

WATER / SEWER COMPANY WITH  
REVENUES LESS THAN \$200,000  
(REVISED Docket No. M-100, Sub 160, 3/30/2022)

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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF

Red Bird Utility Operating Company, LLC / W- 1328  
Company Name (as certificated by NCUC) The Utility's NCUC Docket No.

1630 Des Peres Road, Suite 140  
Mailing Address

Des Peres MO 63131  
City State Zip

Area Code ( 314 ) 736-4672  
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TO THE

## NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

For The Year Ended

December 31, 2022

Annual Report should be electronically filed with the Commission in Docket No. **M-2**  
**Sub 2023W**



## FILING INSTRUCTIONS

### WHEN TO FILE:

This form, consisting of sixteen pages and reflecting **2022** operations, must be filed with the Commission no later than **May 1, 2023**. Failure to electronically file your Annual Report on or before the due date will result in Commission action, which may result in the assessment of financial penalties (North Carolina General Statute § 62-310).

### WHERE TO FILE:

Electronically filed with the Commission at <https://www.ncuc.gov> in Docket No. **M-2 Sub 2023W** with the description "**2022 Annual Report of [name of company]**."

### VERIFICATION REGARDING ACCURACY OF REPORT:

This report must be verified by the chief executive officer, a senior level financial officer, or the responsible accounting officer of the utility.

### QUESTIONS:

If you need help to electronically file your organization's Annual Report, please contact the Chief Clerk's Office at (919) 733-7328. If you have any other questions or need assistance in completing this report, call or write the Public Staff - Accounting Division, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4326, Telephone Number (919) 733-4279. This report is available on the Commission's web site at: <https://www.ncuc.gov>.

**GENERAL COMPANY DATA**

1. **FILING STATUS:** (check one only)

Corporation       Partnership       Sole Proprietorship  
 Subchapter S Corp.       Limited Liability Company       Other (Describe: \_\_\_\_\_)

2. **NAME, TITLE, AND COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS, PARTNERS, MEMBER / MANAGERS OR SOLE PROPRIETORS:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Total Compensation</u> 1/
Josiah Cox	President	0.00
Marty Moore	CFO	0.00
Brent Thies	Vice President, Corporate Controller	0.00

1/ Include salary, wages, bonuses, partnership/owner drawings, etc.

3. **INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM CORRESPONDENCE OR QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS REPORT CAN BE SENT:**

Brent Thies	VP, Corporate Controller	314-736-4672
<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Telephone No.</u>

4. **YEAR COMPANY FIRST BEGAN OPERATIONS:** 2021

5. **NAMES AND OWNERSHIP INTEREST OF THREE LARGEST STOCKHOLDERS / OWNERS OF UTILITY:**

Central States Water Resources

6. **ACCOUNTING RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED AT:**

<u>1630 Des Peres Road, Suite 140</u>		
<u>Street Address</u>		
<u>Des Peres</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>63131</u>
<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip</u>

7. **REPORTING COMPANY'S ACCOUNTING YEAR ENDING DATE (ONLY IF DIFFERENT THAN DECEMBER 31):**

Note: North Carolina Utilities Commission Rule R1-32 requires that Annual Reports be completed based on the calendar year ended December 31.

8. **GENERAL FINANCIAL DATA:**

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>COMBINED</u>
Annual operating revenues	<u>0</u>	<u>68,138</u>	<u>83,904</u>
Utility plant in service at year end	<u>0</u>	<u>1,720</u>	<u>1,720</u>
End-of-period customers	<u>0</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>170</u>

**SERVICE AREAS**

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(NOTE: If more columns are needed for additional subdivisions or service areas, use supplementary sheets.)  
For each subdivision or service area, list the following in alphabetical order.

Name of subdivision or service area	<u>Ocean Terrace</u>	<u>Pine Knolls 1</u>	<u>Pine Knolls 2</u>
Water: DENR System Identification No.	_____	_____	_____
Sewer: NPDES or Non Discharge Permit No.	<u>WQ0018525</u>	<u>V-06-93-74</u>	<u>VI-18-13</u>
County (or counties)	<u>Carteret</u>	<u>Carteret</u>	<u>Carteret</u>
Type of service (Check one or more)			
<u>Water Service</u>	W(    )	W(    )	W(    )
<u>Sewer Service</u>	S( x )	S( x )	S( x )
Number of wells in service	_____	_____	_____
Total <u>pumping capacity</u> of pumps in service (gpm)	_____	_____	_____
Total <u>storage tank capacity</u> (gallons)	_____	_____	_____
Source of <u>water supply</u> (check one or more)			
Pumped from <u>Wells</u>	W(    )	W(    )	W(    )
<u>Purchased from others</u>	P(    )	P(    )	P(    )
<u>Other</u>	O(    )	O(    )	O(    )
<u>Not applicable</u>	N( x )	N( x )	N( x )
Types of <u>water treatment</u> (check one or more)			
<u>Chlorination</u>	C(    )	C(    )	C(    )
<u>Iron treatment</u>	I(    )	I(    )	I(    )
<u>Other</u>	O(    )	O(    )	O(    )
<u>Not applicable</u>	N( x )	N( x )	N( x )
Are hydrants and storage tanks available for fire protection?			
<u>Fire protection</u>	F(    )	F(    )	F(    )
<u>No fire protection</u>	N(    )	N(    )	N(    )
Is service <u>metered</u> ?			
<u>Meters</u>	M(    )	M(    )	M(    )
<u>No meters</u>	N( x )	N( x )	N( x )
Source of <u>sewage treatment</u> (check one or more)			
<u>Treat own sewage</u>	T( x )	T( x )	T( x )
<u>Purchase treatment from others</u>	P(    )	P(    )	P(    )
<u>Not applicable</u>	N(    )	N(    )	N(    )
Number of customers at year end:			
Water	_____	_____	_____
Sewer	<u>32</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>46</u>
Number of customers that can be served by mains already installed (include present customers, vacant lots, etc.):			
Water	_____	_____	_____
Sewer	<u>32</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>46</u>
Number of availability customers at end of year (only applicable to companies charging availability rates separate from water or sewer service):			
Water	_____	_____	_____
Sewer	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>

**SERVICE AREAS**

(NOTE: If more columns are needed for additional subdivisions or service areas, use supplementary sheets.)  
 For each subdivision or service area, list the following in alphabetical order.

Name of subdivision or service area	<u>Pine Knolls 3</u>	_____	_____
Water: DENR System Identification No.	_____	_____	_____
Sewer: NPDES or Non Discharge Permit No.	<u>V-04-19-75</u>	_____	_____
County (or counties)	<u>Carteret</u>	_____	_____
Type of service (Check one or more)			
<u>Water Service</u>	W(    )	W(    )	W(    )
<u>Sewer Service</u>	S( x )	S(    )	S(    )
Number of wells in service	_____	_____	_____
Total <u>pumping capacity</u> of pumps in service (gpm)	_____	_____	_____
Total <u>storage tank capacity</u> (gallons)	_____	_____	_____
Source of <u>water supply</u> (check one or more)			
Pumped from <u>Wells</u>	W(    )	W(    )	W(    )
<u>Purchased from others</u>	P(    )	P(    )	P(    )
<u>Other</u>	O(    )	O(    )	O(    )
<u>Not applicable</u>	N( x )	N(    )	N(    )
Types of <u>water treatment</u> (check one or more)			
<u>Chlorination</u>	C(    )	C(    )	C(    )
<u>Iron treatment</u>	I(    )	I(    )	I(    )
<u>Other</u>	O(    )	O(    )	O(    )
<u>Not applicable</u>	N( x )	N(    )	N(    )
Are hydrants and storage tanks available for fire protection?			
<u>Fire protection</u>	F(    )	F(    )	F(    )
<u>No fire protection</u>	N(    )	N(    )	N(    )
Is service <u>metered</u> ?			
<u>Meters</u>	M(    )	M(    )	M(    )
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Source of <u>sewage treatment</u> (check one or more)			
<u>Treat own sewage</u>	T( x )	T(    )	T(    )
<u>Purchase treatment from others</u>	P(    )	P(    )	P(    )
<u>Not applicable</u>	N(    )	N(    )	N(    )
Number of customers at year end:			
Water	_____	_____	_____
Sewer	<u>46</u>	_____	_____
Number of customers that can be served by mains already installed (include present customers, vacant lots, etc.):			
Water	_____	_____	_____
Sewer	<u>46</u>	_____	_____
Number of availability customers at end of year (only applicable to companies charging availability rates separate from water or sewer service):			
Water	_____	_____	_____
Sewer	<u>N/A</u>	_____	_____

**WATER AND SEWER COMBINED BALANCE SHEET  
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS**

<b>Line No.</b>	<b>Title of Account (a)</b>	<b>Balance at Beginning of Year (b)</b>	<b>Balance at End of Year (c)</b>
	<b>Utility Plant</b>		
1.	Utility plant (must agree with Page 9, Line 5, Column (d))	1,720	1,720
2.	Accumulated provision for depreciation and amortization of utility plant	0	0
3.	Net utility plant (Line 1 minus Line 2)	1,720	1,720
4.	Utility plant acquisition adjustment	0	0
5.	Accumulated provision for amortization of acquisition adjustment	0	0
6.	Net utility plant acquisition adjustment (L4 minus L5)	0	0
7.	Total utility plant (L3 plus L6)	1,720	1,720
	<b>Other Property and Investments</b>		
8.	Nonutility property	0	0
9.	Accumulated provision for depreciation and amortization of nonutility property	0	0
10.	Other investments	0	0
11.	Total other property and investments (L8 - L9 + L10)	0	0
	<b>Current Assets and Other Debits</b>		
12.	Cash	13,191	15,680
13.	Special deposits	0	0
14.	Customer accounts receivable	0	6,396
15.	Materials and supplies		
16.	Other current and accrued assets	1,718,413	2,662,023
17.	Miscellaneous deferred debits	2,071	11,079
18.	Total current assets and other debits (L12 thru L17)	1,733,675	2,695,178
19.	<b>Total assets and other debits (L7 + L11 + L18)</b>	<b>1,735,395</b>	<b>2,696,898</b>

Remarks:

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**WATER AND SEWER COMBINED BALANCE SHEET  
CAPITAL, LIABILITIES, AND OTHER CREDITS**

<b>Line No.</b>	<b>Title of Account (a)</b>	<b>Balance at Beginning of Year (b)</b>	<b>Balance at End of Year (c)</b>
	<b><u>Stockholders' Equity (if Corporation)</u></b>		
1.	Common stock shares	0	0
2.	Paid-in capital	1,640,065	1,647,776
3.	Retained earnings	(9,370)	(176,400)
4.	Other	0	
5.	Total common equity (Sum of L1 thru L4)	1,630,696	1,471,376
6.	Preferred stock	0	0
7.	Total stockholders' equity (L5 + L6)	1,630,696	1,471,376
	<b>OR</b>		
	<b><u>Proprietary Capital (if Partnership/Proprietorship)</u></b>		
8.	Total proprietary capital		
	<b><u>Liabilities and Other Credits</u></b>		
9.	Long-term debt		
10.	Accounts payable	85,265	90,354
11.	Notes payable	15,000	1,016,542
12.	Customer deposits	0	0
13.	Taxes accrued	0	0
14.	Interest accrued	0	0
15.	Other current and accrued liabilities	4,433	118,627
16.	Customer advances for construction		
17.	Other deferred credits		
18.	Miscellaneous operating reserves		
19.	Contributions in aid of construction	0	0
20.	Total liabilities and other credits (Sum of L9 thru L19)	104,699	1,225,522
21.	<b>Total capital, liabilities, &amp; other credits (L7 + L8 + L20)</b>	<b>1,735,395</b>	<b>2,696,898</b>

**STATEMENT OF RETAINED EARNINGS / PROPRIETARY CAPITAL**

22.	Retained earnings or proprietary capital at beginning of year <sup>1/</sup>	(9,370)
23.	Add: Net income (loss) for the year <sup>2/</sup>	(167,030)
24.	Less: Dividends declared during the year	
25.	Other (itemize below)	
26.	<b>Retained earnings or proprietary capital at end of year (Sum of L22 thru L25) <sup>3/</sup></b>	<b>(176,400)</b>

Line 25 (other retained earnings activity) \_\_\_\_\_

1/ Reference to Page 6, Line 3, Column (b) or Page 6, Line 8, Column (b), whichever is applicable.

2/ Reference to Page 8, Line 33, Column (d).

3/ Must agree with Page 6, Line 3, Column (c), or Page 6, Line 8, Column (c), whichever is applicable.



**SCHEDULE OF DEBT OF UTILITY**  
 (Use additional pages if needed to report all loans)

Type of Loan <sup>1/</sup>	Lender	Collateral <sup>2/</sup>	Date of Loan	Maturity Date	Original Loan Amount	Current Amount Outstanding	Interest Rate (%) <sup>3/</sup>	Interest Paid This Year
N/A								
<b>Totals</b>								

1/ Indicate purpose of loan and whether the loan is a first mortgage, notes payable to banks, etc.  
 2/ Indicate whether loan is personally endorsed, and if so, by whom.  
 3/ If interest rate is variable, please describe terms of rate changes (example: prime rate + 1.0%).

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**WATER AND SEWER COMBINED INCOME STATEMENT**

For the Year Ended December 31, \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Line No.</u>	<u>Item</u> (a)	<u>Water</u> (b)	<u>Sewer</u> (c)	<u>Combined</u> (d)
	<b>Operating Revenues</b>			
1.	Metered service revenue	0		0
2.	Flat rate service revenue		68,138	68,138
3.	Reconnection fees			0
4.	Returned check charges			0
5.	Late payment charges	0		0
6.	Other operating revenue (itemize below)			0
7.	TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES (Sum of L1 thru L6)	0	68,138	68,138
	<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
8.	Total salaries and wages (employees only)			
9.	Outside labor expense (non-employees)		113,247	113,247
10.	Administrative and office expense		86,575	86,575
11.	Maintenance and repair expense		9,380	9,380
12.	Purchased water/sewer expense			0
13.	Electric power expense (exclude office)		6,231	6,231
14.	Chemicals expense			0
15.	Testing fees		3,395	3,395
16.	Transportation expense (cost of operating utility vehicle)			0
17.	Annual depreciation expense			0
18.	Property taxes paid on utility property			0
19.	Payroll taxes (FICA, FUTA, SUTA)			0
20.	Other operating expense (itemize below)		12,041	12,041
21.	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES (Sum of L8 thru L20)	0	230,869	230,869
	<b>Operating Taxes</b>			
22.	Franchise (gross receipts) tax			0
23.	Annual NCUC regulatory fee		1,600	1,600
24.	State income taxes		2,700	2,700
25.	Federal income taxes			0
26.	TOTAL OPERATING TAXES (Sum of L22 thru L25)	0	4,300	4,300
27.	NET OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) (L7 - L21 - L26)	0	(167,030)	(167,030)
	<b>Non-operating revenues and expenses</b>			
28.	Interest income			
29.	Other non-operating revenue (itemize below)			
30.	Interest expense			
31.	Other non-operating expense (itemize below)			
32.	TOTAL NON-OPERATING INCOME (L28+L29-L30-L31)	0	0	0
33.	Net income (loss) (L27 + L32)	0	(167,030)	(167,030)

Line 6 (other operating revenue)

Line 20 (other operating expense)

Line 29 (other non-operating revenue)

Line 31 (other non-operating expense)

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MONTHLY BILLING DATA

Line No.	Month (a)	Water Operations			Sewer Operations		
		Flat Rate Customers (b)	Metered Customers (c)	Gallons Sold To Metered Customers (d)	Flat Rate Customers (e)	Metered Customers (f)	Gallons Sold To Metered Customers (g)
1.	January				170		
2.	February				170		
3.	March				170		
4.	April				170		
5.	May				170		
6.	June				170		
7.	July				170		
8.	August				170		
9.	September				170		
10.	October				170		
11.	November				170		
12.	December				170		
13.	Totals for the year				170		

**RATES CHARGED AT YEAR END**

<b><u>Line No.</u></b>	<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Water</u></b> <b>(a)</b>	<b><u>Sewer</u></b> <b>(b)</b>
1.	Rates being charged at year end:		
	Measured (metered) service: Base charge (including _____ gallons)		
	Usage charge (per 1,000 gallons)		
	Flat rate service		Ocean Terrace - \$1,920 Pine Knolls I - \$920 Pine Knolls II - \$1,840 Pine Knolls III - \$920
	Tap-on fee or connection fee		
	Reconnect fee		14.99
	Late payment charge		25

**INVESTMENT IN WATER/SEWER UTILITY SYSTEM**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

<b>Line No.</b>	<b>Item (a)</b>	<b>Water (b)</b>	<b>Sewer (c)</b>	<b>Combined (d)</b>
1.	Original cost of system(s)		1,720	1,720
2.	Actual cost of all additions to system(s) since original construction		0	0
3.	Total cost of system(s) to date (L1 plus L2)		1,720	1,720
4.	Accumulated depreciation		0	0
5.	Net cost of system(s) (L3 minus L4)		1,720	1,720
6.	Cost of plant additions during this 12-month reporting period		0	0
	<b><u>Contributions in aid of construction (CIAC) (excluding gross-up) received during this 12-month reporting period</u></b>			
7.	Connection or tap fees		0	0
8.	Capacity fees		0	0
9.	Meter installation fees		0	0
10.	Cash contributions from a developer used by a utility to construct plant		0	0
11.	Utility plant installed or paid for by the contributor and then conveyed by the contributor to the utility		0	0
12.	Land conveyed by the contributor to the utility		0	0
13.	Total CIAC (excluding gross-up) received during this 12-month reporting period (Sum of L7 thru L12)		0	0
14.	Cumulative CIAC received (excluding gross-up)		0	0
15.	Taxes collected on CIAC during this 12-month reporting period		0	0
16.	Cumulative tax collected on CIAC		0	0
17.	Taxes paid on CIAC collected during the previous 12-month reporting period		0	0
18.	Cumulative tax paid on CIAC		0	0

**IMPORTANT:** CIAC are generally defined in the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners (NARUC) Uniform System of Accounts as money, services, or property received by the utility company from customers, developers, or any other source at no cost to the utility company which offsets the acquisition, improvement, or construction costs of the utility's property, facilities, or equipment to be used to provide utility service. Tap-on fees and meter installation fees are forms of CIAC.

**BOND INFORMATION**

(Note: If more lines are needed for additional bonds, attach supplementary sheets.)

For **each** bond (certificate of deposit, letter of credit, etc.) posted, list the following:

Line No.	Form of Bond (CD, Letter of Credit, or Surety)	Issuer of Surety	Amount of Bond	Is the Bond Still in Effect?	Date of Next Renewal
1.	Surety	Crane Agency	300,000	Yes	11/9/2023
2.	Surety	Crane Agency	75,000	Yes	3/18/2023
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					
11.					
12.					
13.					
14.					
15.					
16.					
17.					
18.					

Signature and Title:  Date: 4/29/2023

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

**IMPORTANT:** Rule R7-37(g) and Rule R10-24(g) require water and sewer companies to attach a separate electronically filed statement which is electronically signed under penalty of perjury to its Annual Report stating the amount of each bond, whether the bond is still in effect, and the date of next renewal. Completion of the above meets this requirement.

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**SYSTEM AND OPERATOR STATUS (WATER)**

Subdivision or System	County	Number of Wells	Certified Operator In Responsible Charge	>50* miles

\* Check if more than 50 miles from residence of Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC).

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**REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

List any notice of violation during the reporting year from any regulatory agency (County Health Department, DWQ, DEH, EPA, etc.) Use additional pages, if necessary.

**WATER OPERATIONS**

<b>System ID No.</b>	<b>System Name</b>	<b>Date of Notice</b>	<b>Type of Violation</b>	<b>Resolved? (Y/N)</b>

**SEWER OPERATIONS**

<b>NPDES or Nondischarge Permit No.</b>	<b>System Name</b>	<b>Date of Notice</b>	<b>Type of Violation</b>	<b>Resolved? (Y/N)</b>
VI-07-21	Ocean Terrace	7/7/2022	Permit Violation	Y
VI-18-13	Pine Knoll	7/7/2022	Permit Violation	N

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**REGULATORY FEE RECONCILIATION**

<b>Line No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	<b><u>Regulatory Fee Reports</u></b>	
1.	Regulatory fee report for quarter ended March 31, Line 1	17,456
2.	Regulatory fee report for quarter ended June 30, Line 1	16,981
3.	Regulatory fee report for quarter ended September 30, Line 1	24,488
4.	Regulatory fee report for quarter ended December 31, Line 1	24,979
5.	Total NC jurisdictional revenues for the year reported on regulatory fee reports (Sum of Lines 1 through 4)	83,904
6.	Total operating revenues [Page 8, Line 7, Column (d)]	68,138
7.	Difference between regulatory fee reports and Annual Report (Line 5 minus Line 6)	15,766
	<b><u>Explanation of Difference(s)</u></b> (Include a brief written description of each difference)	
8.	Redbird Utility Operating Company filed regulatory fees for Bear Den on behalf of owner	15,766
9.		
10.		
11.		
12.		
13.	Total difference(s) (Sum of Lines 8 through 12 - Should be equal to Line 7)	0

**VERIFICATION REGARDING ACCURACY OF REPORT**

(NOTE: THIS VERIFICATION SHALL BE COMPLETED BY EITHER THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, A SENIOR LEVEL FINANCIAL OFFICER, OR THE RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER.)

I, Brent Thies, state and attest under penalty of perjury that the attached Annual Report to the North Carolina Utilities Commission is filed on behalf of Red Bird Utility Operating Company (**Name of Water and/or Sewer Company**) as required by the North Carolina Utilities Commission; that I have reviewed said Report and, in the exercise of due diligence, have made reasonable inquiry into the accuracy of the information provided therein; and that, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all of the information contained therein is accurate and true, no material information or fact has been knowingly omitted or misstated therein, and all of the information contained in said Report has been prepared and presented in accordance with all applicable North Carolina General Statutes, Commission Rules, and Commission Orders.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person Making Verification

Vice President, Corporate Controller

\_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title

8/26/23  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date