

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

**STAFF CONFERENCE AGENDA  
September 20, 2021**

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TO: Agenda – Commission Conference – September 20, 2021  
FROM: PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission

**D. ELECTRIC**

P1. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT SOLAR FACILITIES

EXPLANATION: The following applications seek to amend or renew certificates of public convenience and necessity for construction of solar photovoltaic (PV) electric generating facilities pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-64.

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC:

- Docket No. SP-8039, Sub 0 – Application of Necal Farm, LLC, to amend and renew a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 5-MW solar PV facility in Alamance County, North Carolina (registration statement issued previously).

Duke Energy Progress, LLC:

- Docket No. SP-7641, Sub 0 – Application of Hood Solar Farm, LLC, to renew a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 5-MW solar PV facility in Wayne County, North Carolina (registration statement issued previously).
- Docket No. SP-8102, Sub 0 – Application of Shieldwall Solar, LLC, to renew a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 5-MW solar PV facility in Halifax County, North Carolina (registration statement issued previously).

The Public Staff has reviewed the applications and determined that they comply with the requirements of N.C.G.S. § 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-64.

RECOMMENDATION: (Metz) That the Commission issue orders approving the applications and issuing the requested amended and/or renewed certificates for the facilities. Proposed orders have been provided to the Commission Staff.

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**E. WATER**

**P1. DOCKET NO. W-1148, SUB 21 – CAROLINA WATER SERVICE, INC. OF NORTH CAROLINA – REQUEST FOR TARIFF REVISION**

EXPLANATION: On July 28, 2021, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC or Company) as emergency operator, filed a verified petition with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to its approximately 424 residential and 25 commercial sewer customers in Mountain Air Development in Yancey County, North Carolina, the increase in costs of purchasing sewer service from the Town of Burnsville (Burnsville). N.C.G.S. § 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

CWSNC states that, effective July 1, 2021, Burnsville increased its minimum monthly sewer rate by \$1.32, increasing the rate from \$44.28 to \$45.60. CWSNC requested to increase the monthly flat rate sewer charge applicable to its residential sewer customers and the monthly base charge applicable to its metered commercial sewer customers in Mountain Air Development for service rendered on and after the date of this order. The requested increase passes along the aforementioned increase in the cost of purchasing sewer service from Burnsville.

The current rates have been in effect since September 28, 2020, when they were approved by the Commission in its Order Approving Tariff Revision and Requiring Customer Notice issued in Docket No. W-1148, Sub 18. The present and proposed rates are as follows:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<u>Monthly Flat Rate for Residential Sewer Service:</u>	\$ 71.16	\$ 72.48
<u>Monthly Metered Commercial Sewer Rates:</u>		
Base Charge, includes 2,000 gallons	\$ 69.25	\$ 70.57
Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons:		
From 2,000 to 6,000 gallons	\$ 4.76	\$ 4.76
Above 6,000 gallons	\$ 5.24	\$ 5.24

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) has reviewed Burnsville’s rates and recommends that CWSNC’s request for a tariff revision be approved.

EXHIBIT: A proposed order is attached as [Exhibit No. P-1](#).

RECOMMENDATION: (Junis/Henry/Grantmyre) That the proposed order be issued approving the requested tariff revision and requiring customer notice.

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P2. DOCKET NO. W-1063, SUB 5 – C & P ENTERPRISES, INC. – APPLICATION FOR RATE INCREASE

EXPLANATION: On August 27, 2021, C & P Enterprises, Inc. (Applicant), filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to increase its rates for providing sewer utility service in Carteret County, North Carolina. The Applicant serves two customers, Ocean Bay Villas Owners' Association, Inc. (Ocean Bay Villas), and Ocean Glen Towne House Condominiums Owners Association, Phase I, Inc. (Ocean Glen Condominiums).<sup>1</sup> The present sewer rates have been in effect since January 1, 2017.<sup>2</sup>

The Applicant's present and proposed rates are as follows:

	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
<u>Monthly Flat Rate Sewer Utility Service:</u>		
Ocean Bay Villas	\$2,912.31	\$3,526.65
Ocean Glen Condominiums	\$2,169.96	\$2,627.70

The Public Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order establishing a general rate case and suspending rates. The Public Staff will provide the Commission with a proposed order establishing discovery guidelines, scheduling hearings, and requiring customer notice at a later date.

EXHIBIT: A proposed order is attached as [Exhibit No. P-2](#).

RECOMMENDATION: (Junis/Henry/Creech) That the Commission issue the proposed order establishing a general rate case and suspending rates.

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<sup>1</sup> There are 51 residential units in Ocean Bay Villas and 38 residential units in Ocean Glen Condominiums.

<sup>2</sup> In its Order Approving Tariff Revision and Requiring Customer Notice issued in Docket No. W-1063, Sub 4, on December 6, 2016, the Commission approved rates effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2017.

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DOCKET NO. W-1148, SUB 21

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application by Carolina Water Service, Inc. of	)	
North Carolina (as Emergency Operator for	)	
Mountain Air Utilities Corporation), 4944	)	ORDER APPROVING
Parkway Plaza Boulevard, Suite 375, Charlotte,	)	TARIFF REVISION
North Carolina, 28217, for Authority to Amend Its	)	AND REQUIRING
Tariff to Increase Rates for Sewer Utility Service	)	CUSTOMER NOTICE
for the Increased Cost of Purchased Sewer from	)	
the Town of Burnsville in Mountain Air	)	
Development in Yancey County, North Carolina	)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On July 28, 2021, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC or Company) as emergency operator, filed a verified petition with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to its approximately 424 residential and 25 commercial sewer customers in Mountain Air Development in Yancey County, North Carolina, the increase in costs of purchasing sewer service from the Town of Burnsville (Burnsville). N.C.G.S. § 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

CWSNC stated that, effective July 1, 2021, Burnsville increased its minimum monthly sewer rate by \$1.32, increasing the rate from \$44.28 to \$45.60. CWSNC requested to increase the monthly flat rate sewer charge applicable to its residential sewer customers and the monthly base charge applicable to its metered commercial sewer customers in Mountain Air Development for service rendered on and after the date of this order. The requested increase passes along the aforementioned increase in the cost of purchasing sewer service from Burnsville.

On May 4, 2021, in its Order Appointing Emergency Operator and Requiring Customer Notice issued in Docket No. W-1148, Sub 20, the Commission appointed CWSNC as emergency operator of the Mountain Air water and wastewater utility systems effective May 10, 2021. In addition, the Commission approved the current rates of Mountain Air Utilities Corporation for CWSNC on a provisional basis subject to true up.

The current rates have been in effect since September 28, 2020, when they were approved by the Commission in its Order Approving Tariff Revision and Requiring Customer Notice issued in Docket No. W-1148, Sub 18. The present and proposed rates are as follows:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<u>Monthly Flat Rate for Residential Sewer Service:</u>	\$ 71.16	\$ 72.48
<u>Monthly Metered Commercial Sewer Rates:</u>		
Base Charge, includes 2,000 gallons	\$ 69.25	\$ 70.57
Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons:		
From 2,000 to 6,000 gallons	\$ 4.76	\$ 4.76
Above 6,000 gallons	\$ 5.24	\$ 5.24

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) presented this matter at the Commission’s Staff Conference on September 20, 2021. The Public Staff stated that (1) it has reviewed Burnsville’s rates and the Company’s request and (2) recommends that the Commission approve the tariff revision at the proposed rates for service rendered on and after the date of this order and require customer notice.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission concludes that CWSNC should be allowed to pass through the costs associated with the increased purchased sewer expense.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina is granted a tariff revision for sewer utility service in Mountain Air Development in Yancey County, North Carolina, as set forth herein;
2. That the Schedule of Rates, attached hereto as Appendix A, is approved and is deemed filed with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-138. This Schedule of Rates shall become effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Order;
3. That a copy of the Notice to Customers attached hereto as Appendix B, shall be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina to all its affected customers in Mountain Air Development contemporaneously with the next billing of customers; and
4. That Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina shall submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, no later than 10 days after the date of the next billing of customers.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the \_\_\_\_ day of September, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

SCHEDULE OF RATES

for

CAROLINA WATER SERVICE, INC. OF NORTH CAROLINA

for providing water and sewer utility service in

MOUNTAIN AIR DEVELOPMENT

Yancey County, North Carolina

Monthly Metered Water Rates:

Base Charge, includes 2,000 gallons	\$ 26.50
Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons:	
From 2,000 to 6,000 gallons	\$ 4.08
Above 6,000 gallons	\$ 13.63

Monthly Flat Rate for Residential Sewer Service: \$ 72.48

Monthly Metered Commercial Sewer Rates:

Base Charge, includes 2,000 gallons	\$ 70.57
Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons:	
From 2,000 to 6,000 gallons	\$ 4.76
Above 6,000 gallons	\$ 5.24

Water Tap on Fee: \$500.00

Sewer Tap on Fees (based on meter size):

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Fee</u>
3/4 inch	\$ 4,310
1 inch	\$ 5,650
2 inch	\$11,480
4 inch	\$29,500
6 inch	\$66,600
8 inch	\$76,600
10 inch	\$89,600
12 inch	\$96,600

Grinder Pump Replacement Charge:

The Company will bear responsibility for repair and replacement of grinder pumps. Costs incurred for this service will be recovered from the owner of the grinder pump on a time and materials basis plus 5 percent.

Reconnection Charges:

If water service cut off by utility for good cause	\$ 14.40
If water service discontinued at customer's request	\$ 14.40
If sewer service cut off by utility for good cause	\$ 14.29

NOTE: Customers who ask to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection will be charged the base charge and flat rate charge (if any) for the service periods that they were disconnected.

Bills Due: On billing date

Bills Past Due: 15 days after billing date

Billing Frequency: Shall be monthly for service in arrears

Finance Charge for Late Payment: 1% per month will be applied to the unpaid balance of all bills still past due 25 days after billing date.

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**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS  
DOCKET NO. W-1148, SUB 21  
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Notice is given that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has granted Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC or Company) as emergency operator, an increase in its sewer rates for customers in Mountain Air Development in Yancey County, North Carolina.

CWSNC filed a verified petition with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to sewer customers in Mountain Air Development in Yancey County an increase in the cost of purchasing sewer service from the Town of Burnsville (Burnsville). N.C.G.S. § 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

The Public Staff has reviewed the rates and recommended that CWSNC be allowed to increase both its residential sewer flat rate and commercial sewer base charge by \$1.32 per month for the increased cost of purchasing sewer treatment from Burnsville. The new sewer rates are as follows:

Monthly Flat Rate for Residential Sewer Service:           \$ 72.48

Monthly Metered Commercial Sewer Rates:

Base Charge, includes 2,000 gallons	\$ 70.57
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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the \_\_\_\_ day of September, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief 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-1148, Sub 21, and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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

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

The above named Applicant, \_\_\_\_\_, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ in Docket No. W-1148, Sub 21.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

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

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

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DOCKET NO. W-1063, SUB 5

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
 Application by C & P Enterprises, Inc., Post )  
 Office Box 31563, Raleigh, North Carolina ) ORDER ESTABLISHING  
 27622, for Authority to Adjust and Increase ) GENERAL RATE CASE AND  
 Rates for Sewer Utility Service at Ocean ) SUSPENDING RATES  
 Bay Villas and Ocean Glen Condominiums )  
 in Carteret County North Carolina )

BY THE COMMISSION: On August 27, 2021, C & P Enterprises, Inc. (Applicant), filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to increase its rates for providing sewer utility service in Carteret County, North Carolina. The Applicant serves two customers, Ocean Bay Villas Owners' Association, Inc. (Ocean Bay Villas), and Ocean Glen Towne House Condominiums Owners Association, Phase I, Inc. (Ocean Glen Condominiums).<sup>1</sup> The present sewer rates have been in effect since January 1, 2017.<sup>2</sup>

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The Commission finds that the application constitutes a general rate case and that the proposed new rates should be suspended pending investigation.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

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<sup>2</sup> In its Order Approving Tariff Revision and Requiring Customer Notice issued in Docket No. W-1063, Sub 4, on December 6, 2016, the Commission approved rates effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2017.

1. That this proceeding is declared a general rate case pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-137;
2. That the proposed new rates are hereby suspended for up to 270 days pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-134;
3. That the test year period is established as the 12-month period ending December 31, 2020; and
4. That the Commission shall issue an order establishing discovery guidelines, scheduling hearings, and requiring customer notice at a later date.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the \_\_\_ day of September, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

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