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	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
<u>Monthly Metered Rates Water Utility Service</u>		
Base charge, zero usage	\$ 6.72	\$16.74
Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 1.85	\$ 3.75
<u>Monthly Flat Rate Sewer Utility Service</u>		
	\$39.53	\$50.46

The monthly water bill would increase from \$16.45 to \$36.47, based on an average usage of 5,262 gallons.

The Public Staff presented this matter at the Commission's Staff Conference on March 25, 2019. The Public Staff recommended that an order be issued scheduling the matter for hearing and requiring customer notice, specifying that the matter may be determined without public hearing if no significant protests are received subsequent to customer notice.

The Commission is of the opinion that an order should be issued setting the matter for public hearing and requiring customer notice.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the application is scheduled for public hearing on **Wednesday, May 29, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., Cabarrus County Courthouse, Courtroom # 1, 77 Union Street South, Concord, North Carolina 28015.**
2. That the Public Staff shall prefile testimony no later than May 9, 2019; and the Applicant shall prefile any rebuttal testimony no later than May 16, 2019.
3. That an officer or representative of the Applicant is required to appear in person before the Commission at the time and place of the evidentiary 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 the hearing.

4. That the Notice to Customers, attached hereto as Appendix A, shall be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by the Applicant to all customers affected by the proposed new rates no later than 10 days after the date of this Order; and that the Applicant shall submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, no later than 30 days after the date of this Order.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 25th day of March, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janice H. Fulmore".

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 361
DOCKET NO. W-1046, SUB 5**

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC) filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to acquire the franchise for providing water and sewer utility service in Silverton Subdivision in Cabarrus County, North Carolina from Pace Utilities Group, Inc. (Pace Utilities), and for approval of rates.

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The Commission may consider additional or alternative rate design proposals which were not included in the original application and may order increases or decreases in the rates which differ from those proposed by the Applicant. However, any rate structure considered will not generate more overall revenues than requested.

EFFECT OF RATES

CWSNC's proposed rates would increase the monthly water bill from \$16.45 to \$36.47, based on an average usage of 5,262 gallons.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Commission has scheduled the application for public hearing at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 29, 2019, at Cabarrus County Courthouse, Courtroom # 1, 77 Union Street South, Concord, North Carolina 28015. This hearing may be canceled and the matter decided on the filings if no significant protests are received from customers by May 14, 2019. Correspondence concerning the proposed rate increase, service problems, or the public hearing should be directed to the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff).

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-269.4, absent certain specific exceptions, it is unlawful for any person to possess, or carry, whether openly or concealed, any deadly weapon, not used solely for instructional or officially sanctioned ceremonial purposes, in any building housing any court of the General Court of Justice. Therefore, weapons are strictly prohibited at the hearings scheduled in this docket in county courthouses. Everyone entering the county courthouse shall have to pass through a metal detector, and any weapons found will be seized.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include the name of the subdivision, 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 Mr. David Drooz, Chief Counsel, Public Staff, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. Written statements can also be faxed to (919) 715-6704 or e-mailed to gina.casselberry@psncuc.nc.gov.

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, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001.

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.

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

Persons desiring to intervene in the matter as formal parties of record should file a motion under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-6, R1-7, and R1-19 no later than May 9, 2019. Any such motion should be filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325.

The details of the proposed new rates have been filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission. A copy of the application and all filings in this matter are available for review by the public at the Office of the Chief Clerk, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. Information regarding this proceeding can also be accessed from the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net under the docket number of this proceeding.

This the 25th day of March, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, _____, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers the attached Notice to Customers and Requiring Customer Notice issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket Nos. W-354, Sub 361 and W-1046, Sub 5, by the date specified in the Order.

This the ____ day of _____, _____.

By: _____
Signature

Name of Utility Company

The above named Applicant, _____, personally appeared before me this day and, being first duly sworn, says that the Notice to Customers was mailed or hand delivered to all affected customers, as required by the Commission Order dated _____ in Docket Nos. W-354, Sub 361 and W-1046, Sub 5.

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

Notary Public

Typed or Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: _____
Date