed standard inflation of 3%
641 Rental Property	Pro Forma 2027	\$ 45				
	Less PF 2026	<u>\$ 44</u>	\$ 1	3.0%	#10	Assumed standard inflation of 3%
642 Rental of Equipment	Pro Forma 2027	\$ 3,478				
	Less PF 2026	<u>\$ 3,377</u>	\$ 101	3.0%	#11	Assumed standard inflation of 3%
650 Transportation expenses	Pro Forma	\$ 37,475				
	Less PF 2026	<u>\$ 36,384</u>	\$ 1,092	3.0%	#12	Assumed standard inflation of 3%
656 Insurance - Vehicle	Pro Forma 2027	\$ 17,189				
	Less PF 2026	<u>\$ 16,688</u>	\$ 501	3.0%	#13	Assumed standard inflation of 3%
657 Insurance - General Liability	Pro Forma 2027	\$ 56,469				
	Less PF 2026	<u>\$ 54,824</u>	\$ 1,645	3.0%	#14	Assumed standard inflation of 3%
658 Insurance - Workers Compensation	Pro Forma 2027	\$ 31,135				
	Less PF 2026	<u>\$ 29,235</u>	\$ 1,900	6.5%	#15	Assumed standard inflation of 3%
659 Insurance - Bond	Pro Forma 2027	\$ 2,932				
	Less PF 2026	<u>\$ 2,846</u>	\$ 85	3.0%	#16	Actual amortization of bond insurance
660 Advertising Expense	Pro Forma 2027	\$ -				
	Less PF 2026	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ -		#17	N/A
667 Regulatory Comm Expense	Pro Forma 2027	\$ -				
	Less PF 2026	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ -		#18	N/A
670 Bad Debt Expense	Pro Forma	\$ 2,060				
	Less PF 2026	<u>\$ 2,000</u>	\$ 60	3.0%	#19	N/A

KENNEBEC WATER DISTRICT
VARIANCE BETWEEN PRO FORMA 2026 AND PRO FORMA 2027

		\$		%	
OPERATING EXPENSES		INCREASE		INCREASE	
675 Miscellaneous Expenses	Pro Forma 2027	\$	216,550		
	Less PF 2026	\$	210,243	\$	6,307
				3.0%	#20 Assumed standard inflation of 3%
408.I Taxes other than income	Pro Forma 2027	\$	309,476		
	Less PF 2026	\$	290,587	\$	18,888
				6.5%	#21 Estimated 6.5% increase in payroll tax
Total	Pro Forma 2027	\$	294,007		B
400					
Operating Revenues	Pro Forma 2027	\$	8,542,046		
	Less PF 2026	\$	8,214,314	\$	327,732
				4.0%	A 4% increase
403					
Depreciation Expense	Pro Forma 2027	\$	2,194,075		
	Less PF 2026	\$	2,075,326	\$	118,750
				5.7%	C Adjusted for depreciation on new assets

**KENNEBEC WATER DISTRICT
OPERATING STATEMENT**

Acct #	Utility Operating Income	Audited 2025	Pro Forma 2026	Variance	Pro Forma 2027
400	Operating Revenues	8,538,227	8,214,314	327,732	8,542,046
600	Operating Expenses	5,311,823	5,317,916	294,007	5,611,922
403	Depreciation Expense	1,947,622	2,075,326	118,750	2,194,075
	Total Utility Operating Expenses	7,259,444	7,393,241	412,756	7,805,998
	Utility Operating Income	1,278,783	821,073	(85,024)	736,048
414	Gains (Losses) From Disposition of Utility Property	325,925	(35,000)	-	(35,000)
	Total Utility Operating Income	1,604,708	786,073	(85,024)	701,048
415	Revenues From Merchandising, Jobbing (Net)	24,521	7,226	774	8,000
419	Interest and Dividend Income	350,630	376,623	3,377	380,000
421	Nonutility Income	1,023,304	105,584	-	105,584
	Total Other Income and Deductions	1,398,455	489,433	4,151	493,584
427	Interest Expense	836,078	900,675	25,672	926,347
428	Amortization of Debt Discount & Expense	(318,830)	(349,533)	(115,443)	(464,976)
	Total Interest Expense	517,248	551,142	(89,771)	461,371
	NET INCOME	2,485,914	724,363	8,897	733,261

**KENNEBEC WATER DISTRICT
WATER OPERATING REVENUES**

**Proposed
Increase
4.00%**

		Audit 2025	Pro Forma 2026	Variance	Pro Forma 2027
OPERATING REVENUES					
ACCT #	SALES OF WATER				
461	Metered Sales to Gen.				
461.1	Residential	3,701,229	4,034,540	161,382	4,195,922
461.2	Commercial	1,260,991	1,249,617	49,985	1,299,602
461.3	Industrial	1,684,300	912,496	36,500	948,995
461.4	Public Authorities	226,906	216,931	8,677	225,609
	Total	6,873,425	6,413,584	256,543	6,670,128
462.1	Public Fire-Protection Service	888,439	959,456	38,378	997,835
462.2	Private Fire-Protection Service	354,468	379,974	15,199	395,173
466	Water for Resale	271,451	260,145	10,406	270,551
	Rate Revenues	8,387,784	8,013,159	320,526	8,333,686
OTHER OPERATING					
470	Foreited Discounts	45,153	34,639	1,386	36,025
471	Miscellaneous Service Revenues	51,336	112,703	4,508	117,211
474	Other Water Revenues	53,954	53,813	1,312	55,125
	Non-Rate Revenues	150,443	201,155	7,206	208,360
400	Total Operating Revenues	8,538,227	8,214,314	327,732	8,542,046

**KENNEBEC WATER DISTRICT
WATER DIVISION LONG TERM DEBT**

PROJECT	Date of Issue	Date of Maturity	Par Value Authorized	Par Value Outstanding 12/31/2025	Rate
MMBB Stimulus	2009	2029	409,641	50,181	0.00%
MMBB 2011	2011	2031	1,304,500	474,225	0.5-5.5%
MMBB 2017	2017	2037	3,000,000	1,730,778	1%
MMBB 2020F	2020	2040	659,589	357,665	1%
MMBB 2020FR	2020	2040	4,946,831	2,294,406	1%
MMBB 2021F	2022	2042	1,527,364	595,057	1%
Facility Bond	2022	2052	14,640,000	14,270,000	4%-5%
Eustis/High Bond	2022	2042	1,635,000	1,475,000	4%-5%
Western Ave FF MMBB	2022	2042	1,547,000	673,827	1%
Chemical Room MMBB	2022	2042	1,610,000	935,910	1%
Kennebec-Lockwood MMBB	2024	2044	1,086,000	413,652	1%
Vacuum Truck	2024	2044	610,683	219,846	0%
Main replacement Pleasant Street	2025	2045	2,750,000	1,503,604	2%
Lead Service Line Replacement Estimate	2025	2045	410,000	410,000	0%
Main replacement Summer Street	2026	2046	3,621,000	2,353,650	2%
Lagoon Discharge Project	2026	2046	698,000	464,600	2%
Main replacement Sanger Boutelle	2026	2046	4,127,000	2,651,050	2%
Chase Avenue Pump Station Estimate	2026	2046	1,296,100	842,465	2%
Main replacement Sunset Heights	2027	2047	3,300,000	-	4%

Year Ending December 31	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	1,870,747	857,469	2,728,216
2027	1,344,244	929,479	2,273,723
2028	1,536,539	1,012,528	2,549,067
2029	1,818,261	1,038,016	2,856,277
2030	2,027,063	1,152,263	3,179,326
2031	2,229,152	1,246,979	3,476,131
2032	2,317,542	1,326,447	3,643,988
2033	2,483,601	1,386,705	3,870,306
2034	2,604,842	1,426,934	4,031,776
2035	2,774,980	1,445,893	4,220,872
2036	2,905,328	1,442,847	4,348,175
2037	3,031,200	1,420,429	4,451,629
2038	2,980,643	1,389,446	4,370,089
2039	3,042,925	1,336,814	4,379,739
2040	3,046,460	1,255,823	4,302,282
2041	2,921,924	1,153,784	4,075,709
2042	2,918,095	1,050,005	3,968,100
2043	2,728,913	947,624	3,676,537
2044	2,737,075	846,699	3,583,773
2045	2,678,313	746,515	3,424,828
2046	2,572,457	645,379	3,217,836
2047	2,346,696	547,918	2,894,614
2048	2,202,696	451,806	2,654,501
2049	1,963,618	361,551	2,325,169
2050	1,802,846	275,247	2,078,093
2051	1,656,365	195,508	1,851,873
2052	1,525,209	121,783	1,646,992
2053	520,461	72,949	593,409
2054	388,255	49,135	437,390
2055	274,778	30,961	305,739
2056	181,273	17,700	198,973

KENNEBEC WATER DISTRICT
Depreciation Projection

				PRO FORMA	
				<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Prior year annual depreciation expense				\$ 1,932,109	\$ 2,075,326
Additions					
				2026	2027
				Depreciation	Depreciation
				(50% of	(50% of
				annual)	annual)
	Total Cost	Depreciation Rate	Annual Depreciation		
Half-Year of prior year new additions				\$ 92,685	\$ 50,531
Sanger & Boutelle Water Main Project	\$ 3,500,000	1.7%	70,606	\$ 35,303	
West River Rd Water Main Project	\$ 350,000	1.4%	4,575	\$ 2,288	
Other Capital	\$ 876,500	3.0%	25,882	\$ 12,941	
Sunset Heights Water Main Project	\$ 3,300,000	1.6%	55,087		\$ 27,543
Chase Ave Pump Station Upgrades					
Project	\$ 1,100,000	2.0%	22,000		\$ 11,000
Misc Capital	\$ 300,000	10%	30,000		\$ 15,000
Misc Capital	\$ 587,000	6%	29,350		\$ 14,675
				\$ 143,216	\$ 118,749
TOTAL DEPRECIATION				<u>2,075,326</u>	<u>2,194,075</u>

KENNEBEC WATER DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET (GAAP)
DECEMBER 31, 2025

AUDITED
2025

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash	10,397,949
Accounts Receivables	373,452
Unbilled services	800,775
Prepaid expenses	139,369
Inventory	464,389
Total Current Assets	<u>12,175,934</u>

Non-Current Assets

Other Assets	49,159
Total Non-Current Assets Excluding Capital	<u>49,159</u>

Capital Assets

Capital assets, not being depreciated	837,524
Capital assets, being depreciated	92,670,550
Accumulated Depreciation	(31,299,242)
Total Capital Assets	<u>62,208,832</u>

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred Other Post Employee Benefits	94,024
Deferred Pension Benefits	341,051
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>435,075</u>

TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS

74,869,000

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	173,338
Accrued Expenses	98,684
Accrued Interest Payable	113,254
Short-Term Debt	3,343,208
Current portion of LT Debt	981,558
Current portion of Subscription liability	-
Total Current Liabilities	<u>4,710,042</u>

Non-Current Liabilities

Accrued Compensated Balances	431,266
Other Post Employee Benefits Liabilities	289,711
Net Pension Liability (Asset)	661,490
Unamortized bond premium less current	303,407
Long-Term Debt (Net)	24,002,771
Total Non-Current Liabilities	<u>25,257,379</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES

30,398,687

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred Credits	2,655,239
Deferred Other Post Employee Benefits	105,786
Deferred-Pension Benefits	144,630
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>2,905,655</u>

NET POSITION

41,564,658

TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

74,869,000

PUBLIC HEARING

on proposed rate change

September 29, 2026 at 7pm
131 Drummond Ave., Waterville, ME

The public will also be able to watch the hearing online at: kennebecwater.org/publichearing. In person attendance is required for participation.

We invite you to this hearing to learn more about our proposed changes in water rates effective January 1, 2027.

WATER RATE CHANGES

The proposed rate changes will increase water rates as follows:

Effective Date	Minimum Quarterly Charge Increase	Monthly Increase	Percent Increase
January 1, 2027	\$3.61	\$1.53	4



The proposed rates provide an increased annual revenue of approximately \$320,526 (4 percent – starting January 1, 2027) to fund the following important needs:

- Replacing aging infrastructure
- Increasing operations and maintenance costs

The percent increase will be the same for all customer classes including public and private fire protection and bulk water.

Dear Customer,

KWD strives to maintain reasonable rates while maintaining a focus on high water quality. Rising operating costs and needed critical infrastructure investments have made the proposed rate increases essential to continue reliably supplying safe drinking water. Material supporting the proposed rate increases can be reviewed at kennebecwater.org/rates or at KWD's office at 131 Drummond Avenue in Waterville. If you have any questions or want additional information, you may call KWD's General Manager, at (207) 872-2763, or the Maine Public Utilities Commission (PUC) at (207) 287-3831, or the Maine Office of the Public Advocate at (207) 624-3687.

Finally, we appreciate you, our valued customer, for your continued confidence in our ability to deliver high quality water every day. We are also grateful for our dedicated team of professionals for their hard work operating and maintaining our complex water treatment and distribution systems.

- KWD Board of Trustees



131 Drummond Avenue
Waterville, ME 04901

YOUR CUSTOMER RIGHTS

Pursuant to 35-A MRS Section 6104, a customer has the right to request additional information relating to the present and proposed rates from KWD, the right to an open and fair hearing, and the right to assistance from the Public Advocate. Customers also have the right to petition the PUC to suspend and investigate KWD's rates pursuant to 35-A MRS Section 310, if, on or before thirty (30) days following the public hearing, 15% of KWD's customers (or 1,000 customers, whichever is less), file with KWD's General Manager and with the PUC, c/o Administrative Director, 18 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0018, a petition or petitions demanding review by the PUC of the proposed rate changes. Signatures on the petitions filed pursuant to Section 7 are invalid unless accompanied by the printed names and addresses of the signers. Upon request, KWD will provide customers with petition forms that include space for the signatures, printed names and addresses of the signers.