

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 428

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application by Carolina Water Service, Inc.)
of North Carolina for a Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity and for)
Approval of Rates to Provide Sewer Utility)
Service to Kimeplex Park in Carteret)
County, North Carolina)
	ORDER FINDING APPLICATION
	COMPLETE AND REQUIRING
	THE PUBLIC STAFF TO PROVIDE
	SPECIFIC APPLICATION DATA

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On October 3, 2023, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC or Applicant) filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of Rates (Application) to provide sewer utility service to Kimeplex Park in Carteret County, North Carolina in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.

On June 30, 2023, North Carolina Session Law 2023-67, entitled “An Act to Expedite Transfer of Water or Wastewater Public Utilities” (the Act), was signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper, having been previously ratified by the North Carolina General Assembly. The Act provides timelines for the Commission’s consideration of applications for the grant or transfer of certificates of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) for certain water and wastewater systems. Section 1.(a) of the Act amends N.C.G.S. § 62-111 and applies to applications for the grant or transfer of CPCNs for water and wastewater systems filed on or after June 30, 2023.

On October 24, 2023, the Public Staff filed a letter outlining the deficiencies in the Application and indicating that the Public Staff considers the Application incomplete.

On October 26, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Finding Application Incomplete and Request for Additional Information.

On December 13, 2023, CWSNC filed additional information in response to the Public Staff’s letter outlining deficiencies.

On December 15, 2023, the Public Staff filed a letter with the Commission indicating that this docket now includes all the information required for a complete application.

Based on the foregoing, the recommendation of the Public Staff, and the entire record in this proceeding, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to determine that

the Application in this matter is complete, and that the Public Staff shall provide to the Commission, on or before December 29, 2023, the following information regarding the Application:

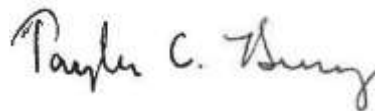
1. The number and type of customers to be served by CWSNC;
2. The rates currently being charged to customers, including the docket number, if applicable, in which the current rates were approved by the Commission and the effective date for the current rates;
3. The proposed rates CWSNC seeks to charge if the Commission approves the issuance of a CPCN to CWSNC for the provision of sewer utility service to Kimeplex Park in Carteret County, North Carolina;
4. If an increase in rates is proposed, provide the impact on the average monthly residential sewer bill under the proposed rates compared to current rates. For metered rates, indicate the average monthly usage used in your calculations; and
5. Briefly summarize any pertinent points from the application such as a description of any planned capital improvements, the related dollar amounts, the estimated total impact on annual revenue requirement, and the estimated impact on the average monthly residential sewer bill.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 20th day of December, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Taylor C. Berry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Taylor" being more prominent.

Taylor C. Berry, Deputy Clerk