



**NORTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC STAFF
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

May 10, 2024

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

Re: Docket No. W-1300, Sub 83 – Application by Old North State Water Company, Inc., for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of Rates to Provide Water Utility Service in The Reserve at Falls Lake in Wake County

Dear Ms. Dunston:

On March 28, 2024, in Docket No. W-1300, Sub 83, Old North State Water Company, Inc. (ONSWC), filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of Rates (Application) to provide water utility service to The Reserve at Falls Lake Phase 4 Subdivision in Wake County, North Carolina. ONSWC supplemented its Application on April 19, 2024.

On April 26, 2024, the Public Staff filed a letter with the Commission indicating that as of April 19, 2024, the Application includes all information required for a complete application.

On April 29, 2024, the Commission issued its Order Finding Application Complete and Requiring the Public Staff to Provide Specific Application Data (Order). The Order required the Public Staff to provide the Commission by May 13, 2024 certain Application data as provided in the following five enumerated paragraphs. In response thereto, the Public Staff provides as follows:

1. The number and type of customers to be served by ONSWC;

Response: There will be 16 residential customers.

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;

Response: The customers are not currently being served or charged for service.

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3. The proposed rates ONSWC seeks to charge if the Commission approves the issuance of a CPCN to ONSWC for the provision of water utility service to The Reserve at Falls Lake Phase 4 Subdivision in Wake County, North Carolina;

Response: ONSWC proposes to charge the monthly residential rate of a \$24.11 base charge and a \$7.57 per k-gal usage charge, which was approved in Docket No. W-1300, Sub 60 on June 13, 2022.

4. If an increase in rates is proposed, provide the impact on the average monthly sewer bill under the proposed rates compared to current rates. For metered rates, indicate the average monthly usage used in your calculations; and

Response: An increase is not proposed.

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 sewer bill.

Response: The Application proposes to serve a new service area in Wake County, North Carolina. Per the Water Utility System Agreement, ONSWC will purchase the water system from the developer, Falls Lake Developer's, LLC, for \$500 per residential equivalent unit with a \$500 connection fee. The Application states that there are no planned improvements or additions required in the next five years. The area to be served is within 50 feet of an area currently being served by Aqua North Carolina, Inc. Additionally, the proposed well has a pumping capacity of 12 gallons per minute (gpm), which meets the minimum required by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality. Because the system has 16 total connections, the ratio of well pumping capacity to residential equivalent units (REU) is 0.75 gpm per REU. This is below what the Public Staff understands to be the Company's standard of 1 gpm per REU.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
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