

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 400

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application by Carolina Water Service, Inc.) of North Carolina, 4944 Parkway Plaza) Boulevard, Suite 375, Charlotte, North Carolina) 28217, for Authority to Adjust and Increase) Rates for Water and Sewer Utility Service in) All Its Service Areas in North Carolina and for) Approval of a Water and Sewer Investment) Plan)	ORDER ESTABLISHING GENERAL RATE CASE AND SUSPENDING RATES
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BY THE COMMISSION: On July 1, 2022, in Docket No. W-354, Sub 400, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC) filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to adjust and increase its rates for providing water and sewer utility service in all of its service areas in North Carolina and for approval to establish and implement a Water and Sewer Investment Plan (WSIP) pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.1B and Commission Rule R1-17A. CWSNC proposes new rates for a base year and the three rate years included in its WSIP. CWSNC serves approximately 34,565 water customers and 21,469 sewer customers in 38 counties throughout the State of North Carolina.

CWSNC's uniform water and sewer rates and Bradfield Farms/Fairfield Harbour/Treasure Cove water and sewer rates have been in effect since April 8, 2022, pursuant to the Commission's Order in Docket No. W-354, Sub 384.

The Commission finds that the application constitutes a general rate case and concludes that the proposed new rates should be suspended pending investigation.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:


1. That this proceeding is declared a general rate case pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-137;
2. That the proposed new rates are suspended for up to 270 days pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-134;
3. That the test year period is established as the 12-month period ending March 31, 2022; and

4. That the Commission shall issue an order establishing discovery guidelines, scheduling hearings, and requiring customer notice at a later date.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 26th day of July, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joann R. Snyder".

Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk