

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-549, SUB 10

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application by John W. Gensinger, Post)
Office Box 303, Raleigh, North Carolina)
27602, for Authority to Increase Rates)
for Water Utility Service in Pineview)
Estates Subdivision in Wake County,)
North Carolina)
	ORDER ESTABLISHING GENERAL RATE CASE, SUSPENDING RATES, SCHEDULING HEARING, AND REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE

BY THE COMMISSION: John W. Gensinger (Applicant) filed an application with the Commission on May 10, 2017, seeking authority to increase rates for water utility service in Pineview Estates Subdivision in Wake County, North Carolina. The Applicant serves approximately 33 flat rate residential customers. The present water rates have been in effect since January 1, 2017, when the Commission issued an Order in Docket No. W-549, Sub 9, revising rates to implement tax law changes enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly in HB 998. The Applicant's last general rate increase was approved by the Commission on March 1, 1999, in Docket No. W-549, Sub 8.

The Applicant's present and proposed rates are as follows:

<u>Water Utility Service:</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
<u>Monthly Rates:</u>		
Residential Service, flat rate	\$21.52	\$46.96
<u>Other Charges:</u>		
Reconnect, Cut-off for Cause	\$14.35	\$25.00
Reconnect, Cut-off Requested	\$14.35	\$25.00

The Commission is of the opinion that the application constitutes a general rate case, that the proposed new rates should be suspended pending investigation, and that the matter should be scheduled for customer hearing, subject to cancellation if no significant protests are received subsequent to customer notice.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That this proceeding is declared a general rate case pursuant to G.S. 62-137.

2. That the proposed new rates are suspended for up to 270 days pursuant to G.S. 62-134.

3. That the test period is established as the 12-month period ended December 31, 2016.

4. That the application is scheduled for public hearing at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This hearing may be canceled if no significant protests are received subsequent to public notice.

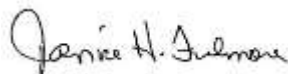
5. That the Applicant or representative of the Applicant is required to appear in person before the Commission at the time and place of the hearing to testify concerning any of the information contained in the application. If the Applicant desires to cross-examine any witnesses at the hearing, the Applicant shall be represented by legal counsel at this hearing.

6. That the Notice to Customers, attached as Appendix A, shall be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by the Applicant to all customers affected by the proposed new rates no later than 30 days after the date of this Order; and that the Applicant shall submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service properly signed and notarized not later 45 days after the date of this Order.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 6th day of June, 2017.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk

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**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. W-549, SUB 10
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Notice is given that John W. Gensinger, Post Office Box 303, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602, has filed an application with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) on May 10, 2017, for authority to increase rates and charges for water utility service in Pineview Estates Subdivision in Wake County, North Carolina, as follows:

The Applicant's present and proposed rates are as follows:

<u>Water Utility Service:</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
<u>Monthly Rate:</u>		
Residential Service, flat rate	\$21.52	\$46.96
<u>Other Charges:</u>		
Reconnect, Cut-off for Cause	\$14.35	\$25.00
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The Commission may consider additional or alternative rate design proposals which were not included in the original application and may order increases or decreases in the rates which differ from those proposed by the Applicant. However, any rate structure considered will not generate more overall revenues than requested.

EFFECT OF RATES

The present water rates have been in effect since January 1, 2017, when the Commission issued an Order in Docket No. W-549, Sub 9, revising rates to implement tax law changes enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly in HB 998. The Applicant's last general rate increase was approved by the Commission on March 1, 1999, in Docket No. W-549, Sub 8. The proposed rates would increase the monthly bill for residential water utility service from \$21.52 to \$46.96.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Commission has scheduled the application for public hearing at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This hearing may be canceled and the matter decided on the filings if no significant protests are received from consumers within 60 days of the date of this notice. Correspondence concerning the proposed rate increase, service problems, or the public hearing should be directed to the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff).

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent the consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include the name of the subdivision, contact information, and any information that the writer wishes to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter, and these statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. Written statements can also be faxed to (919) 715-6704 or e-mailed to karen.proffitt@psncuc.nc.gov.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent the consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001.

Written statements are not evidence unless those persons submitting the statements appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

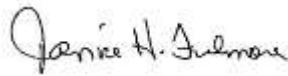
Persons desiring to present testimony concerning their opinion on this application, or any service problems they may be experiencing, may appear at this public hearing and give such testimony.

Persons desiring to intervene in the matter as formal parties of record should file a motion under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-6, R1-7, and R1-19 no later than 60 days from the date of this notice. Any such motion should be filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

The details of the proposed new rates have been filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission. A copy of the application and all filings in this matter are available for review by the public at the Office of the Chief Clerk, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. Information regarding this proceeding can also be accessed from the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net under the docket number of this proceeding.

This the 6th day of June, 2017.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, _____, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers the attached Notice to Customers issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-549, Sub 10, and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the _____ day of _____ 2017.

By:

Signature

Name of Utility Company

The above named Applicant, _____, personally appeared before me this day and, being first duly sworn, says that the required Notice to Customers was mailed or hand delivered to all affected customers, as required by the Commission Order dated _____ in Docket No. W-549, Sub 10.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the _____ day of _____, 2017.

Notary Public

Printed or Typed Name

My Commission Expires:

Date