

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. WRN-120, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application by Aino NC, LLC, 251 Little Falls	)	
Drive, Wilmington, Delaware 19808, for	)	ORDER GRANTING
Certificate of Authority to Charge for Water	)	CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
and Sewer Service and for Approval of	)	AND APPROVING
Administrative Fee for Its Single-Family	)	ADMINISTRATIVE FEE
Dwellings in North Carolina	)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On April 26, 2023, Aino NC, LLC (Applicant), filed an application with the Commission seeking a certificate of authority to charge for water and sewer service and for approval of a monthly administrative fee for single-family dwellings in North Carolina owned by the Applicant and available for rental as a residence.

Based upon the filings of the Applicant, the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) recommends (1) approval of a certificate of authority for the Applicant to charge for water and sewer service in the single-family dwellings in North Carolina owned by the Applicant and available for rental as a residence and (2) approval of a monthly administrative fee of \$3.75 per residence.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission grants the Applicant a certificate of authority to charge for water and sewer service and that the monthly administrative fee of \$3.75 requested by the Applicant and recommended by the Public Staff should be approved.

With respect to charges by the supplier to the Applicant for water or sewer service, the Commission concludes that, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110(g) and Commission Rules and Regulations in Chapter 18 Provision of Water and Sewer Service by Lessors, the Applicant shall be allowed to pass through the actual costs of providing water and sewer service to lessees who occupy the leased single-family dwellings owned by the Applicant. Such actual costs shall include both the consumption charges and the base charges, if applicable, billed by the suppliers.

The Commission finds and concludes that the List of Single-Family Dwellings in North Carolina Owned by the Applicant, filed on April 26, 2023, with the application should be approved. With respect to single-family dwellings purchased by the Applicant subsequent to April 26, 2023, and available for rental for residential purposes, the Applicant shall similarly abide by the rules and regulations of the Commission as well as the specific directives established herein. Moreover, the Applicant shall update the

Commission regarding such properties on the Annual Update of Utility Service Areas for Single-Family Dwellings Charging for Water and Sewer Service (Form WRN-2) on or before April 30th, each year following the certificate approval year.

Furthermore, the Commission finds and concludes that if the Applicant desires to change its monthly administrative fee in the future, the Applicant shall be required to request and obtain Commission approval by further order of the Commission for an administrative fee revision.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Aino NC, LLC, is granted a certificate of authority to charge for water and sewer utility service for single-family dwellings in North Carolina owned by the Applicant and available for rental as a residence, pursuant to N.C. G. S. § 62-110(g) and Commission Rules and Regulations in Chapter 18 Provision of Water and Sewer Service by Lessors. This Order shall constitute the Certificate of Authority to Charge for Water and Sewer Service;

2. That the Applicant shall pass through to each lessee the actual consumption charges and the base charges, if applicable, charged by the supplier to the Applicant for the applicable single-family dwelling owned by the Applicant which has been leased for residential purposes;

3. That the Schedule of Rates, attached as Appendix A, is approved and deemed filed with the Commission pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-138. Said Schedule of Rates is authorized to become effective for bills rendered on and after the date of this Order;

4. That the List of Single-Family Dwellings in North Carolina Owned by the Applicant, filed on April 26, 2023, is approved. With respect to single-family dwellings purchased by the Applicant subsequent to April 26, 2023, and available for lease for residential purposes, the Applicant shall similarly abide by the directives established for the Certificate of Authority approved herein and shall update the Commission regarding such properties as required hereinbelow in Decretal Paragraph No. 7;

5. That if the Applicant desires to change its monthly administrative fee, the Applicant shall request and obtain approval from the Commission for an administrative fee revision by filing a Notification of Revised Administrative Fee for Single-Family Dwellings (Form WRN-3 may be found on the Commission's website – [www.ncuc.net](http://www.ncuc.net));

6. That a copy of the Schedule of Rates and the Notice to Lessees, attached as Appendices A and B, respectively, shall be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by the Applicant to all its lessees in North Carolina contemporaneously with the next billing to such lessees; and

7. That the Applicant is required to file an Annual Update of Utility Service Areas for Single-Family Dwellings Charging for Water or Sewer Service on or before April 30th, each year following the certificate approval year (Form WRN-2 may be found on the Commission's website – [www.ncuc.net](http://www.ncuc.net)). Failure to do so may result in revocation of the certificate of authority and suspension of the monthly administrative fee.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 26th day of May, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk

SCHEDULE OF RATES

for

AINO NC, LLC

for water and sewer utility service in

ALL ITS LEASED SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS  
IN NORTH CAROLINA OWNED BY  
AINO NC, LLC

Monthly Metered Water and Sewer Charges:

Base charge

Shall be the same as charged by the supplier of the service.

Usage charge

Shall be the same as charged by the supplier of the service.

Monthly Administrative Fee:

\$3.75 per residence

Bills Due:

On billing date

Bills Past Due:

25 days after billing date

Billing Frequency:

Shall be monthly for service in arrears

Returned Check Charge:

Pursuant to Commission Rule R18-6(d)

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Issued in Accordance with Authority Granted by the North Carolina Utilities Commission  
in Docket No. WRN-120, Sub 0, on this the 26th day of May, 2023.

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**NOTICE TO LESSEES  
DOCKET NO. WRN-120, SUB 0  
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has granted Aino NC, LLC (251 Little Falls Drive, Wilmington, Delaware 19808), a certificate of authority to charge for water and sewer utility service provided in single-family dwellings in North Carolina owned by Aino NC, LLC, and available for rental as a residence, for the purpose of passing along the actual cost of purchasing water and sewer utility service from its suppliers.

In addition, the Commission has approved a monthly administrative fee of \$3.75 to compensate Aino NC, LLC, for billing and collection expenses, which is effective for bills rendered on and after the date of this Notice. Information regarding this proceeding can also be accessed from the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.net](http://www.ncuc.net) under the docket number of this proceeding (WRN-120 Sub 0).

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