

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 592

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc., for	)
Certificate of Public Convenience and	)
Necessity for The Sanctuary at Lake	)
Wheeler in Wake County, North Carolina,	)
and for Approval of Rates	)
	ORDER FINDING APPLICATION
	COMPLETE AND REQUIRING
	THE PUBLIC STAFF TO PROVIDE
	SPECIFIC APPLICATION DATA

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On January 9, 2023, Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua) filed with the Commission an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of Rates (Application) to provide water utility service to The Sanctuary at Lake Wheeler in Wake County, North Carolina, in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 62-110 and 62-133.

On June 30, 2023, North Carolina Session Law 2023-67, entitled “An Act to Expedite Transfer of Water or Wastewater Public Utilities” (the Act), was signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper, having been previously ratified by the North Carolina General Assembly. The Act provides timelines for the Commission’s consideration of applications for the grant or transfer of certificates of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) for certain water and wastewater systems. Section 1.(b) of the Act applies to applications for the grant or transfer of CPCNs for water and wastewater systems currently pending before the Commission as of June 30, 2023. Among other things, this section requires the Commission to provide notice whether any pending application is complete.

On May 10, 2023, the Public Staff filed a letter outlining deficiencies in the Application and indicated that the Public Staff considered the Application incomplete as filed.

On May 11, 2023, Aqua filed additional information to address the issues identified in the Public Staff’s deficiency letter. On June 14, 2023, Aqua filed an amended Application and filed additional amended information on July 14, 2023.

On July 25, 2023, the Public Staff filed a letter outlining further deficiencies in the Application and recommended that the Commission find the Application incomplete.

On July 31, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Finding the Application Incomplete and Request for Additional Information.

On December 13, 2023, Aqua filed additional information to address the issues identified in the Public Staff's July 25, 2023 letter.

On January 2, 2024, the Public Staff filed a letter with the Commission indicating that this docket now includes all the information required for a complete application.

Based on the foregoing, the recommendation of the Public Staff, and the entire record in this proceeding, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to determine that the Application in this matter is complete, and that the Public Staff shall provide to the Commission, within five business days of the date of this Order, the following information regarding the Application:


1. The number and type of customers to be served by Aqua;
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 for the current rates;
3. The proposed rates Aqua seeks to charge if the Commission approves the issuance of a CPCN to Aqua for the provision of water service to The Sanctuary at Lake Wheeler;
4. If an increase in rates is proposed, provide the impact on the average monthly residential water bill under the proposed rates compared to current rates. For metered rates, indicate the average monthly usage used in your calculations; and
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 water bill.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 4th day of January, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Shonta Dunston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk