



**NORTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC STAFF
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

June 29, 2015

Michael and April Marcinizyn
5018 W. Spoon Ct.
Nags Head, NC 27959

Re: NCUC Docket No. W-354, Sub 344 – Carolina Water Service

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Marcinizyn:

Thank you for your letter of June 22, 2015, regarding the rate increase application of Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC) currently pending before the Utilities Commission. We understand your concerns about the impact of the proposed increase in flat rate charges for sewer service on part-time residents of the Village at Nags Head such as yourselves.

The Public Staff's goal in this case, as in all utility rate cases, is to protect consumers and ensure that they receive adequate service at reasonable rates. Our engineers and accountants will conduct a thorough investigation and analysis of the application. This will include auditing CWSNC's financial records and other documentation related to the proposed increase and, in some cases, conducting on-site investigations of the water and wastewater systems. We will take your views into consideration as we conduct our investigation and formulate our recommendations to the Commission.

We appreciate your interest in this matter. If you have other questions or concerns about the proceeding, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Antoinette R. Wike
Chief Counsel

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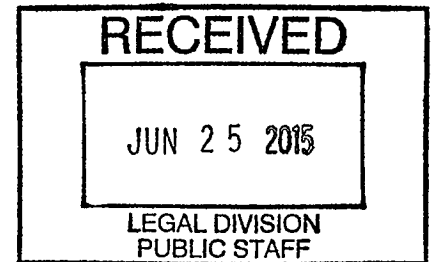
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Re: Docket NO. W-354, SUB 344
Proposed increase sewer rates by Carolina Water Service, Inc.



Dear Ms. Wike,

I am writing to protest the proposed sewer rate increase before the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

My wife and I live part time at 5018 W. Spoon Ct., Nags Head, NC 27959. We are fortunate to be able to split our time between here and our home in Murrysville, PA. I am semi-retired. On average, we are in Nags Head on the average of 150 days a year. We do not rent our home when we are not there. Except for the summer months when the underground sprinkler system is activated for 4 days a week for a total of 2 hours per week, we turn off the water supply each time we leave. Our home is in the Village at Nags Head and the homeowners there are the only ones who have sewer systems instead of cesspools for quite a wide distance. I wish this was not the case and that we had cesspools also rather than a sewer system.

Our water bills total about \$200 for the year. It is almost always the minimum charge of \$32.60 every two months. That's \$16.30 per month. Our current sewer bills total \$754 per year. The sewer bill is \$62.81 per months. This means that each month we pay \$16.30 for water and \$62.81 for sewer. Does this make sense? No. To ask for an increase that would now total \$913 per year, or \$76.11 per month is onerous and unfair.

If, in your opinion, an increase is warranted, I suggest that it be based solely on usage without a minimum cost per month. This makes it more like a "user tax". Many of the larger homes around us rent their homes on a regular basis and their water and sewer usage is much higher. Therefore, they should shoulder a larger portion of the burden. I'm sure that the average cost per gallon of sewer water has been calculated and that factor should be applied to water usage and therefore totally avoid a minimum monthly charge

I respectfully request that the larger volume users pay a larger portion of the expenses. Again, please consider the disconnect of having an average monthly water bill of \$16.30 versus a monthly sewer bill of \$62.81 (current) or \$76.11 (proposed).

Thank you for your consideration.

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