



**NORTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC STAFF
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

July 17, 2019

A. Shonta Dunston, Deputy Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325

Re: Docket No. W-1250, Sub 7

Dear Ms. Dunston:

In connection with the above-captioned docket, I transmit herewith for filing on behalf of the Public Staff this Motion to Cancel Hearing and Proposed Order.

By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ John D. Little
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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1250, SUB 7

Application by Saxapahaw Utility Company,)	
Post Office Box 128, Saxapahaw, North)	
Carolina 27340, for Authority to Increase Its)	MOTION TO CANCEL
Rates and Charges for Water Utility Service in)	HEARING
the Village of Saxapahaw in Alamance County,)	
North Carolina)	

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission, by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and moves the hearing scheduled on this matter to be canceled and in support thereof, states:

1. Saxapahaw Utility Company (Saxapahaw) filed an application with the Commission on March 4, 2019, seeking authority to increase its rates and charges for water utility service in the Village of Saxapahaw in Alamance County, North Carolina.
2. The Commission issued an Order on April 5, 2019, declaring a general rate case pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-137 and suspending the proposed rates for 270 days pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-134.
3. The April 5, 2019 Order scheduled a public hearing for August 8, 2019, in Alamance County. This hearing was subject to cancellation if no significant protests to the rate increase were received.
4. The April 5, 2019 Order contained a Notice to Customers that the Commission directed Saxapahaw to deliver to customers within 30 days of the Order and to submit proof the Notice to Customers was delivered within 45 days of the Order.

5. On July 16, 2019, Saxapahaw filed a Certificate of Service attesting it had delivered to its customers' notice of the proposed rate increase.

6. No customer protests have been received by the Public Staff.

7. The Public Staff believes that it will be able to reach an agreement with Saxapahaw about its request for a rate increase.

8. A Proposed Order is attached.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff prays:

1. That the hearing scheduled for August 8, 2019, in Alamance County be cancelled;

2. That Saxapahaw be directed to notify its customers that the hearing has been cancelled; and

3. For such other and further relief the Commission deems just and proper under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted, this the 17th day of July, 2019.

PUBLIC STAFF
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Electronically submitted
/s/John D. Little
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing upon each of the parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record by emailing them an electronic copy or by causing a paper copy of the same to be hand-delivered or deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to each.

This the 17th day of July, 2019.

Electronically submitted

/s/John D. Little
Staff Attorney

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ORDER CANCELING
HEARING AND
REQUIRING CUSTOMER
NOTICE

BY THE COMMISSION: The beginning of this proceeding was the March 14, 2019, filing of an Application for rate increase by Saxapahaw Utility Company (Saxapahaw). An Order was issued by the Commission on Order on April 5, 2019, declaring this proceeding a general rate case and suspending the proposed rates for up to 270 days. In that same Order, the Commission scheduled a public hearing for August 8, 2019, in the Alamance County Court Historic Courthouse, 1 Court Square, Graham North Carolina. This hearing was subject to cancellation if no significant protests were received by July 5, 2019. The Public Staff filed a Motion to Cancel Hearing on July 17, 2019. This Motion states Saxapahaw filed the required Certificate of Service attesting all customers received notice of the rate increase and the hearing and that no customer complaints were received. The Motion also states the Public Staff believes an agreement about the rate increase can be reached with Saxapahaw.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission is of the opinion the hearing scheduled for August 8, 2019, in the Alamance County Court Historic Courthouse, 1 Court Square, Graham North Carolina should be canceled and customer notice of the cancellation should be required.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED as follows:

1. That the public hearing previously scheduled for August 8, 2019, in the Alamance County Court Historic Courthouse, 1 Court Square, Graham North Carolina is cancelled.

2. That a copy of this Order be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by Saxapahaw Utility Company to all customers in the above-captioned service area no later than August 1, 2019, and that that Saxapahaw Utility Company submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service properly signed and notarized no later than August 8, 2019.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

This the ____ day of _____, 2019.

North Carolina Utilities Commission

(SEAL)

A. Shonta Dunston, 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-1250, Sub 7, and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the _____ day of _____, 2019.

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-1250, Sub 7.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the _____ day of _____, 2019.

Notary Public

Address

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: _____
Date