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From: Casselberry, Gina
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 8:16 AM
To: 'MICHAEL'

Subject: RE: Docket No. W-354. SUB 344 Application by Carolina Water Service, Inc. to adjust and increase rates for water and sewer utility service in North Carolina

Mr. and Mrs. Marcinizyn,

Thank you for your email concerning the request by Carolina Water Service, Inc., of North Carolina (CWSNC or Company) for a rate increase. A copy of your letter and this response will be given to the Chief Clerk of the Commission for inclusion in the official file. The Public Staff is responsible for representing the interests of the using and consuming public in utility matters, and we will participate on the public's behalf in this case.

In this rate case proceeding, the Public Staff will review the books and records of the Company and present its views on the Company's request to the Commission. We will give consideration to your comments as we conduct our investigation.

Respectfully,

Gina Casselberry
Utilities Engineer
Public Staff – Water and Sewer Division
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From: MICHAEL [<mailto:mmarcinizyn1@comcast.net>]
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2015 4:41 PM
To: Casselberry, Gina
Subject: Docket No. W-354. SUB 344 Application by Carolina Water Service, Inc to adjust and increase rates for water and sewer utility service in North Carolina

Dear Ms. Casselberry,

I am writing to protest the proposed sewer rate increase before the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

My wife and I live part time at 5018 W. Spoon Ct., Nags Head, NC 27959. We are fortunate to be able to split our time between here and our home in Murrysville, PA. I am semi-retired. On average, we are in Nags Head on the average of 150 days a year. We do not rent our home when we are not

there. Except for the summer months when the underground sprinkler system is activated for 4 days a week for a total of 2 hours per week, we turn off the water supply each time we leave. Our home is in the Village at Nags Head and the homeowners there are the only ones who have sewer systems instead of cesspools for quite a wide distance. I wish this was not the case and that we had cesspools also rather than a sewer system.

Our water bills total about \$200 for the year. It is almost always the minimum charge of \$32.60 every two months. That's \$16.30 per month. Our current sewer bills total \$754 per year. The sewer bill is \$62.81 per months. This means that each month we pay \$16.30 for water and \$62.81 for sewer. Does this make sense? No. To ask for an increase that would now total \$913 per year, or \$76.11 per month is onerous and unfair.

If, in your opinion, an increase is warranted, I suggest that it be based solely on usage without a minimum cost per month. This makes it more like a "user tax". Many of the larger homes around us rent their homes on a regular basis and their water and sewer usage is much higher. Therefore, they should shoulder a larger portion of the burden. I'm sure that the average cost per gallon of sewer water has been calculated and that factor should be applied to water usage and therefore totally avoid a minimum monthly charge

I respectfully request that the larger volume users pay a larger portion of the expenses. Again, please consider the disconnect of having an average monthly water bill of \$16.30 versus a monthly sewer bill of \$62.81 (current) or \$76.11 (proposed).

Thank you for your consideration.

Michael & April Marcinizyn
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