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Subj: Motion to Intervene, Docket No. W-354, SUB 384 under rule R1-19

I request that I be allowed to intervene in the subject docket number as a formal party of record under rule R1-19.

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No counsel will represent me.

The subject matter of the proceeding is a rate increase being requested by Carolina Water Service of North Carolina (CWSNC) to include their flat rate sewer service rates. I am a customer of CWSNC for flat rate sewer service and rate increases affect my cost of living. CWSNC is requesting a 14.8% increase that follows their last rate increase of 27.9% in April 2020. If this latest 14.8% increase is approved, their compounded rate increase since July 2009 will be 155% which is 5.65 times the compounded increase in the CPI of 27.4% (July 2009 – September 2021). If this rate increase is approved, my CWSNC sewer bill will be \$1000.92 per year. If I lived in the New Bern city limits my sewer bill would be approximately \$524 per year based on my average water usage. CWSNC's flat rate sewer rates are excessive when benchmarked with any of the surrounding municipal-owned systems.

I request that CWSNC's application for a rate increase in flat rate sewer service be denied in light of the aggregate increases in that rate since July 2009 that would be 5.65 times the rate of increase in the CPI if this increase request is approved.



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