

**Attachment A**

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1040, SUB 8  
DOCKET NO. M-100, SUB 138

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. W-1040, SUB 8	)	
	)	
In the Matter of	)	
Bear Den Acres Development, Inc. Tariff	)	
Filing to Reflect House Bill 998	)	
	)	ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
DOCKET NO. M-100, SUB 138	)	REVISION AND REQUIRING
	)	CUSTOMER NOTICE AND
	)	REFUND
In the Matter of	)	
Implementation of House Bill 998 – An Act to	)	
Simplify the North Carolina Tax Structure and	)	
to Reduce Individual and Business Tax Rates	)	

BY THE COMMISSION: Pursuant to Section 2.4.(a) of Session Law 2015-6 (House Bill (HB) 41), the Commission must adjust the rate for the sale of electricity, piped natural gas, and water and wastewater service to reflect all of the tax changes as enacted in Session Law 2013-316 (HB 998). Under G.S. 105-130.3A, as enacted in HB 998, an automatic reduction in the State corporate income tax rate from 5% to 4% became effective for the taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2016, because certain net General Fund tax collection levels were met for the State's fiscal year 2014-2015.

On November 19, 2015, the Commission issued its Order Requiring Revised Tariff Filings and Requesting Review by the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff). In the Order, the Commission concluded, among other things, that water and wastewater public utilities must adjust their rates, effective for the taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2016, to reflect the reduction from 5% to 4% in the State corporate income tax rate. Therefore, the Commission required, among other things, that all water and wastewater public utilities file revised tariffs by no later than December 21, 2015, reflecting the new rates at the 4% State corporate income tax rate. The Commission concluded that such tariff filings were provisionally approved effective beginning on January 1, 2016 pending review by the Public Staff and final approval by the Commission.

Bear Den Acres Development, Inc. (Bear Den or the Company) did not file a revised tariff as required in the November 19, 2015 Order.

On January 21, 2016, the Public Staff filed its comments regarding water and wastewater companies as requested in the November 19, 2015 Order. The Public Staff noted in its comments that Bear Den had its rates established in a general rate case and that the Public Staff has calculated the revenue requirement impact of the reduction in the State corporate income tax rate from 5% to 4% for Bear Den. The Public Staff noted that it prepared a revised tariff sheet for Bear Den which was attached as Public Staff Exhibit 4 to the comments.

Based on the record of evidence in these dockets, the Commission finds it appropriate to approve Bear Den's revised rates, as reflected in the tariff provided by the Public Staff, effective January 1, 2016. The Company is required to provide a bill credit refund to its customers to appropriately reflect the rates in the attached tariff which were effective January 1, 2016. Further, the Company is required to provide a customer notice, as attached, and file a verification that it has adjusted its rates accordingly.

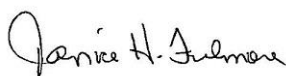
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the Schedule of Rates, attached as Appendix A, is approved and is deemed filed with the Commission pursuant to G.S. 62-138. This Schedule of Rates was effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2016.
2. That the Company shall issue bill credit refunds to its customers to appropriately reflect the approved rates that were in effect as of January 1, 2016.
3. That a copy of the Notice to Customers attached as Appendix B be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by the Company to all of its customers contemporaneously with the next billing of customers.
4. That the Company shall file with the Commission the attached Verification properly signed and notarized not later than thirty (30) days after the date of this Order.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk

SCHEDULE OF RATES

for

BEAR DEN ACRES DEVELOPMENT, INC.for providing water utility service inBEAR DEN ACRES DEVELOPMENT

McDowell County, North Carolina

Monthly Metered Rates (Residential Service):

Base Charge, zero usage	\$ 33.45, minimum
Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 2.78

Meter Installation Fee: \$175.00

Connection Fee: \$600.00

Reconnection Charges:

If water service cut off by utility for good cause	\$ 14.34
If water service discontinued at customer's request	\$ 14.34

(Customers who request to be reconnected within 12 months of disconnection at the same address shall be charged the base charge for the entire period they were disconnected.)

Returned Check Charge: \$ 9.56

Bills Due: On billing date

Bills Past Due: 20 days after billing date

Billing Frequency: Shall be monthly for service in arrears

Finance Charge for Late Payment: 1% per month will be applied to the unpaid balance of all bills still past due 25 days after billing date.

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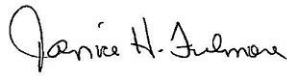
Issued in Accordance with Authority Granted by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-1040, Sub 8, on this the 24th day of May, 2016, effective January 1, 2016.

**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS**

Notice is hereby given that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has approved a rate decrease for Bear Den Acres Development, Inc. to reflect a tax change enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly. Under House Bill 998, an Act to Simplify the North Carolina Tax Structure and to Reduce Individual and Business Tax Rates, effective January 1, 2016, the State corporate income tax rate was decreased from 5% to 4%. The Company has decreased its rates by 0.15% to reflect the decrease in the State corporate income tax rate, effective January 1, 2016, with appropriate bill credit refunds provided.

This the 24th day of May, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Janice H. Fulmore".

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk

VERIFICATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, state and attest that Bear Den Acres Development, Inc. has:

- (1) Adjusted its rates as ordered in Docket No. W-1040, Sub 8,
- (2) Issued appropriate bill credit refunds, and
- (3) Mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers the customer notice issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-1040, Sub 8, by the date specified in the Order.

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Utility Company

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_