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Dear Mr. Ayers,

We are writing in regard to the State of North Carolina's Utilities Commission Notice to Customers, Briar Chapel and Fearrington Village Docket NO. W-1320, SUB 0, SUB 2, Docket NO. W-1300, SUB 0, SUB 55, and Docket NO. W-661, SUB 0, SUB 9.

We wish to say at the outset that we are 100% in favor of our being good stewards of the environment, and that this includes our treating the waste we produce in such a manner that it can, whenever possible, be returned to the environment without harm.

We are also NOT people who say "do these things to clean up our waste but not in my back yard." What we DO SAY, however, is that the work to plan, build, and manage such facilities must be done by those qualified and competent to perform the tasks involved, and that they be monitored and regulated by people whose job it is to protect the public health and safety.

With that in mind, we want to add our voices to those of other residents of Briar Chapel who are dissatisfied with the service being provided by the Old North State Water Company, and have serious concerns about the ability of ONSWC to carry out their ambitious plans to combine the sewage treatment of Briar Chapel, Fearrington Village, and other developments in the area into one sewage treatment plant located in Briar Chapel.

We have lived in Briar Chapel for more than 5 years. In that time, we had no sewage-related problems until Old North State/Envirolink became involved and the project began to combine Briar Chapel's and Fearrington Village's wastewater treatment. As a community, Briar Chapel began experiencing problems, at the time having mostly to do with a heavy sewer smell emanating from the community's water reclamation and irrigation system whenever it came on.

A portion of that system runs alongside our home and, as a result, it became impossible for us to sit on our front or back porches when the system came on. After multiple calls to Envirolink and their visiting our property the solution arrived at has been to run that section of the irrigation system in the early hours of the morning when most residents are

asleep. However, I can tell you that as recently as two days ago when I visited another part of the Briar Chapel community, the problem still exists.

No doubt you've heard from other Briar Chapel residents of repeated sewer line breaks near their homes creating situations not only uncomfortable, but potentially dangerous to public health.

Now Old North State, or Chatham North, or whatever they choose to call themselves, wants to make the sewage treatment plant in Briar Chapel 4 times larger than its current capacity, even though their management of the current plant has earned them nothing but dissatisfaction, opposition, and concern from the community.

One of our concerns is for the quality of our lives here in Briar Chapel, and that when we, and others in community, put our homes on the market their value will be diminished due to problems with the sewage treatment facility Old North State/Chatham North is proposing in their application to the Utilities Commission.

We anticipate that all members of the State's Utilities Commission and staff will treat this matter as if the proposed wastewater treatment plant were being built and operated in their community, and require that the highest industry standards and practices be applied to all aspects of the planning and operation of this wastewater facility.

Thank you.

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