

	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
<u>Reconnect Charge (during regular business hours):</u>		
If service is cut off for good cause	\$ 39.03	\$ 41.38
If service is cut off at customer's request	\$ 39.03	\$ 41.38
<u>Reconnect Charge (after hours, holiday, weekends):</u>	\$ 78.06	\$ 82.75
<u>Discontinue Service Charge (during regular business hours):</u>		
If service is cut off at customer's request	\$ 39.03	\$ 41.38
<u>New Account:</u>	\$ 39.03	\$ 41.38
<u>Returned Check:</u>	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
<u>Finance Charge for Late Payment:</u>	1% per month	1% per month

The proposed rates would increase the average monthly bill for residential water utility service from \$63.93 to \$67.78, based on 4,000 gallons of usage.

The Commission concludes that the matter should be scheduled for public witness hearing for the sole purpose of receiving testimony from customers, subject to cancellation if no significant protests are received subsequent to customer notice; that the matter should be scheduled for an expert witness hearing for the sole purpose of receiving expert testimony from the Applicant, the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff), and intervenors, if any; and that the Applicant should be required to provide notice to its customers of the application, including the applied for rates and the scheduled hearings.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the test year period is established as the 12-month period ending December 31, 2020;
2. That a public witness hearing on the application shall be, and is hereby, scheduled, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at the Alamance County Historic Courthouse, 1 Court Square, Courtroom #204, Graham, North Carolina 27253. *This hearing may be canceled if no significant protests are received on or before Tuesday, February 1, 2022;*
3. That the public witness hearing 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;

4. That the expert witness hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2022, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603, solely for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony from the parties' witnesses, and will continue as required for testimony and cross-examination of expert witnesses for the Applicant, the Public Staff, and other intervenors;

5. That an officer or representative of the Applicant is required to appear in person before the Commission at the time and place of the expert witness hearing to testify concerning any of the information contained in the application. If the Applicant desires to cross-examine any witnesses at the hearing, the Applicant shall be represented by legal counsel at this hearing;

6. That on or before Monday, February 21, 2022, any person having an interest in this matter may file petitions to intervene in this proceeding pursuant to Commission Rules R1-5, R1-7, and R1-19;

7. That the Applicant shall file its testimony on or before Monday, January 31, 2022 pursuant to Commission Rule R1-24;

8. That the Public Staff and intervenors, if any, shall file their testimony on or before Monday, February 21, 2022;

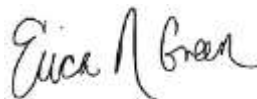
9. That the Applicant shall file its rebuttal testimony, if any, on or before Monday, March 7, 2022; and

10. That the Notice to Customers, attached as Appendix A, shall be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by the Applicant to all customers no later than 20 days after the date of this Order; and that the Applicant submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service properly signed and notarized not later than 45 days after the date of this Order.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 22nd day of December, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. W-1250, SUB 8
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given that Saxapahaw Utility Company (Applicant), Post Office Box 128, Saxapahaw, North Carolina 27340, has filed an application with the North Carolina Utilities Commission on October 18, 2021, for authority to increase rates and charges for water utility service in the Village of Saxapahaw in Alamance County, North Carolina.

The Applicant's present and proposed rates are as follows:

	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
<u>Monthly Metered Rates:</u>		
Base Charge, zero consumption		
<1" meter	\$ 32.69	\$ 34.66
1" meter	\$ 81.79	\$ 86.70
1.5" meter	\$ 163.54	\$ 173.36
2" meter	\$ 261.66	\$ 277.36
3" meter	\$ 490.61	\$ 520.05
4" meter	\$ 817.67	\$ 866.73
6" meter	\$ 1,635.35	\$ 1,733.48
Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 7.81	\$ 8.28
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The Commission may consider additional or alternative rate design proposals which were not included or proposed in the original application and may order increases or decreases in the utility rate schedules which differ from those proposed by the Applicant. However, any rate structure considered will not generate more overall revenues than requested.

EFFECT OF RATES

The present water rates have been in effect since the Commission's Order issued on September 17, 2019 in Docket No. W-1250, Sub 7. The proposed rates would increase the average monthly bill for residential water utility service by \$3.85 (6%), from \$63.93 to \$67.78, based on 4,000 gallons of usage.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Commission has scheduled the following hearings on the Application:

Customer hearing at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. The hearing will be held at the Alamance County Historic Courthouse, 1 Court Square, Courtroom #204, Graham, North Carolina 27253. *This hearing may be canceled and the matter decided on the filings if no significant protests are received on or before Tuesday, February 1, 2022.*

Expert witness hearing at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, March 17, 2022, and continuing as necessary until conclusion. The hearing will be held in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603.

The hearing scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2022, shall be for the sole purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. The hearing scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2022, shall be for the sole purpose of receiving expert witness testimony from the Applicant, the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff), and any other parties of record.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written 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 these statements should be addressed to Ms. Dianna Downey, Chief Counsel, Public Staff-North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. Written statements may also be faxed to (919) 715-6704 or emailed to statements@ncuc.net.

Persons desiring to present testimony concerning their opinions on this Application, or on any service problems they may be experiencing, may appear at the public hearing and give such testimony.

Written statements are not evidence unless those persons submitting the statements appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Commission hearings are subject to change because of COVID-19. Any changes to scheduled hearings will be posted on the Commission website (<https://www.ncuc.net>).

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent 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 emailed to utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov.

Persons desiring to intervene in the matter as formal parties of record should file a motion under Commission Rules R1-5, R1-7, and R1-19 no later than Monday, February 21, 2022. Any such motion 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 also be accessed under Docket Number "W-1250 Sub 8" from the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

This the 22nd day of December, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erica N. Green". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E".

Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk

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-1250, Sub 8, and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the ____ day of _____ 2022.

By: _____
Signature

Name of Utility Company

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-1250, Sub 8.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the ____ day of _____ 2022.

Notary Public

Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: _____
Date