

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1263, SUB 4

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of JPC Utilities, LLC, for Authority to	)	
Adjust and Increase Rates for Water and	)	
Wastewater Utility Service in its service areas in	)	
Guilford County, North Carolina	)	<b>MOTION TO CANCEL PUBLIC WITNESS HEARING</b>

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff), by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and moves the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) to issue an order canceling the January 17, 2024, public witness hearing. In support of this motion, the Public Staff respectfully shows the Commission the following:

1. On September 6, 2023, JPC Utilities, LLC (Applicant or JPC), filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to increase its rates for providing water and wastewater utility service in its service areas in Guilford County, North Carolina. The Applicant provides water utility service to approximately 68 metered commercial customers and wastewater utility service to approximately 57 metered commercial customers.
2. On October 3, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Establishing General Rate Case and Suspending Rates.
3. On October 20, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearings, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Customer Notice

(Scheduling Order) setting this matter for public witness hearing on January 17, 2024. The Notice to Customers states that “This hearing may be canceled if no significant protests are received on or before Wednesday, January 3, 2024.”

4. The Scheduling Order directed the Applicant to provide the Notice to Customers no later than 10 days after the date of the Scheduling Order and submit a signed and notarized certificate of service not later than 20 days after the date of the Scheduling Order.

5. On October 27, 2023, the Applicant filed a Certificate of Service stating the Notice to Customers was mailed or hand delivered as specified in the Scheduling Order.

6. One consumer statement has been filed in connection with this matter. It identified concerns with the rate proposed.

7. As of the filing of this motion, the Public Staff is unaware of any other customer protests or comments made in connection with this matter. Further, the Applicant has represented to the Public Staff that it is not aware of any other customer protests or comments made in connection with this matter.

8. The Public Staff has reviewed the filed consumer statement of position. The Public Staff believes neither the quantity nor content of the filed consumer statement of position constitutes the “significant protests” necessary to avoid the cancellation provision set forth in the Scheduling Order. Regarding the issue set forth in the consumer statement of position, it is well explained and can be considered on the merits by the Commission.

9. The Public Staff is authorized to represent that the Applicant supports this motion.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff respectfully requests:

1. That the Commission cancel the public witness hearing scheduled for January 17, 2024;

2. That JPC Utilities, LLC be directed to notify customers that the public witness hearing has been canceled and file proof of the giving of such notice; and

3. For such other and further relief as the Commission may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted, this the 4th day of January, 2024.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing Motion upon each of the parties of record in this proceeding or the attorney of record of such party in accordance with Commission Rule R1-39, by United States mail, first class or better; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 4th day of January, 2024.

Electronically submitted  
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