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Prosecutor to intervene in an amicus curiae capacity in a law suit between Water District No. 75 and the City of Seattle,

WHEREAS, King County purchases water from the City of Seattle, and

WHEREAS, Seattle provides water to King County residents both directly and through various water districts, and

WHEREAS, Seattle's property tax-exempt watersheds are located within King County, and

WHEREAS, King County exercises right-of-way franchising authority enabling Seattle to locate service lines in County rights-of-way, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the suburban and unincorporated areas served by Seattle have no represented voice in the City's rate setting process, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of suburban and unincorporated areas served by Seattle are charged a higher rate for water than that paid by Seattle residents, and

WHEREAS, King County has a vital and continuing interest in the development of an adequate, efficient, and equitable water supply system that meets the needs of all residents and industry in King County, and

WHEREAS, to achieve this objective at a reasonable cost, a system must be developed that truely reflects the region's interest, and

WHEREAS, key ingredients in this new system are the manner in which rates are established and the rates themselves. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County: The King County Prosecutor is hereby authorized and requested to intervene in an amicus curiae capacity in a law suit between Water District No. 75 and the City of Seattle, PASSED this 20th day of Suptember KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON ATTEST: