

**STATE OF NORTH  
CAROLINA UTILITIES  
COMMISSION RALEIGH**

**STAFF CONFERENCE AGENDA – JUNE 20, 2022**

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**ELECTRIC**

*PROGRAM MODIFICATION (Saillor/Creech)*

**New River Light and Power Company**

1. Docket No. E-34, Sub 49 – Motion of Appalachian State University, d/b/a New River Light and Power Company, to revise its Prepaid Service Rider.

**WATER AND WASTEWATER**

*APPROVING WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT CHARGES ON A PROVISIONAL BASIS AND REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE (Junis/Feasel/Jost)*

**Aqua North Carolina, Inc.**

2. Docket No. W-218 Sub 526A – Request to adjust water and sewer system improvement (WSIC/SSIC) charges.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

*INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENT(Proffitt/Coxton)*

**BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T North Carolina (AT&T)**

3. Docket No. P-55, Sub 1672 – Amendment to the interconnection agreement with Global Crossing Local Services, Inc., approved on December 21, 2006.

**Saluda Mountain Telephone Company**

4. Docket No. P-76, Sub 72 – Agreement with Level 3 Communications, LLC.

**Frontier Communications of North Carolina (Frontier)**

5. Docket No. P-1488, Sub 51 – Agreement with Windstream Communications, LLC.
6. Docket No. P-1488, Sub 52 – Agreement with Clear Rate Communications, LLC.

The Public Staff recommends approval of the preceding agenda items as described above and reflected in proposed orders provided to the Commission Staff.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-34, SUB 49

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Petition of Appalachian State University, d/b/a )	
New River Light and Power Company, for )	ORDER APPROVING REVISED
Approval of a Prepaid Rate Schedule and )	PREPAID SERVICE RIDER
Request for Waivers of Billing and Metering )	
Requirements )	

BY THE COMMISSION: On June 25, 2019, the Commission issued an order authorizing Appalachian State University, d/b/a New River Light and Power Company (NRLP), to offer a pilot Prepaid Service Rider (PSR) to its residential customers. The order also granted waiver of certain rules relating to billing and metering and required NRLP to file an annual report each June 1.

On June 27, 2019, NRLP filed its PSR tariff (Schedule PSR) with a termination date of July 31, 2022.

On February 14, 2022, NRLP filed its initial report on the status of the PSR. The report indicated that 293 of NRLP's approximately 7,000 residential customers were participating in the PSR, as of January 2022.

On May 5, 2022, NRLP filed a motion to extend the date of the PSR for an additional year and, for efficiency, to change the date of the annual report filings to coincide with the filing date of its Purchased Power Adjustment calculation. The annual report would cover the prior calendar year. NRLP stated that it plans to propose that the PSR become a permanent tariff offering in its rate case application and testimony, which it expects to file in the summer of 2022.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on June 20, 2022. The Public Staff recommended that the Commission approve NRLP's motion with the following revisions. The Public Staff stated that, based on discussions with NRLP, the Company was planning, as part of its rate case application, to make the PSR a permanent tariff offering and to reduce the minimum prepayment required to set up a prepaid account from \$50 to \$25. The Public Staff did not object to this plan and recommended that the PSR be approved as a permanent tariff offering in this order and that the minimum prepayment required to set up a prepaid account be lowered from \$50 to \$25. NRLP informed the Public Staff that it did not object to making these changes now rather than waiting for the rate case.

After careful consideration, the Commission finds good cause to approve the motion as filed by NRLP, subject to the revisions recommended above by the Public Staff. The Commission notes that the initial PSR report shows increasing participation with relatively few participants switching to standard arrears billing.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That NRLP's Prepaid Service Rider shall be, and is hereby, approved as a permanent tariff offering.
2. That the minimum prepayment required for participants to set up a prepaid account is reduced from \$50 to \$25.
3. That NRLP shall file with the Commission, within 10 days following the date of this order, a revised Schedule PSR showing the effective date of the tariff.
4. That NRLP shall file annual PSR reports concurrently with its final proposed Purchased Power Adjustment request. The report shall cover the prior calendar year.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 526A

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc.,	)	ORDER APPROVING WATER
202 MacKenan Court, Cary, North Carolina	)	AND SEWER SYSTEM
27511, for Approval of Semi-Annual	)	IMPROVEMENT CHARGES
Adjustments to Water and Sewer System	)	ON A PROVISIONAL BASIS
Improvement Charges pursuant to	)	AND REQUIRING CUSTOMER
N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.12	)	NOTICE

BY THE COMMISSION: On April 27, 2022, Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua or the Company) filed an application requesting authority to adjust its Water System Improvement Charges (WSIC) and Sewer System Improvement Charges (SSIC) effective July 1, 2022, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.12 and Commission Rules R7-39(f) and R10-26(f) (Application).

On June 3, 2022, the Public Staff filed its Notice of Public Staff's Plan to Present Comments and Recommendations at the Commission's June 20, 2022, Regular Staff Conference (Notice).

On June 20, 2022, the Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference.

Based on the Application, the records of the Commission, and the comments and recommendations of the Public Staff, the Commission makes the following

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Aqua is a corporation duly organized under the laws of, and is authorized to do business in, the State of North Carolina. Aqua is a franchised public utility providing water and sewer utility service to customers in North Carolina.

2. Aqua's WSIC and SSIC percentages were reset to zero as of October 26, 2020, the effective date of Aqua's new base rates in its general rate case in Docket No. W-218, Sub 526 (Sub 526 Rate Case). This is Aqua's fourth filing to implement charges under the WSIC and SSIC mechanisms since the Sub 526 Rate Case.

3. The Commission approved Aqua's request to utilize the WSIC and SSIC mechanisms on December 22, 2014, effective January 1, 2015. The WSIC and SSIC procedures allow for semi-annual adjustments to Aqua's rates every January 1 and July

1 based upon reasonable and prudently incurred investment in eligible system improvements completed and placed in service prior to the filing of the request.

4. Aqua requested authority to impose the following WSIC and SSIC percentages effective for service rendered on and after July 1, 2022:

	<u>Previously Approved WSIC/SSIC Percentage</u>	<u>Net Proposed Change To WSIC/SSIC Percentage</u>	<u>Cumulative WSIC/SSIC Percentage</u>
Aqua water	3.35%	-0.03%	3.32%
Aqua sewer	3.26%	-0.05%	3.21%
Fairways/Beau Rivage water	5.25%	-0.13%	5.12%
Fairways/Beau Rivage sewer	0.67%	-0.01%	0.66%
Brookwood/LaGrange water	0.95%	-0.01%	0.94%

5. The WSIC and SSIC percentages above do not include the Experience Modification Factor (EMF) adjustments from the 2021 annual WSIC and SSIC revenue review which will go into effect on July 1, 2022. The impacts of the 2021 EMF on Aqua's requested WSIC and SSIC percentages are as follows:

	<u>WSIC/SSIC Percentage</u>	<u>2021 Experience Modification Factor</u>	<u>Cumulative WSIC/SSIC Percentage</u>
Aqua water	3.32%	0.49%	3.81%
Aqua sewer	3.21%	0.89%	4.10%
Fairways/Beau Rivage water	5.12%	1.87%	6.99%
Fairways/Beau Rivage sewer	0.66%	0.18%	0.84%
Brookwood/LaGrange water	0.94%	0.24%	1.18%

6. The cumulative WSIC and SSIC revenue requirements after updates of the previously approved WSIC and SSIC revenue requirements for the second year are as follows:

	<u>Previously Approved WSIC/SSIC Revenue Requirement</u>	<u>Net Change to WSIC/SSIC Revenue Requirement</u>	<u>Cumulative WSIC/SSIC Revenue Requirement</u>
Aqua water	\$1,343,492	(\$12,909)	\$1,330,583
Aqua sewer	\$568,741	(\$9,062)	\$559,679
Fairways water	\$66,351	(\$1,615)	\$64,736
Fairways sewer	\$15,514	(\$286)	\$15,228
Brookwood water	\$60,740	(\$903)	\$59,837

7. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.12(g), as amended by Session Law 2021-149, the cumulative WSIC and SSIC percentages are capped at 7.5% of total annual service revenues, approved by the Commission in the Sub 526 Rate Case effective September 10, 2021. The resulting maximum revenue requirements for water and sewer operations are as follows:

	Sub 526 Annual Service Revenues	Maximum WSIC/SSIC Percentage	Maximum WSIC/SSIC Revenue Requirement
Aqua water	\$38,546,489	x 7.5% =	\$2,890,987
Aqua sewer	\$16,426,070	x 7.5% =	\$1,231,955
Fairways/Beau Rivage water	\$1,159,708	x 7.5% =	\$86,978
Fairways/Beau Rivage sewer	\$2,152,586	x 7.5% =	\$161,444
Brookwood/LaGrange water	\$6,433,919	x 7.5% =	\$482,544

As shown above, Aqua's proposed WSIC and SSIC revenue requirements do not exceed the maximum WSIC and SSIC revenue requirement for water and sewer operations.

8. Aqua's cumulative WSIC and SSIC revenue requirements are comprised of the updates to the previously approved WSIC and SSIC revenue requirements that became effective on January 1, 2021, July 1, 2021, and January 1, 2022. The updates include the anticipated non-WSIC and non-SSIC annual service revenues based on Aqua's calendar year 2022 projection.

9. Aqua's proposed cumulative WSIC and SSIC percentages decreased compared with the previously approved WSIC and SSIC percentages. The reason for the decrease is that Aqua updated the Year-2 accumulated depreciation (AD) and accumulated deferred income tax (ADIT). The absolute value of AD and ADIT increased, the net plant investment decreased, and the annual WSIC and SSIC revenue requirement decreased; thus, the updated WSIC and SSIC percentages decreased.

10. In its Order adopting Commission Rules R7-39 and R10-26, issued on June 6, 2014, in Docket No. W-100, Sub 54, the Commission stated that the Public Staff is to review all infrastructure improvements proposed for recovery for eligibility and reasonableness prior to making its recommendations to the Commission on WSIC or SSIC rate adjustments. The Commission further stated that any WSIC or SSIC rate adjustments outside of a general rate case will be allowed to become effective, but not unconditionally approved, and may be disallowed in the next general rate case proceeding if found to be unreasonable or imprudent upon review of the Public Staff and the Commission.

11. The Public Staff reviewed Aqua's updated WSIC and SSIC revenue requirement calculation for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Based on this review, the Public Staff recommended the following adjustments to the Aqua Sewer SSIC revenue requirement:

(1) Correction to plant in service – One system improvement project that closed in 2020 in the amount of \$28,810 was misclassified in Utility Account 354200. The Public Staff reclassified this amount from Utility Account 354200 to Utility Account 371000. In addition, one system improvement project that closed in 2021 in Utility Account 371000 should have been in the amount of \$144,221 instead of \$144,573 as shown in the documentation supporting the Application. The Public Staff corrected this amount. As a result, the total plant in service closed in Q4 2020 and Q1 2021 is corrected to \$4,801,406.

(2) Correction to average accumulated depreciation (AAD) – As a result of the correction to plant in service, the annual depreciation expense changed from \$89,986 to \$91,495, and the beginning AD as of June 30, 2021, changed from \$54,535 to \$56,825. Therefore, the AAD for the period from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, changed from \$189,514 to \$194,068.

(3) Correction to average accumulated deferred income taxes (ADIT) – As a result of the correction to plant in service, the 2021 plant additions changed from \$4,652,264 to \$4,651,912. The repair tax additions was corrected from \$195,240 to \$266,391. As a result of these changes, the average tax depreciation reserve for the period from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, changed from \$701,295 to \$766,726. Therefore, taking into account the change in ADD from Item 2 above, the average ADIT changed from \$117,582 to \$131,568.

(4) Correction to annual SSIC revenue requirement – Taking into account the corrections in Items 1 through 3 above, the annual SSIC revenue requirement changed from \$459,456 to \$459,416.

12. The Company agrees with the four recommended adjustments described above. Because the decrease in the overall revenue requirement for Aqua Sewer operations is immaterial, the proposed SSIC percentage for Aqua Sewer operations does not change based on the projected 2022 non-SSIC revenue. The Public Staff will provide the Commission with revised WSIC and SSIC revenue requirements and percentages based on the recommended adjustments listed above.

13. Based on the adjustments described above, the Public Staff recommended the following adjustments to the WSIC and SSIC revenue requirements and percentages proposed by Aqua:

	WSIC/SSIC Percentage Per Aqua	WSIC/SSIC Revenue Requirement Per Public Staff	Impact of Public Staff Adjustments	WSIC/SSIC Percentage Per Public Staff
Aqua water	3.81%	\$1,330,583	0.00%	3.81%
Aqua sewer	4.10%	\$559,639	0.00%	4.10%
Fairways/Beau Rivage water	6.99%	\$64,736	0.00%	6.99%
Fairways/Beau Rivage sewer	0.84%	\$15,228	0.00%	0.84%
Brookwood/LaGrange water	1.18%	\$59,837	0.00%	1.18%

14. Based on its investigation to date, the Public Staff recommended that Aqua be allowed to implement the Public Staff's proposed WSIC and SSIC percentages effective for service rendered on or after July 1, 2022, subject to true-up. The Public Staff will continue to review the justness, prudence, and reasonableness of these improvements during its review of Aqua's future WSIC and SSIC filings and in Aqua's next general rate case.

## CONCLUSIONS

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission concludes that Aqua should be allowed to implement the WSIC and SSIC percentages recommended by the Public Staff effective for service rendered on and after July 1, 2022. These WSIC or SSIC rate adjustments, while allowed to become effective, are not unconditionally approved and will be subject to further examination for justness and reasonableness in the WSIC and SSIC annual review and reconciliation and in Aqua's next general rate case.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Aqua is authorized to implement the recommended Water and Sewer System Improvement Charges set forth in the attached Appendix A-4 to Aqua's Schedule of Rates effective for service rendered on and after July 1, 2022, subject to true-up. The rates contained therein are provisional and subject to review in the WSIC and SSIC annual review and reconciliation and in Aqua's next general rate case;

2. That the attached Appendix A-4 is approved and is deemed filed with the Commission pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-138; and

3. That Aqua shall mail to each of its customers with the next regularly scheduled customer billing the Commission-approved customer notice, and Aqua shall

file the attached Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, not later than 45 days after the issuance of this Order.<sup>1</sup>

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

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<sup>1</sup> Three separate customer notices are attached hereto as Attachments A, B, and C, respectively. The separate customer notices are intended to minimize customer confusion. Aqua shall mail the appropriate customer notice to each of its customers with the next regular customer billing.

**AQUA NORTH CAROLINA, INC.  
WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT CHARGES**

**WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT CHARGE**

All Aqua water systems except as noted below	3.81% <sup>1/</sup> <sup>2/</sup>
Water systems in Brookwood and LaGrange service areas	1.18% <sup>1/</sup> <sup>2/</sup>
Water systems in Fairways and Beau Rivage service areas	6.99% <sup>1/</sup> <sup>2/</sup>

**SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT CHARGE**

All Aqua sewer systems except as noted below	4.10% <sup>3/</sup> <sup>4/</sup>
Sewer systems in Fairways and Beau Rivage service areas	0.84% <sup>3/</sup> <sup>4/</sup>

- <sup>1/</sup> The Water System Improvement Charge will be applied to the total water utility bill of each customer under the Company's applicable rates and charges.
- <sup>2/</sup> The Water System Improvement Charge includes the Experience Modification Factor that will go into effect on July 1, 2022, and will cease on June 30, 2023.
- <sup>3/</sup> The Sewer System Improvement Charge will be applied to the total sewer utility bill of each customer under the Company's applicable rates and charges.
- <sup>4/</sup> The Sewer System Improvement Charge includes the Experience Modification Factor that will go into effect on July 1, 2022, and will cease on June 30, 2023.

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Issued in Accordance with Authority Granted by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-218, Sub 526A on this the \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2022.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 526A

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc.,	)	
202 MacKenan Court, Cary, North Carolina	)	NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS IN
27511, for Approval of Semi-Annual	)	BROOKWOOD / LAGRANGE
Adjustments to Water and Sewer System	)	SERVICE AREAS
Improvement Charges pursuant to	)	
N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.12	)	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) has issued an Order dated June \_\_\_\_, 2022, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.12 and Commission Rules R7-39 and R10-26, authorizing Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua) to adjust its Water System Improvement Charge (WSIC) effective for service rendered on and after July 1, 2022, in Aqua's Brookwood/LaGrange service areas in Cumberland and Hoke Counties in North Carolina.

By Order entered in Docket No. W-218, Sub 363 on May 2, 2014, the Commission approved Aqua's request, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.12, for authority to implement a semi-annual water and sewer system improvement charge (WSIC/SSIC) adjustment mechanism designed to recover the incremental costs associated with eligible investments in certain water and sewer infrastructure improvement projects completed and placed in service between general rate case proceedings. The WSIC/SSIC mechanism is subject to Commission approval and to audit and refund provisions. Any cumulative system improvement charge recovered pursuant to the WSIC/SSIC mechanism may not exceed 7.5% of the total annual service revenues approved by the Commission in Aqua's last general rate case. WSIC and SSIC charges for Aqua were first approved by the Commission on December 22, 2014, effective January 1, 2015. The WSIC and SSIC procedures allow for semi-annual adjustments to Aqua's rates every January 1 and July 1.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) has reviewed Aqua's updates. On June 03, 2022, the Public Staff filed its Notice of Public Staff's Plan to Present Comments and Recommendations at the Commission's June 20, 2022, Regular Staff Conference (Notice).

Based on the application filed by Aqua and the Public Staff's Notice and recommendations, the Commission has approved the following WSIC charge for the Brookwood and LaGrange service areas, effective for service rendered on and after July 1, 2022:

	<u>Aqua Proposed Percentage</u>	<u>Public Staff Recommended Percentage</u>	<u>Commission Approved Percentage</u>
WSIC	1.18%	1.18%	1.18%

The WSIC percentage of 1.18% will be applied to the water utility bill of each customer under Aqua's applicable service rates and charges.

The 1.18% WSIC percentage will result in an increase of \$0.46 to the monthly average residential bill for a customer using the average of 5,069 gallons per month.

Additional information regarding the WSIC/SSIC mechanism is contained in the Commission's Order issued May 2, 2014, in Docket No. W-218, Sub 363, the Commission's Order Adopting Rules to Implement N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.12 issued June 6, 2014, in Docket No. W-100, Sub 54, Aqua's WSIC/SSIC application filed on April 27, 2022, the Public Staff's Notice filed June 3, 2022, and the Commission's Order issued June \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, in Docket No. W-218, Sub 526A, all of which can be accessed from the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.net](http://www.ncuc.net), under Docket Portal, using the Docket Search feature for the docket numbers stated above (i.e., for Docket No. key: W-218 Sub 526A).

Parties interested in receiving notice of these filings may subscribe to the Commission's electronic notification system through the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.net](http://www.ncuc.net).

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc.,	)	
202 MacKenan Court, Cary, North Carolina	)	NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS IN
27511, for Approval of Semi-Annual	)	FAIRWAYS AND BEAU
Adjustments to Water and Sewer System	)	RIVAGE SERVICE AREAS
Improvement Charges pursuant to	)	
N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.12	)	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) has issued an Order dated June \_\_, 2022, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.12 and Commission Rules R7-39 and R10-26, authorizing Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua) to adjust its Water System Improvement Charge (WSIC) and Sewer System Improvement Charge (SSIC) effective for service rendered on and after July 1, 2022, in Aqua's Fairways and Beau Rivage service areas in New Hanover County, North Carolina.

By Order entered in Docket No. W-218, Sub 363, on May 2, 2014, the Commission approved Aqua's request, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.12, for authority to implement a semi-annual water and sewer system improvement charge (WSIC/SSIC) adjustment mechanism designed to recover the incremental costs associated with eligible investments in certain water and sewer infrastructure improvement projects completed and placed in service between general rate case proceedings. The WSIC/SSIC mechanism is subject to Commission approval and to audit and refund provisions. Any cumulative system improvement charge recovered pursuant to the WSIC/SSIC mechanism may not exceed 7.5% of the total annual service revenues approved by the Commission in Aqua's last general rate case. WSIC and SSIC charges for Aqua were first approved by the Commission on December 22, 2014, effective January 1, 2015. The WSIC and SSIC procedures allow for semi-annual adjustments to Aqua's rates every January 1 and July 1.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) has reviewed Aqua's WSIC and SSIC updates. On June 03, 2022, the Public Staff filed its Notice of Public Staff's Plan to Present Comments and Recommendations at the Commission's June 20, 2022, Regular Staff Conference (Notice).

Based on the application filed by Aqua and the Public Staff's Notice and recommendations, the Commission has approved the following WSIC and SSIC charges for Aqua's Fairways and Beau Rivage service areas, effective for service rendered on and after July 1, 2022:

	<u>Aqua Proposed Percentage</u>	<u>Public Staff Recommended Percentage</u>	<u>Commission Approved Percentage</u>
WSIC	6.99%	6.99%	6.99%
SSIC	0.84%	0.84%	0.84%

The WSIC percentage of 6.99% will be applied to the water utility bill of each customer, and the SSIC percentage of 0.84% will be applied to the sewer utility bill of each customer, under Aqua's applicable service rates and charges.

The approved 6.99% WSIC percentage will result in an increase of \$1.37 to the monthly average residential bill for a customer using the average of 7,151 gallons per month. The 6.99% WSIC percentage will also apply to the monthly bills for customers on water systems for which Aqua purchases bulk water.

The 0.84% SSIC percentage will result in a \$0.45 increase to the monthly residential customer flat rate sewer bill.

Additional information regarding the WSIC/SSIC mechanism is contained in the Commission's Order issued May 2, 2014, in Docket No. W-218, Sub 363, the Commission's Order Adopting Rules to Implement N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.12 issued June 6, 2014, in Docket No. W-100, Sub 54, Aqua's WSIC/SSIC application filed on April 27, 2022, the Public Staff's Notice filed June 3, 2022, and the Commission's Order issued June \_\_\_, 2022, in Docket No. W-218, Sub 526A, all of which can be accessed from the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.net](http://www.ncuc.net), under Docket Portal, using the Docket Search feature for the docket numbers stated above (i.e., for Docket No. key: W-218 Sub 526A).

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In the Matter of	)	
Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc.,	)	
202 MacKenan Court, Cary, North Carolina	)	NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
27511, for Approval of Semi-Annual	)	IN AQUA NORTH CAROLINA
Adjustments to Water and Sewer System	)	UNIFORM RATES SERVICE
Improvement Charges pursuant to	)	AREAS
N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.12	)	

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By Order entered in Docket No. W-218, Sub 363, on May 2, 2014, the Commission approved Aqua's request, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.12, for authority to implement a semi-annual water and sewer system improvement charge (WSIC/SSIC) adjustment mechanism designed to recover the incremental costs associated with eligible investments in certain water and sewer infrastructure improvement projects completed and placed in service between general rate case proceedings. The WSIC/SSIC mechanism is subject to Commission approval and to audit and refund provisions. Any cumulative system improvement charge recovered pursuant to the WSIC/SSIC mechanism may not exceed 7.5% of the total annual service revenues approved by the Commission in Aqua's last general rate case. WSIC and SSIC for Aqua were first approved by the Commission on December 22, 2014, effective January 1, 2015. The WSIC and SSIC procedures allow for semi-annual adjustments to Aqua's rates every January 1 and July 1.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) has reviewed Aqua's updates. On June 03, 2022, the Public Staff filed its Notice of Public Staff's Plan to Present Comments and Recommendations at the Commission's June 20, 2022, Regular Staff Conference (Notice).

Based on the application filed by Aqua and the Public Staff's Notice and recommendations, the Commission has approved the following WSIC and SSIC charges for Aqua's uniform service areas, effective for service rendered on and after July 1, 2022:

	<u>Aqua Proposed Percentage</u>	<u>Public Staff Recommended Percentage</u>	<u>Commission Approved Percentage</u>
WSIC	3.81%	3.81%	3.81%
SSIC	4.10%	4.10%	4.10%

The WSIC percentage of 3.81% will be applied to the water utility bill of each customer, and the SSIC percentage of 4.10% will be applied to the sewer utility bill of each customer, under Aqua's applicable service rates and charges.

The approved 3.81% WSIC percentage will result in a \$1.97 increase to the monthly average residential bill for a customer using the average of 4,871 gallons per month. The 3.81% WSIC percentage will also apply to the monthly bills for customers on water systems for which Aqua purchases bulk water.

The approved 4.10% SSIC percentage will result in a \$3.09 increase to the monthly residential flat rate sewer bill. The 4.10% SSIC percentage will also apply to the monthly metered bills for customers on sewer systems for which Aqua purchases bulk sewer treatment.

Additional information regarding the WSIC/SSIC mechanism is contained in the Commission's Order issued May 2, 2014, in Docket No. W-218, Sub 363, the Commission's Order Adopting Rules to Implement N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.12 issued June 6, 2014, in Docket No. W-100, Sub 54, Aqua's WSIC/SSIC application filed April 27, 2022, the Public Staff's Notice filed June 3, 2022, and the Commission Order issued June \_\_\_, 2022, in Docket No. W-218, Sub 526A, all of which can be accessed from the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.net](http://www.ncuc.net), under Docket Portal, using the Docket Search feature for the docket numbers stated above (i.e., for Docket No. key: W-218 Sub 526A).

Parties interested in receiving notice of these filings may subscribe to the Commission's electronic notification system through the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.net](http://www.ncuc.net).

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2022.

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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DOCKET NO. P-55, SUB 1672

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Interconnection Agreement between BellSouth	)
Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T North	)
Carolina, and Global Crossing Local Services,	)
Inc.	)
	ORDER APPROVING
	AMENDMENT

BY THE COMMISSION: On April 18, 2022, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T North Carolina, and Global Crossing Local Services, Inc. filed for Commission approval an amendment to their existing interconnection agreement, approved December 21, 2006.

The amendment implements the changes mandated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in WC Docket No. 18-141, by FCC 19-66 and FCC 19-72 (FCC UNE and Resale Forbearance Orders), and WC Docket No. 19-308, by FCC 20-152 (FCC UNE Relief Order).

The filing was made in compliance with Commission Rule R17-4(d) and Sections 252(e) and 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Commission considered the matter at its Regular Staff Conference on June 20, 2022. The Public Staff recommended that the amendment be approved, and the Commission approved the recommendation.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the amendment, filed on April 18, 2022, to the existing agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T North Carolina, and Global Crossing Local Services, Inc., is hereby approved effective on the date of filing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2022.

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DOCKET NO. P-76, SUB 72

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Interconnection Agreement between Saluda	)	ORDER APPROVING
Mountain Telephone Company and Level 3	)	AGREEMENT
Communications, LLC	)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On April 14, 2022, Saluda Mountain Telephone Company and Level 3 Communications, LLC filed an interconnection agreement for Commission approval.

The filing was made in compliance with Commission Rule R17-4(d) and Sections 252(e) and 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Commission considered the matter at its Regular Staff Conference on June 20, 2022. The Public Staff recommended that the agreement be approved, and the Commission approved the recommendation.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the interconnection agreement between Saluda Mountain Telephone Company and Level 3 Communications, LLC, filed in the above docket on April 14, 2022, is hereby approved effective on the date of filing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2022.

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DOCKET NO. P-1488, SUB 51

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Interconnection Agreement between Frontier	)	ORDER APPROVING
Communications of the Carolinas LLC and	)	AGREEMENT
Windstream Communications, LLC	)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On April 7, 2022, Frontier Communications of the Carolinas LLC (Frontier) and Windstream Communications, LLC filed an interconnection agreement for Commission approval.

The filing was made in compliance with Commission Rule R17-4(d) and Sections 252(e) and 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Commission considered the matter at its Regular Staff Conference on June 20, 2022. The Public Staff recommended that the agreement be approved, and the Commission approved the recommendation.

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED, that the interconnection agreement between Frontier Communications of the Carolinas LLC and Windstream Communications, LLC is hereby approved effective on the date of filing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2022.

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DOCKET NO. P-1488, SUB 52

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Interconnection Agreement between Frontier	) ORDER APPROVING
Communications of the Carolinas LLC and	) AGREEMENT
Clear Rate Communications, LLC	)

BY THE COMMISSION: On April 7, 2022, Frontier Communications of the Carolinas LLC (Frontier) and Clear Rate Communications, LLC (collectively, the Parties) filed an interconnection agreement for Commission approval.

The Parties have agreed to adopt the terms of the interconnection agreement between Frontier and Teliax, Inc., approved by the Commission in Docket No. P-1488, Sub 49 on June 30, 2021.

The filing was made in compliance with Commission Rule R17-4(d) and Sections 252(e) and 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Commission considered the matter at its Regular Staff Conference on June 20, 2022. The Public Staff recommended that the agreement be approved, and the Commission approved the recommendation.

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED, that the interconnection agreement between the Parties is hereby approved effective on the date of filing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2022.

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