

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 551

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc. for)
Transfer of the Water Utility System Serving)
Northgate Subdivision in Wake County, North)
Carolina to the Town of Fuquay-Varina via Lear)
Corporation, Owner Exempt from Regulation)
	ORDER APPROVING CUSTOMER NOTICE WITH EDITS

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On October 6, 2021, Aqua North Carolina Inc. (Aqua) filed an application seeking to transfer the water utility system serving the Northgate Subdivision in Wake County, North Carolina to the Town of Fuquay-Varina via Lear Corporation, Owner Exempt from Regulation (Application) in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-111.

On July 25, 2023, the Public Staff filed a letter recommending that the Commission determine that Aqua's Application is complete.

On July 31, 2023, the Commission issued a Notice of Complete Application. Subsequently, on August 16, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Customer Notice (Scheduling Order), which, among other things, scheduled a public witness hearing for October 10, 2023, and an expert witness hearing on October 16, 2023. The Scheduling Order also required Aqua to consult with the Public Staff to develop a Notice to Customers and file the proposed Notice to Customers no later than five (5) business days after the date of the Scheduling Order.

On August 22, 2023, Aqua filed a proposed Notice to Customers that was agreed upon by Aqua and the Public Staff.

The Presiding Commissioner has reviewed the proposed Notice to Customers and finds good cause to approve issuance of the notice in the form attached hereto as Appendix A.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 5th day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

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Notice is hereby given that Aqua North Carolina, Inc., 202 MacKenan Court, Cary, North Carolina 27511 (Aqua) filed an Application with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) for Transfer of Public Utility Franchise (Application) seeking authority to transfer the water utility system and public utility franchise serving Northgate Subdivision (Northgate) in Wake County, North Carolina, from Aqua to the Town of Fuquay-Varina (Town) via Lear Corporation, which is exempt from Commission regulation.

Aqua's present rates and the Town's present rates for water utility service are as follows:

**AQUA'S PRESENT RATES¹
WSIP RATE YEAR 1**

Monthly Metered Service (Residential and Commercial Customers)

Base facility charge (zero usage, based on meter size)

<1" meter	\$ 21.10
1" meter	\$ 52.75
1½" meter	\$ 105.50
2" meter	\$ 168.80
3" meter	\$ 316.50
4" meter	\$ 527.50
6" meter	\$1,055.00

Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 8.48
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¹ Effective under Aqua's Water and Sewer Investment Plan (WSIP) Rate Year 1 for service rendered on and after June 5, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

TOWN'S PRESENT RATES²

Monthly Metered Service (Residential and Commercial customers)

Base facility charge (zero usage, based on meter size)

¾" meter	\$ 13.49
1" meter	\$ 22.52
1½" meter	\$ 44.92
2" meter	\$ 71.89
3" meter	\$ 134.88
4" meter	\$ 224.84
6" meter	\$ 449.56
8" meter	\$ 719.12

Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 6.82
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EFFECT OF THE RATES:

The Town's rates would decrease the monthly metered water bill by \$15.91 from \$63.50 to \$47.59 based on 5,000 gallons usage.

HEARING PROCEDURES:

The Commission has scheduled the following hearings on the Application:

Public witness hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, in the Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603. The hearing on October 10, 2023, will be solely for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g). The Commission reserves the right to limit testimony at the public witness hearing pursuant to Commission Rule R1- 21(g)(5). This hearing may be canceled if no significant protests are received on or before Tuesday, October 3, 2023.

Expert witness hearing beginning at 1:00 p.m., on Monday, October 16, 2023, and continuing as necessary until its conclusion. The hearing will be held in the Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The hearing scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2023, shall

² Town Water and Sewer Rates for 2023 – 2024 per Ordinance No. N-23-20 (In-town rates).

be conducted solely for the purpose of receiving testimony of Aqua, the Public Staff, and any other parties of record.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Correspondence concerning Aqua's Application, or the public hearing should be directed to the Public Staff. Consumer statements to the Public Staff should include the customer's name, contact information, and any information that the writer wishes to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter, and such statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. Consumer statements may also be faxed to (919) 715-6704.

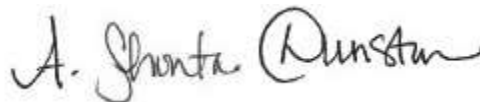
Consumer statements may be submitted to the Commission via the web form at <https://www.ncuc.gov/contactus.html>. Consumer statements are not evidence unless those persons appear at a public witness hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their consumer statements.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent the consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Utilities Section, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001. Written statements may also be e-mailed to utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov.

Persons desiring to intervene in this matter as formal parties of record should file a petition to intervene pursuant to North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19, on or before Tuesday, September 26, 2023. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. Information regarding this proceeding can be accessed from the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov under Docket Number "W-218 Sub 551."

This the 5th day of September, 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, _____, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers the attached Notice to Customers, issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-218, Sub 551, and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the _____ day of _____, 2023.

By: _____
Signature

Aqua North Carolina, Inc.

The above-named Applicant, _____, personally appeared before me this day and, being first duly sworn, says that the required Notice to Customers was mailed or hand delivered to all affected customers, as required by the Commission Order dated _____, in Docket No. W-218, Sub 551.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the _____ day of _____, 2023.

Notary Public

Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: _____

Date