

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**STAFF CONFERENCE AGENDA
May 17, 2021**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Agenda – Commission Conference – May 17, 2021

FROM: PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission

C. COMMUNICATIONS

P1. DOCKET NO. P-100, SUB 133C – DESIGNATION OF CARRIER ELIGIBLE FOR UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

EXPLANATION: On April 14, 2021, Windstream Communications, LLC (Windstream Communications or Windstream), filed an application seeking designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) for the purpose of qualifying to receive federal Universal Service Fund support to provide voice and broadband services in certain areas defined by census blocks that lack these services and to allow it to offer discounts to qualifying low income customers through the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) Lifeline program. Under 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2), a provider of "universal service" must receive an ETC designation from the commission in the state for the areas in which the provider wishes to receive universal service support.

Windstream Communications seeks ETC designation for census blocks located in Anson, Cabarrus, Catawba, Cleveland, Davidson, Forsyth, Gaston, Harnett, Hoke, Lincoln, Moore, Polk, Scotland, Stokes, Surry, and Union counties specified in Exhibit A of the application. Funding for those census blocks was awarded to Windstream Services, LLC, through the Rural Digital Opportunities Fund (RDOF) auction, and was subsequently assigned to Windstream Communications.

Windstream Communications is a competing local provider (CLP) and was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange and exchange access service within North Carolina on June 21, 2006, in Docket No. P-1394, Sub 0.

The Public Staff reviewed the application and responses to the Public Staff's data request. The Public Staff believes that Windstream satisfies the requirements for designation as an ETC, including the provision of the supported services using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and the facilities of other carriers, in accordance with the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.201(d)(1). Additionally, Windstream indicated that it will advertise the availability of its services using media of general distribution in the requested ETC designated service areas, as required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.201(d)(2). Lastly, the Public Staff believes that Windstream is current with all Commission filing requirements necessary to operate as a CLP in North Carolina.

RECOMMENDATION: (Proffitt/Coxton) That the Commission issue an order (1) finding that Windstream Communications has met the requirements to serve as an ETC in the requested census blocks specified in Exhibit A of Windstream's application, and (2)

designating Windstream Communications as an ETC for those census blocks as requested. A proposed order has been provided to the Commission Staff.

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P2. FILING OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS BY VERIZON SOUTH

EXPLANATION: The following interconnection agreement amendments were filed for Commission approval on February 18, 2021:

Verizon South Inc. (Verizon South)

Docket No. P-19, Sub 472 – Amendment filed on February 18, 2021, to an existing interconnection agreement with XO Communications Services, LLC, which the Commission approved on October 30, 2003. The amendment implements changes mandated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in FCC 20-152, released October 28, 2020, in WC Docket No. 19-308 (the “FCC 2020 UNE Order”). The FCC 2020 UNE Order eliminates legacy unbundling of certain network elements, subject to certain conditions and multiyear transition periods, and resale rules where they stifle technology transitions and broadband deployment.

Docket No. P-474, Sub 13 – Amendment filed on February 18, 2021, to an existing interconnection agreement with MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp., formerly MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC, which the Commission approved on July 16, 2010. The amendment implements the changes mandated by the FCC 2020 UNE Order.

These filings were made in compliance with Commission Rule R17-4(d) and Sections 252(e) and 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Act provides for the filing of such agreements and amendments with the state commission and approval or rejection by the state commission within 90 days after filing. On June 18, 1996, the Commission issued an Order in Docket No. P-100, Sub 133, allowing interim operation under negotiated agreements filed as public records prior to Commission approval of the agreements.

The Public Staff has reviewed the filings and recommends Commission approval.

RECOMMENDATION: (Proffitt) That orders be issued approving the amendments effective on the date they were filed. The Public Staff has provided proposed orders to the Commission Staff.

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D. ELECTRIC

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

EXPLANATION: The following applications are for 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 Progress:

- Docket No. SP-28033, Sub 0 – Application of Lumber River Solar, LLC, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 74-MW solar PV generating facility in Robeson County, North Carolina.
- Docket No. SP-30817, Sub 0 – Application of Delilah Solar, LLC, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 72-MW solar PV generating facility in Duplin County, North Carolina.
- Docket No. SP-31184, Sub 0 – Application of Morning Dew Solar, LLC, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 71.3-MW solar PV generating facility in Harnett County, North Carolina.

Unless otherwise noted, each applicant has filed a registration statement for a new renewable energy facility. The registration statement includes certified attestations, as required by Commission Rule R8-66(b), that: (1) the facility is in substantial compliance with all federal and state laws, regulations, and rules for the protection of the environment and conservation of natural resources; (2) the facility will be operated as a new renewable energy facility; (3) the applicant will not remarket or otherwise resell any renewable energy certificates sold to an electric power supplier to comply with N.C.G.S. §. 62-133.8; and (4) the applicant will consent to the auditing of its books and records by the Public Staff insofar as those records relate to transactions with North Carolina electric power suppliers.

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: (T. Williamson) That the Commission issue orders approving the applications and issuing the requested certificates for the facilities. Proposed orders have been provided to the Commission Staff.

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P2. DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 538 – DOMINION ENERGY NORTH CAROLINA – NOTICE TO TERMINATE SMALL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

EXPLANATION: On April 5, 2021, Dominion Energy North Carolina (Company) filed a notice with the Commission that it was terminating the Small Business Improvement Program (Program).

The Program was originally approved on October 26, 2016 and offered small business customers incentives for an energy use assessment, tune-up or re-commissioning of electric heating and cooling systems, and financial incentives to install specific energy efficiency lighting, motor, refrigeration, and window film measures.

In the Company's application for the Small Business Improvement Enhanced Program in Docket No. E-22 Sub 596, the Company stated that it would close the Program upon approval of the Sub 596 application. The Commission's order dated February 9, 2021, did not specifically address the closure of the Program.

The Public Staff reviewed the Company's request and agrees it is appropriate to close the Program at this time. The Public Staff also confirmed that the Company closed the Program and removed the tariff from the Company's website effective May 6, 2021. With the implementation of the Small Business Improvement Enhanced Program, the Company will offer an updated version of many of the same measures that were associated with the Program. Furthermore, the Company's request is necessary to comply with the administrative requirements of the Virginia State Corporation Commission associated with the Company's Virginia energy efficiency program portfolio.

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

RECOMMENDATION: (Floyd/Little) That the Commission issue the proposed order granting the Company's request to terminate the Small Business Improvement Program as filed.

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E. WATER

P1. DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 383 – CAROLINA WATER SERVICE, INC. OF NORTH CAROLINA – REQUEST FOR TARIFF REVISION

EXPLANATION: On April 9, 2021, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC or Company), filed a letter 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 its Fairfield Mountain and Apple Valley service area in Rutherford County an increase in the cost of purchasing bulk sewer treatment from the Town of Lake Lure. 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 Town of Lake Lure’s new rate became effective July 1, 2020.

CWSNC stated that effective July 1, 2020, the Town of Lake Lure increased its monthly bulk sewer treatment charges based on the following:

<u>Sewer Service</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Residential	\$69.50	\$90.00	\$20.50
Comm. – Small User	\$78.50	\$103.00	\$24.50
Comm. – Medium User	\$139.50	\$182.00	\$42.50
Comm. – Large User	\$219.50	\$286.00	\$66.50

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) has reviewed the Town of Lake Lure’s current rates and recommends that CWSNC’s request for a tariff revision be approved.

The new rates will increase the average residential monthly bill from \$110.74 to \$131.24 based on the flat rate monthly sewer rate.

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

RECOMMENDATION: (Darden/Chiu/Coxton) That the proposed order be issued approving the recommended tariff revision.

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 538

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application by Dominion Energy North Carolina)	ORDER TERMINATING
Terminate the Small Business Improvement)	PROGRAM
Program)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On April 5, 2021, Dominion Energy North Carolina (Company) filed a notice with the Commission stating it is terminating the Small Business Improvement Program (SBI Program).

In the Company's application for the Small Business Improvement Enhanced Program (SBI Enhanced Program) in Docket No. E-22 Sub 596, the Company stated that it would close the SBI Program upon approval of the SBI Enhanced Program in the Sub 596 application. On February 9, 2021, the Commission issued an Order approving the SBI Enhanced Program but did not specifically address the closure of the SBI Program.

Having received approval to implement the new SBI Enhanced Program, the Company will offer an updated version of many of the same measures that were associated with the SBI Program. Furthermore, the Company's request is necessary to comply with the administrative requirements of the Virginia State Corporation Commission associated with the Company's Virginia energy efficiency program portfolio.

The Public Staff presented this matter at the Commission's Regular Staff Conference on May 17, 2021. The Public Staff stated that it has reviewed the Company's request and has confirmed that the Company closed the SBI Program and removed the tariff from the Company's website effective May 6, 2021.

Based on the foregoing and the entire record in this proceeding, IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Company be allowed to terminate the Small Business Improvement Program effective the day this Order is entered.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ___ day of May, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 383

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
 Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina, 4944 Parkway Plaza Boulevard, Suite 375, Charlotte, North Carolina, 28217, for Authority to Amend Its Tariff to Increase Rates for Providing Sewer Utility Service in Its Service Areas in Rutherford County, North Carolina) ORDER APPROVING)
) TARIFF REVISION AND)
) REQUIRING CUSTOMER)
) NOTICE)

BY THE COMMISSION: On April 9, 2021, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC or Company), filed a letter 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 its Fairfield Mountain and Apple Valley service area in Rutherford County an increase in the cost of purchasing bulk sewer treatment from the Town of Lake Lure. 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 Town of Lake Lure’s new rate became effective July 1, 2020.

CWSNC stated that effective July 1, 2020, the Town of Lake Lure increased its monthly bulk sewer treatment charges based on the following:

<u>Sewer Service</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Residential	\$69.50	\$90.00	\$20.50
Comm. – Small User	\$78.50	\$103.00	\$24.50
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Comm. – Large User	\$219.50	\$286.00	\$66.50

CWSNC requested to increase its bulk sewer treatment charge to its sewer customers in Fairfield Mountain and Apple Valley service area for service rendered on and after the date of this order, to pass along this increase in the cost of bulk sewer treatment from the Town of Lake Lure.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) presented this matter at the Commission’s Staff Conference on May 17, 2021. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the Town of Lake Lure’s current rates and the Company’s request and recommended that the tariff revision be approved for service rendered on and after

the date of this order. The Public Staff further stated that the new rates will increase the average residential monthly bill from \$110.74 to \$131.24 based on the flat rate monthly sewer rate.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission concludes that the tariff revision should be approved.

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 the Fairfield Mountain and Apple Valley service area in Rutherford 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.G.S. § 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 the Applicant to all its affected customers in the Fairfield Mountain and Apple Valley service areas contemporaneously with the next billing of customers; and

4. That the Applicant shall file the attached Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, not later than ten days after the Notice to Customer is mailed or hand delivered to customers.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the _____ day of May, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk

SCHEDULE OF RATES

for

CAROLINA WATER SERVICE, INC. OF NORTH CAROLINA

for providing water and sewer utility service

in

ALL OF ITS SERVICE AREAS IN NORTH CAROLINA

(excluding Fairfield Harbour Service Area, Treasure Cove, Register Place Estates, North Hills, Glen Arbor/North Bend, Bradfield Farms, Silverton, Woodland Farms, and Larkhaven Subdivisions, and Hawthorne at the Green Apartments)

WATER RATES AND CHARGES

Monthly Metered Water Service (Residential and Commercial):

Base Facility Charge (based on meter size with zero usage)

< 1" meter	\$ 28.92
1" meter	\$ 72.30
1 1/2" meter	\$ 144.60
2" meter	\$ 231.36
3" meter	\$ 433.80
4" meter	\$ 723.00
6" meter	\$1,446.00

Usage Charge:

A. Treated Water/1,000 gallons	\$ 8.27
B. Untreated Water/1,000 gallons (Brandywine Bay Irrigation Water)	\$ 4.23

C. Purchased Water for Resale, per 1,000 gallons:

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Bulk Provider</u>		
Carolina Forest	Montgomery County	\$	3.19
High Vista Estates	City of Hendersonville	\$	3.40
Riverbend	Town of Franklin	\$	7.50
Riverpointe	Charlotte Water	\$	6.74
Whispering Pines	Town of Southern Pines	\$	3.38
White Oak Plantation/ Lee Forest	Johnston County	\$	2.85
Winston Plantation	Johnston County	\$	2.85
Winston Pointe	Johnston County	\$	2.85
Woodrun	Montgomery County	\$	3.19
Yorktown	City of Winston Salem	\$	5.79
Zemosa Acres	City of Concord	\$	5.41
Carolina Trace	City of Sanford	\$	2.21

Commercial customers, including condominiums or other property owner associations who bill their members directly, shall have a separate account set up for each meter and each meter shall be billed separately based on the size of the meter and usage associated with the meter.

When because of the method of water line installation utilized by the developer or owner, it is impractical to meter each unit or other structure separately, the following will apply:

Sugar Mountain Service Area:

Where service to multiple units or other structures is provided through a single meter, the average usage for each unit or structure served by that meter will be calculated. Each unit or structure will be billed based upon that average usage plus the base monthly charge for a <1” meter.

Mount Mitchell Service Area:

Service will be billed based upon the Commission-approved monthly flat rate.

Monthly Flat Rate Service: (Billed in Arrears) \$ 58.54

Availability Rate: (Semiannual)

Applicable only to property owners in Carolina Forest
and Woodrun Subdivisions in Montgomery County \$ 27.15

Availability Rate: (Monthly)

Applicable only to property owners in Linville Ridge
Subdivision \$ 13.60

Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed semiannually)

Applicable only to property owners in Fairfield Sapphire
Valley Service Area \$ 10.05

Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed quarterly)

Applicable only to property owners in Connestee Falls \$ 5.30

Meter Testing Fee: ^{1/} \$ 20.00

New Water Customer Charge: \$ 27.00

Reconnection Charge: ^{2/}

If water service is cut off by utility for good cause \$ 42.00
If water service is discontinued at customer's request \$ 42.00

Reconnection Charge: ^{3/}(Flat-rate water customers)

If water service is cut off by utility for good cause Actual Cost

Management Fee: (in the following subdivisions only)

(Per connection)

Wolf Laurel \$150.00

Covington Cross Subdivision (Phases 1 & 2) \$100.00

Oversizing Fee: (in the following subdivision only)

(One-time charge per single-family equivalent)
Winghurst \$400.00

Meter Fee:

For <1" meters	\$ 50.00
For meters 1" or larger	Actual Cost

Irrigation Meter Installation:

Actual Cost

SEWER RATES AND CHARGES

Monthly Metered Sewer Service:

A. Base Facility Charge:

Residential (zero usage) \$ 58.91

Commercial (based on meter size with zero usage)

< 1" meter	\$ 58.91
1" meter	\$ 147.28
1 1/2" meter	\$ 294.55
2" meter	\$ 471.28
3" meter	\$ 883.65
4" meter	\$1,472.75
6" meter	\$2,945.50

B. Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons \$ 4.59

Commercial customers, including condominiums or other property owner associations who bill their members directly, shall have a separate account set up for each meter and each meter shall be billed separately based on the size of the meter and usage associated with the meter.

Monthly Metered Purchased Sewer Service:

Collection Charge (Residential and Commercial) \$ 41.24

Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons
(based on purchased water consumption)

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Bulk Provider</u>		
White Oak Plantation/ Lee Forest/Winston Pt.	Johnston County	\$	6.15
Kings Grant	Two Rivers Utilities	\$	3.98
College Park	Town of Dallas	\$	7.33

Monthly Flat Rate Service: \$ 73.73

Multi-residential customers who are served by a master meter shall be charged the flat rate per unit. \$ 73.73

Mt. Carmel Subdivision Service Area:

Monthly Base Facility Charge \$ 7.29

Monthly Collection Charge
(Residential and Commercial) \$ 41.24

Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons
(based on metered water from the water supplier) \$ 6.32

Regalwood and White Oak Estates Subdivision Service Area:

Monthly Flat Rate Sewer Service
Residential Service \$ 73.73
White Oak High School \$2,187.33
Child Castle Daycare \$ 280.41
Pantry \$ 153.76

Fairfield Mountain/Apple Valley (a.k.a. Rumbling Bald) Service Area, and Highland Shores Subdivision:

Monthly Sewer Rates:

Residential
Collection charge/dwelling unit \$ 41.24
Treatment charge/dwelling unit \$ 90.00
Total monthly flat rate/dwelling unit \$ 131.24

Commercial and Other:

Minimum monthly collection and treatment charge \$ 131.24

Monthly collection and treatment charge for customers
who do not take water service \$ 131.24

Treatment charge per unit

Small (less than 2,500 gallons per month) \$ 103.00
Medium (2,500 to 10,000 gallons per month) \$ 182.00
Large (over 10,000 gallons per month) \$ 286.00

Collection Charge (per 1,000 gallons) \$ 13.93

The Ridges at Mountain Harbour:

Monthly Sewer Rates:

Collection charge (Residential and Commercial) \$ 41.24
Treatment charge (Residential and Commercial)
< 1" meter \$ 18.42
2" meter \$ 147.36

Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed semiannually)

Applicable only to property owners in Fairfield Sapphire
Valley Service Area \$ 10.20

Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed quarterly)

Applicable only to property owners in Connestee Falls \$ 5.75

New Sewer Customer Charge: ^{4/} \$ 27.00

Reconnection Charge: ^{5/}

If sewer service is cut off by utility for good cause: Actual Cost

MISCELLANEOUS UTILITY MATTERS

<u>Charge for processing NSF Checks:</u>	\$ 25.00
<u>Bills Due:</u>	On billing date
<u>Bills Past Due:</u>	21 days after billing date
<u>Billing Frequency:</u>	Bills shall be rendered monthly in all service areas, except for Mt. Carmel, which will be billed bimonthly. Availability rates will be billed quarterly in advance for Connestee Falls, semiannually in advance for Carolina Forest, Woodrun, and Fairfield Sapphire Valley, and monthly for Linville Ridge.
<u>Finance Charge for Late Payment:</u>	1% per month will be applied to the unpaid balance of all bills still past due 25 days after billing date.

Notes:

^{1/} If a customer requests a test of a water meter more frequently than once in a 24-month period, the Company will collect a \$20.00 service charge to defray the cost of the test. If the meter is found to register in excess of the prescribed accuracy limits, the meter testing charge will be waived. If the meter is found to register accurately or below prescribed accuracy limits, the charge shall be retained by the Company. Regardless of the test results, customers may request a meter test once in a 24-month period without charge.

^{2/} Customers who request to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection at the same address shall be charged the base facility charge for the service period they were disconnected.

^{3/} The utility shall itemize the estimated cost of disconnecting and reconnecting service and shall furnish this estimate to customer with cut-off notice.

^{4/} This charge shall be waived if customer is also a water customer within the same service area.

^{5/} The utility shall itemize the estimated cost of disconnecting and reconnecting service and shall furnish this estimate to customer with cut-off notice. This charge will be waived if customer also receives water service from Carolina Water Service within the same service area. Customers who request to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection at the same address shall be charged the base facility charge for the service period they were disconnected.

APPENDIX B

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 383
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has granted Carolina Water Service Inc. of North Carolina (Applicant), an increase in its bulk sewer treatment charge to customers in the Fairfield Mountain and Apple Valley service area in Rutherford County, North Carolina.

The Applicant filed a letter with the Commission pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to sewer customers in its Fairfield Mountain and Apple Valley service area in Rutherford County an increase in the cost of purchasing sewer service from Town of Lake Lure. N.C.G.S. § 62-133.11 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 – North Carolina Utilities Commission has reviewed the Town of Lake Lure’s current rates and recommended that the Applicant be allowed to increase its monthly bulk sewer treatment charge by the amounts listed below effective for service rendered on and after the date of this order.

<u>Sewer Service</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Residential	\$69.50	\$90.00	\$20.50
Comm. – Small User	\$78.50	\$103.00	\$24.50
Comm. – Medium User	\$139.50	\$182.00	\$42.50
Comm. – Large User	\$219.50	\$286.00	\$66.50

The new rates will increase the average residential monthly bill from \$110.74 to \$131.24.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of May, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Kimberley A. Campbell, 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-354, Sub 383 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-354, Sub 383.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the ____ day of _____, 2021.

Notary Public

Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: _____
Date