



**NORTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC STAFF
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

December 28, 2023

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-430

Re: Docket No. W-354 Sub 428 – Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of Rates (Application) to provide sewer utility service to Kimeplex Park in Carteret County, North Carolina

Dear Ms. Dunston:

On October 3, 2023, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC or Applicant) filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of Rates (Application) to provide sewer utility service to Kimeplex Park in Carteret County, North Carolina in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110. On October 24, 2023, the Public Staff filed a letter outlining the deficiencies in the Application and indicating that the Public Staff considers the Application incomplete. On October 26, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Finding Application Incomplete and Request for Additional Information. On December 13, 2023, CWSNC filed additional information in response to the Public Staff's letter outlining deficiencies. On December 15, 2023, the Public Staff filed a letter with the Commission indicating that this docket now includes all the information required for a complete application.

On December 20, 2023, the Commission found the application complete and ordered the Public Staff to provide the Commission, on or before December 29, 2023, certain information as provided in five enumerated paragraphs. In response thereto, the Public Staff provides as follows:

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1. The number and type of customers to be served by CWSNC:

One commercial sewer customer with approximately 7 Residential Equivalent Units (REUs).

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(s) for the current rate;

In Docket No. W-354, Sub 400 (WSIP Rate Years 1-3), the Commission approved the following uniform rates, which were effective May 12, 2023.

Monthly Flat-Rate Service, per SFE or REU:

Multi-residential customers who are served by a master meter shall be charged the flat rate per unit. \$96.38

3. The proposed rates CWSNC seeks to charge if the Commission approves the issuance of a CPCN to CWSNC for the provision of sewer utility service to Kimeplex Park in Carteret County, North Carolina:

CWSNC proposes to charge the same uniform rates approved in Docket No. W-354, Sub 400 (WSIP Rate Years 1-3) on May 12, 2023.

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

CWSNC does not propose a rate increase. The rates charged will be the same uniform rates approved in Docket No. W-354, Sub 400 (WSIP Rate Years 1-3) on May 12, 2023.

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 residential sewer bill.

The planned capital improvements for the sewer system include installation of a new 4-inch sewer force main and a lift station (approximately \$150,000) from the Kimeplex Park to the existing Brandywine Bay system's lift station to allow the sewer to flow from this park to the existing Brandywine Bay wastewater treatment plant.

Based on CWSNC's estimated costs for these improvements the approximate annual revenue requirement associated with the capital expenditures is \$23,448 or \$279.14 per customer per month as of the end of the first year, subject to true-up.

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Based on an estimated average sewer production of approximately 2,500 gallons per day (7 REUs), the monthly wastewater utility bill is \$674.66.

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

Sincerely,
Electronically submitted
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