

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-755, SUB 10

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application by GGCC Utility, Inc., Post Office	)	
Box 368, Linville, North Carolina 28646, for	)	ORDER CANCELING
Authority to Increase Rates for Water and	)	HEARING AND
Sewer Utility Service in Grandfather Golf and	)	REQUIRING
Country Club Development, Avery County,	)	CUSTOMER NOTICE
North Carolina	)	

BY THE CHAIRMAN: On October 25, 2018, the Public Staff filed a Motion to Cancel Hearing in the above-captioned matter. In support of its Motion, the Public Staff stated:

1. On June 21, 2018 GGCC Utility Co., Inc. (GGCC or Applicant), filed an application seeking authority to increase its rates for water and sewer utility service in the Grandfather Golf & Country Club Development in Avery County, North Carolina.

2. In an Order Establishing General Rate Case, Suspending Rates, Scheduling Hearing, and Requiring Customer Notice issued July 9, 2018, the Commission scheduled a public hearing for 7:00 p.m., on November 14, 2018, in the Avery County Courthouse, 200 Montezuma Street, Newland, North Carolina. The hearing was scheduled subject to cancelation if no significant protests were received from consumers prior to September 28, 2018.

3. The Applicant provides water utility service to 267 residential customers and one commercial customer (the Club). The Applicant provides sewer service to 191 residential customers and the Club. By Certificate of Service dated July 31, 2018, and filed with the Commission on August 3, 2018, the Applicant stated that the Notice to Customers was mailed or hand delivered to all affected customers by the date specified in the Order. No consumer protests have been received.

4. The Public Staff has completed its investigation and is recommending rates as follows:

Water Utility Service:

Quarterly Flat Rates:

Residential	\$ 189.39
Nonresidential	\$ 319.08 /REU <sup>1/</sup>

The Club facilities, equivalent to a total of 31.545 REUs, receiving nonresidential water service are GGCC's administrative building, beach pavilion, clubhouse, fitness center, general maintenance building, indoor/outdoor tennis and golf course maintenance building, and security hut.

The proposed rates would increase the average residential bill for water utility services by 17.2%, from \$161.58 to \$189.39 per quarter.

Sewer Utility Service:

Quarterly Flat Rates:

Residential	\$ 139.45
Nonresidential	\$ 170.23 / REU <sup>1/</sup>

The Club facilities, equivalent to a total of 31.486 REUs, receiving nonresidential sewer service are GGCC's administrative building, beach pavilion, clubhouse, fitness center, general maintenance building, and security hut.

The proposed rates would increase the average residential bill for sewer utility services by 3.8%, from \$134.30 to \$139.45 per quarter.

<sup>1/</sup> Residential Equivalent Unit (REU)

5. GGCC has agreed to the revenue requirements, the rates proposed by the Public Staff, and the cancellation of the hearing.

6. There have not been significant protests as no protests have been received; therefore, the Public Staff recommended that the hearing be canceled.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission is of the opinion that the Public Staff's Motion should be granted canceling the hearing and requiring customer notice.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. **That the public hearing previously scheduled at 7:00 p.m., on November 14, 2018 in the Avery County Courthouse, 200 Montezuma Street, Newland, North Carolina, is hereby canceled.**

2. That a copy of this Order shall be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by GGCC to all affected customers no later than two business days after the date of this Order; GGCC shall submit to the Commission the Certificate of Service, attached hereto, properly signed and notarized not later than five business days from the date of this Order.

3. That a further Order addressing the requested rate increase shall be issued at a future date.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 26th day of October, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linnetta Threatt", written in black ink.

Linnetta Threatt, Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, \_\_\_\_\_, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers the attached Notice to Customers issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-755, Sub 10, and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2018.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Utility Company

The above named employee of GGCC Utility, Inc., \_\_\_\_\_, personally appeared before me this day and, being first duly sworn, says that the required Notice to Customers was mailed or hand delivered to all affected customers, as required by the Commission Order dated October \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, in Docket No. W-755, Sub 10.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date