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Via Electronic Submittal

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston
Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
430 N. Salisbury Street, Room 5063
Raleigh, NC 27603

Re: In the Matter of
Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc. for Authority to Adjust and
Increase Rates for Water and Sewer Utility Service in All Service Areas in
North Carolina
Docket No. W-218, Sub 573
Aqua's Motion on Hearing Schedule

Dear Ms. Dunston:

On behalf of Aqua North Carolina, Inc. ("Aqua"), I herewith provide for filing, in the above referenced docket, Aqua's Motion on Hearing Schedule.

If you should have any questions concerning this filing, please let me know.

Thank you and your staff for your assistance.

Sincerely,
/s/ David T. Drooz
David T. Drooz
Attorney for
Aqua North Carolina, Inc.

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Enclosures

cc: NC Public Staff

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 573

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Aqua North)
Carolina, Inc., 202 Mackenan)
Court, Cary, N.C. 27511, for)
Authority to Adjust and Increase)
Rates for Water and Sewer Utility)
Service in All Service Areas in)
North Carolina)

AQUA MOTION ON HEARING
SCHEDULE

NOW COMES Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua or Company), and requests that the Commission issue an Order Scheduling Hearings, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Customer Notice in the above-captioned proceeding that will provide all parties with adequate preparation time as set out below. In support of this Motion, the Company states the following:

1. Aqua and the Public Staff of the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) have discussed various hearing schedule proposals but have been unable to reach agreement.
2. The Public Staff and Aqua, along with their attorneys are working on other utility proceedings and filings, including rate cases, in addition to the present Aqua rate case. While this is not a matter for Commission concern, it is worth noting that workload pressures are not exclusive to the Public Staff. It is Aqua's opinion that a fair balance must be established between the needs of both parties for as much time as possible to prepare their cases,

so that the Commission receives the best possible record upon which to make a decision. For the Public Staff, a long investigation time leading to the filing of their direct testimony is of great importance. For the Company, a reasonably sufficient time to do discovery on the issues raised by the Public Staff, and to prepare rebuttal, is of great importance, especially as Aqua will not know the issues in dispute until the Public Staff files. Extra time for one party means less time for the other, so in the absence of agreement among the parties the Commission must decide how to balance the schedule equitably.

3. In comparison to the last Aqua rate case, Docket No. W-218, Sub 526, there are more days between the date Aqua filed its application in the present case and the date the Commission has indicated for the evidentiary hearing. Attachment A is a copy of the scheduling order in the Sub 526 rate case. Attachment B is a comparison of scheduling dates originally ordered in the Sub 526 case to the scheduling dates proposed by the parties in the present case. Because there are more days between the application filing date and the evidentiary hearing date in the present case than there were in the Sub 526 case, there is a bit more time available to the parties in the present case. The extra time will be helpful because of the newness associated with filing a multiyear rate plan under NCUC Rule R1-17A.
4. Between application and hearing in Sub 526 there were 175 days. In the present case, assuming a January 9, 2023, evidentiary hearing, there will be 193 days, or 18 more than the last case. Aqua's proposal (Attachment

B) will provide the Public Staff with 5 more investigation days from application to Public Staff testimony than in Sub 526. It would also provide Aqua with five additional days to prepare rebuttal testimony compared to the time in Sub 526, though that includes the four-day Thanksgiving holiday weekend. While both parties would prefer more time, Aqua submits that its proposed schedule is equitable.

5. Aqua is concerned about the proposal it received from the Public Staff for a 14-day period between the filing of Public Staff testimony and Aqua rebuttal testimony. Based on past experience and the additional requirements of a multiyear rate plan case, Aqua expects the Public Staff testimony to be voluminous. While Aqua witnesses and those that support its witnesses are prepared to work through weekends and holidays, they still have their “day job” of keeping the Company operating for customers. A 14-day deadline to prepare rebuttal is three days less than the last rate case and not a sufficient amount of time. The only purpose such a short timeframe serves is to hobble the Company’s effort to prepare an adequate response to the disputed issues.

THEREFORE, Aqua respectfully requests that the Commission issue a scheduling order that takes into account the concerns and proposals described above and in Attachment B.

Respectfully submitted this the 16th day of August, 2022.

Electronically Submitted

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing **AQUA MOTION ON HEARING SCHEDULE** in Docket No W-218, Sub 573, has been served on the Public Staff, North Carolina Utilities Commission, by hand-delivery or electronic transmission to Lucy Edmondson, Chief Counsel.

This the 16th day of August, 2022.

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 526

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc.,)	ORDER SCHEDULING
202 MacKenan Court, Cary, North Carolina 27511,)	HEARINGS, ESTABLISHING
for Authority to Adjust and Increase Rates for)	DISCOVERY GUIDELINES,
Water and Sewer Utility Service in All Its Service)	AND REQUIRING
Areas in North Carolina)	CUSTOMER NOTICE

BY THE COMMISSION: On December 31, 2019, Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua or Company), filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to adjust and increase its rates for providing water and sewer utility service in all of its service areas in North Carolina effective January 30, 2020. Aqua serves approximately 80,978 water customers and approximately 19,583 sewer customers in 51 counties throughout the State of North Carolina. The proposed rate increase is based on a test period ending September 30, 2019. In addition to the request to adjust and increase rates, Aqua's application requests accounting orders approving the establishment of certain regulatory assets and deferral of certain capital investments.

On January 21, 2020, the Commission issued an order declaring this proceeding to be a general rate case and suspending the proposed new rates for up to 270 days pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-134 (Suspension Order).

Aqua's uniform water and sewer rates, Brookwood and LaGrange water rates, and Fairways and Beau Rivage (The Cape) water and sewer rates have been in effect since the issuance of the Commission's Order Approving Partial Settlement Agreement and Stipulation, Granting Partial Rate Increase, and Requiring Customer Notice issued on December 18, 2018, in Docket No. W-218, Sub 497, with the exception of approved tariff revisions to the rates of bulk purchased water and/or sewer systems.

The present Water and Sewer System Improvement Charges have been in effect for service rendered on and after January 1, 2020, pursuant to the Commission's Order Approving Water and Sewer System Improvement Charges on a Provisional Basis and Requiring Customer Notice issued in Docket No. W-218, Sub 497A on January 6, 2020.

In its application, Aqua proposes to increase its rates and charges to produce an additional \$6,819,722 in gross revenues, which would result in an overall revenue increase of approximately 11.20%. Aqua further proposes revised tariffs including a provision allowing for a pass-through of the cost of water and sewer service, including

applicable taxes and fees, required to serve the needs of Aqua's customers in a particular service area when that water or sewer service is purchased from another supplier.

In addition, Aqua proposes to (1) apply a conservation normalization factor to the calculation used to determine the consumption component of rates, (2) initiate a Conservation Rate Pilot Program for residential and irrigation customers in several systems in the Aqua Uniform Water and Fairways Water Rate Divisions, including a revenue reconciliation component, and (3) implement a Consumption Adjustment Mechanism within each of the Company's Rate Divisions pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.12A and subject to the final rules to be defined in Docket No. W-100, Sub 61.

Aqua states in its application that its request is related to increased capital investment and operating costs required to comply with service and regulatory obligations, increased operating expenses to maintain or upgrade the existing level of service, and changes in consumption, all occurring during the test year and continuing up through the time of filing the application.

Pursuant to the provisions in N.C.G.S. § 62-135, Aqua intends to implement its proposed rates on a temporary, interim basis, under bond and subject to refund, effective for service rendered on and after July 31, 2020,¹ assuming that the Commission has not entered a final order by that date. Consistent with the customer notice provisions of N.C.G.S. § 62-135(a), Aqua further requests that the Notices to Customers attached to the Commission's scheduling order issued in this docket include a specific provision which constitutes notice to customers of the Company's intent concerning implementation of temporary rates under bond.

Based upon the foregoing and the record in this proceeding, the Commission hereby establishes the procedural schedule, including filing requirements of Aqua and other parties, and requires public notice.

The guidelines regarding discovery in this docket, subject to modification for good cause shown, are as follows:

1. Any deposition shall be taken before the deadline for the filing of the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) and other intervenor testimony, or as agreed to by the parties should the Company require depositions. A notice of deposition shall be served on all parties at least seven business days prior to the taking of the deposition.

2. Any motion for subpoena of a witness to appear at the evidentiary hearing shall be filed with the Commission before the deadline for the filing of the Public Staff and

¹ The date of July 31, 2020, marks the expiration of six months after January 30, 2020 — the date requested rates would have been effective, but for the Commission's Suspension Order entered on January 21, 2020. If the Commission has not issued a final order upon the expiration of six months after the date the rates would have gone into effect (but for an order of suspension), N.C.G.S. § 62-135 allows implementation of temporary rates under bond.

other intervenor testimony shall be served by hand delivery or facsimile to the person sought to be subpoenaed at or before the time of filing with the Commission, and shall make a reasonable showing that the evidence of such person will be material and relevant to an issue in the proceeding. N.C.G.S. § 62-62. Unless an objection is filed, the Chief Clerk shall issue the requested subpoena within one business day of the filing of such motion.

3. Formal discovery requests related to the general rate case application and the Company's pre-filed direct and supplemental testimony shall be served on the Company by hand delivery, facsimile, or electronic delivery with the Company's agreement, no later than 14 calendar days prior to the filing of the Public Staff and other intervenor testimony. The Company shall have up to ten calendar days to file with the Commission objections to the discovery requests on an item-by-item basis, but in no event shall objections be filed later than ten calendar days prior to the deadline for the filing of the Public Staff and other intervenor testimony.

4. Formal discovery requests of the Public Staff or other intervenors shall be served by hand delivery, facsimile, or electronic delivery with the agreement of the receiving party, no later than five calendar days after the filing of that party's testimony. The party served shall have up to three business days to file with the Commission objections to the discovery requests on an item-by-item basis, but in no event shall objections be filed later than nine calendar days after the filing of that party's testimony.

5. Formal discovery requests related to pre-filed rebuttal testimony shall be served by hand delivery, facsimile, or electronic delivery with the Company's agreement, no later than two calendar days after the filing of such testimony. The party served shall have up to two calendar days to file with the Commission objections to the discovery requests on an item-by-item basis, but in no event shall objections be filed later than three business days after the filing of such rebuttal testimony. Discovery related to rebuttal testimony shall be limited to new material introduced in such rebuttal testimony and will be carefully scrutinized upon objection that such discovery should have been sought during the initial period of discovery.

6. Discovery requests need not be filed with the Commission when served; however, objections shall be filed with the Commission and the objecting party shall attach a copy of the relevant discovery request to the objections. Each discovery request, or part thereof, to which no objection is filed, shall be answered by the time objections are due, subject to other agreement of the affected parties or other order of the Commission. Upon the filing of objections, the party seeking discovery shall have two business days to file with the Commission a motion to compel, and the party objecting to discovery shall have one business day thereafter to file a response. All objections, motions to compel, and responses shall be served on the other affected party by hand delivery, facsimile, or electronic delivery with the agreement of the receiving party, at or before the time of filing with the Commission.

7. A party shall not be granted an extension of time to pursue discovery due to that party's late intervention or other delay in initiating discovery.

The Commission urges all parties to work in a cooperative manner and to try to accommodate discovery within the time available. The Commission recognizes that in the past, most discovery has been conducted in an informal manner without the need for Commission involvement or enforcement, and that such has been generally successful. The above guidelines are without prejudice to the parties conducting informal discovery or exchanging information by agreement at any time with the understanding that such will not be enforceable by the Commission if outside the guidelines.

Further, the Commission finds good cause to require the Company and all other parties who file exhibits and workpapers that include tables of numbers and calculations to provide the Commission Staff, the Public Staff, and any other party upon request from such party an electronic version of all such exhibits and workpapers, with formulas intact.

Finally, the Commission will require the Company to consult with all other parties and file, no later than Tuesday, June 16, 2020, a list of witnesses to be called at the hearing, the order of witnesses, and the estimated time for cross-examination. If the parties cannot agree, the remaining parties shall, no later than Thursday, June 18, 2020, make a filing indicating their points of disagreement with the Company's filing.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That hearings on Aqua's application are scheduled as follows:

Monday, April 13, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.
New Hanover County Courthouse
316 Princess Street
Courtroom 317
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401

Monday, April 20, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.
Old Guilford County Courthouse
301 West Market Street
Guilford County Board of Commissioners' Chamber
Greensboro, North Carolina 27401

Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.
Gaston County Courthouse
325 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Way
Courtroom 4D
Gastonia, North Carolina 28052

Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.
Iredell County Hall of Justice
226 Stockton Street
Statesville, North Carolina 28677

Monday, April 27, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.
Dobbs Building
430 North Salisbury Street
Hearing Room 2115
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Wednesday, April 29, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.
Historic Cumberland County Courthouse
130 Gillespie Street
Hearing Room 3
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28301

Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.
Dobbs Building
430 North Salisbury Street
Hearing Room 2115
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

2. That the hearings on April 13, April 20, April 21, April 22, April 27, and April 29, 2020, will be solely for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g). The Commission reserves the right to limit testimony at the public witness hearings. The hearings will resume in Raleigh on June 23, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., solely for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony from the parties' witnesses and will continue as required for testimony and cross-examination of expert witnesses for the Company, the Public Staff, and other intervenors;

3. That the Commission will determine not only the justness and reasonableness of the Company's overall requested changes in rates, but also the appropriate level of rates to be established for each individual rate class;

4. That the parties shall comply with the discovery guidelines established herein and shall work in a cooperative manner as to discovery;

5. That all parties filing supporting exhibits in Excel format shall provide the Commission Staff electronic versions of the exhibits filed in native Excel format, including all of the supporting tabs and formulas, within three days of the filing of such exhibits; and that Aqua and all other parties filing exhibits and workpapers that include tables of numbers and calculations shall provide the Public Staff and any other party upon request an electronic version of all such exhibits and workpapers, with formulas intact;

6. That Aqua's updates to its actual revenues, expenses, rate base, and cost of capital for the period ending March 31, 2020, shall be filed on or before Tuesday, April 21, 2020. This requirement shall not apply to events that are neither foreseeable nor within the Company's control. This requirement shall not prevent the Company from providing evidence showing changes in costs, including plant in service additions, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133(c);

7. That the direct testimony and exhibits of the Public Staff and other intervenors on all subjects except the subject of the public witness hearings shall be filed at or before 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, and that the rebuttal testimony of Aqua, if any, shall be filed at or before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 5, 2020;

8. That petitions to intervene in this proceeding shall be filed pursuant to Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 no later than Tuesday, May 19, 2020;

9. That the Company shall consult with all other parties and file, no later than Tuesday, June 16, 2020, a list of witnesses to be called at the hearing, the order of witnesses, and the estimated time for cross-examination. If the parties cannot agree, the remaining parties shall, no later than Thursday, June 18, 2020, make a filing indicating their points of disagreement with the Company's filing;

10. That Aqua is required to file reports addressing all customer service and/or service quality complaints expressed at the Wilmington, Greensboro, Gastonia, and Statesville customer hearings within 20 days after each hearing wherein the complaint(s) was/were expressed. Aqua is further required to file reports addressing all customer service and/or service quality complaints expressed at the April 27, 2020 hearing in Raleigh and at the hearing in Fayetteville no later than Thursday, May 14, 2020. The Public Staff shall and other intervenors may file supplemental testimony on the subject of the customer hearings only on or before Tuesday, May 26, 2020; and

11. That the applicable Notices to Customers, attached as Appendices A, B, and C, shall be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by Aqua to the respective customers no later than 20 days after the date of this Order; and Aqua shall submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service properly signed and notarized no later than 30 days after the date of this Order.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 14th day of February, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 526
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Applicant), 202 MacKenan Court, Cary, North Carolina 27511, has filed an application with the North Carolina Utilities Commission for authority to increase rates for providing water and/or sewer utility service in all its service areas in North Carolina. **The Applicant's proposed changes to the rates for all its service areas, with the exception of the Brookwood and LaGrange service areas in Cumberland and Hoke Counties and the Fairways and Beau Rivage (The Cape) service areas in New Hanover County, are as follows:**

WATER UTILITY SERVICE

Monthly Metered Service (Residential and Commercial customers)
Base facility charge (zero usage, based on meter size)

	Existing Rates	Proposed Rates
<1" meter	\$ 19.25	\$ 21.57
1" meter	\$ 48.13	\$ 53.93
1-1/2" meter	\$ 96.25	\$ 107.85
2" meter	\$154.00	\$ 172.56
3" meter	\$288.75	\$ 323.55
4" meter	\$481.25	\$ 539.25
6" meter	\$962.50	\$1,078.50

The base charges listed above apply to all Aqua North Carolina metered water systems except those in the Brookwood/LaGrange service areas in Cumberland and Hoke Counties and the Fairways/Beau Rivage (The Cape) service areas in New Hanover County.

Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons

All service areas unless noted differently below

Existing Rate	Proposed Rate
\$ 5.83	\$ 6.80

Arbor Run Water System in Guilford County

Residential tiered usage charge, per 1000 gallons

	Existing Rates	Proposed Rates
1 - 4,000 gallons	As shown above	\$ 4.65
4,001 - 8,000 gallons	As shown above	\$ 6.98
8,001 - 15,000 gallons	As shown above	\$ 10.46
15,001+ gallons	As shown above	\$ 13.95

Irrigation meter tiered usage charge, per 1,000 gallons

1 - 15,000 gallons	As shown above	\$ 10.46
15,001+ gallons	As shown above	\$ 13.95

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Pebble Bay Water System in Catawba County

Residential tiered usage charge, per 1000 gallons

1 - 4,000 gallons
4,001 - 8,000 gallons
8,001 - 15,000 gallons
15,001+ gallons

Existing Rates	Proposed Rates
As shown above	\$ 4.65
As shown above	\$ 6.98
As shown above	\$ 10.46
As shown above	\$ 13.95

Irrigation meter tiered usage charge, per 1,000 gallons

1 - 15,000 gallons
15,001+ gallons

As shown above	\$ 10.46
As shown above	\$ 13.95

Bayleaf and Merion Water Systems in Wake County

Residential tiered usage charge, per 1000 gallons

1 - 4,000 gallons
4,001 - 8,000 gallons
8,001 - 15,000 gallons
15,001+ gallons

Existing Rates	Proposed Rates
As shown above	\$ 4.65
As shown above	\$ 6.98
As shown above	\$ 10.46
As shown above	\$ 13.95

Irrigation meter tiered usage charge, per 1,000 gallons

1 - 15,000 gallons
15,001+ gallons

As shown above	\$ 10.46
As shown above	\$ 13.95

Bulk Purchased Water Systems

Proposed base monthly charge same as above

Proposed usage charge per 1,000 gallons same as bulk water provider as shown below

Service Area	Water Provider	Existing Rates	Proposed Usage Charge
Twin Creeks	City of Asheville	\$ 4.26	\$ 4.26
Heather Glen and Highland	City of Belmont	\$ 14.40	\$14.40
Southpoint Landing	City of Belmont	\$ 14.40	\$14.40
Park South	City of Charlotte	\$ 1.81	\$ 1.81
Parkway Crossing	City of Charlotte	\$ 1.81	\$ 1.81
Springhill/Springdale	City of Concord	\$ 5.11	\$ 5.11
Hoopers Valley	City of Hendersonville	\$ 3.06	\$ 3.06
Crystal Creek	City of Hendersonville	\$ 3.06	\$ 3.06
Rambling Ridge	City of Hendersonville	\$ 3.06	\$ 3.06
Brookwood	City of Hickory (outside city)	\$ 5.04	\$ 5.04
Cedarwood Estates	City of Hickory (inside city)	\$ 2.83	\$ 2.83
Heritage Farms	City of Hickory (inside city)	\$ 2.83	\$ 2.83
Hill-N-Dale	City of Lincolnton	\$ 7.70	\$ 7.70
East Shores	City of Morganton	\$ 2.52	\$ 2.52
Greenfield	City of Mount Airy	\$ 7.15	\$ 7.15
Bett's Brook	City of Newton	\$ 2.85	\$ 2.85
Crestwood	Davidson Water, Inc.	\$ 5.30	\$ 5.30
Lancer Acres	Davidson Water, Inc.	\$ 5.30	\$ 5.30
Beard Acres	Davidson Water, Inc.	\$ 5.30	\$ 5.30
Woodlake Development	Harnett County	\$ 2.77	\$ 2.77
Beechwood Cove	Chatham County	\$ 7.04	\$ 7.04
Chatham	Chatham County	\$ 7.04	\$ 7.04
Cole Park Plaza Shopping Center	Chatham County	\$ 10.01	\$10.01
Hidden Valley	Chatham County	\$ 7.04	\$ 7.04
Polks Landing	Chatham County	\$ 7.04	\$ 7.04
Chapel Ridge	Town of Pittsboro	\$ 13.69	\$13.69

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<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Water Provider</u>	<u>Existing Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Usage Charge</u>
Laurel Ridge	Town of Pittsboro	\$ 13.69	\$13.69
The Parks at Meadowview	Town of Pittsboro	\$ 13.69	\$13.69
River Hill Heights	Iredell Water Corp.	\$ 2.72	\$ 2.72
Bedford at Flowers Plantation	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Bennett Place	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Chatham	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Cottages at Evergreen	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Cottonfield Village	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Creekside Place	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Eastlake at Flowers Plantation	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Evergreen	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Flowers Crest	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Flowers Shopping Center	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Forge Creek	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Longleaf	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Magnolia	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Magnolia Place/Village	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Mill Creek North	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Mill Creek West	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Neuse Colony	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
North Farm	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
North Farm Cottages	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
North Village	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Parkway Center/Village	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Peachtree	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Pineville Club	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Pineville East	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Pineville East Cottages/Palmetto Place	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Pineville East Estates	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Pineville West	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Plantation Park	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Plantation Pointe	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Poplar Woods	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
River Dell East	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
River Dell Townes	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
River Dell Elementary School	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Ross Landing	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
South Plantation	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
South Quarter	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Southgate	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Summerset Place	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Sun Ridge Farms	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Sweetgrass	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
The Gardens at Flowers Plantation	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
The Meadows	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
The Nines	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
The Woodlands	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Trillium	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Village at Flowers Plantation	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Walker Woods	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Watson's Mill	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
West Ashley	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Whitfield at Flowers Plantation	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70

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<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Water Provider</u>	<u>Existing Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Usage Charge</u>
Wilders Woods and Extension	Johnston County	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
Holly Hills	Town of Forest City	\$ 5.95	\$ 5.95
Pear Meadows	Town of Fuquay-Varina	\$ 4.35	\$ 4.35
Swiss Pine Lake	Town of Spruce Pines	\$ 4.93	\$ 4.93

<u>Monthly Unmetered Service (flat rate)</u>	<u>Existing Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
All service areas unless noted differently below		
Residential customers	\$ 39.66	\$ 48.77
Commercial customers (per *REU)	\$ 67.42	\$ 74.37
*(REU = Residential Equivalent Unit)		

<u>Water System Improvement Charge</u>	<u>Existing Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
All service areas unless noted differently below	2.69%	0.00%

The Water System Improvement Charge is applied to the total water utility bill of each customer under the Applicant's applicable rates and charges.

SEWER UTILITY SERVICE

<u>Monthly Unmetered Service (flat rate)</u>	<u>Existing Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
All service areas unless noted differently below		
Residential customers	\$ 72.04	\$ 80.18
Commercial customers (per *REU)	\$100.86	\$ 106.94
*(REU = Residential Equivalent Unit)		

Commercial Monthly Metered Service and all Parkway Crossing and Park South Station Service Areas (based on metered water usage)

Base facility charge (zero usage, based on water meter size)

All service areas unless noted differently below

	<u>Existing Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
<1" meter	\$ 26.11	\$ 27.48
1" meter	\$ 65.28	\$ 68.70
1-1/2" meter	\$ 130.55	\$ 137.40
2" meter	\$ 208.88	\$ 219.84
3" meter	\$ 391.65	\$ 412.20
4" meter	\$ 652.75	\$ 687.00
6" meter	\$1,305.50	\$1,374.00

<u>Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons</u>	<u>Existing Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
All service areas unless noted differently below	\$ 8.92	\$ 10.54

<u>Parkway Crossing and Park South Station Service Areas</u>		Existing Rates	Proposed Rates
Base facility charge (zero usage)		As shown above	As shown above
Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons		\$ 6.45	\$ 6.45
<u>Hawthorne at the Greene Apartments, Woodland Farm Rocky Ridge and Beaver Farms Service Areas – Mecklenburg County:</u>		Existing Rates	Proposed Rates
Base facility charge (to be collected and delivered to Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina for treatment of the Wastewater), per month (per REU)		\$ 47.94	\$ 47.94
Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons		\$ 6.11	\$ 7.32
<u>Sewer System Improvement Charge</u>		Existing Rates	Proposed Rates
All service areas unless noted differently		1.15%	0.00%

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<u>Percentage Increase/Decrease</u>	
All Aqua Service Areas, except as listed below:	11.8%
Arbor Run	-5.4%
Pebble Bay	-5.4%
Bayleaf and Merion	-5.4%
Twin Creeks	3.0%
Heather Glen and Highland	-0.1%
Southpoint Landing	-0.1%
Park South	5.4%
Parkway Crossing	5.4%
Springhill/Springdale	2.5%
Hoopers Valley	4.0%
Crystal Creek	4.0%
Rambling Ridge	4.0%
Brookwood	2.5%
Cedarwood Estates	4.2%
Heritage Farms	4.2%
Hill-N-Dale	1.4%

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Percentage Increase/Decrease

East Shores	4.5%
Greenfield	1.5%
Bett's Brook	4.2%
Crestwood	2.4%
Lancer Acres	2.4%
Beard Acres	2.4%
Woodlake Development	4.3%
Beechwood Cove	1.6%
Chatham	1.6%
Cole Park Plaza Shopping Center	0.7%
Hidden Valley	1.6%
Polks Landing	1.6%
Chapel Ridge	0.0%
Laurel Ridge	0.0%
The Parks at Meadowview	0.0%
River Hill Heights	4.3%
Bedford at Flowers	4.3%
Bennett Place	4.3%
Chatham	4.3%
Cottages at Evergreen	4.3%
Cottonfield Village	4.3%
Creekside Place	4.3%
Eastlake at Flowers Plantation	4.3%
Evergreen	4.3%
Flowers Crest	4.3%
Flowers Shopping Center	4.3%
Forge Creek	4.3%
Longleaf	4.3%
Magnolia	4.3%
Magnolia Place/Village	4.3%
Mill Creek North	4.3%
Mill Creek West	4.3%
Neuse Colony	4.3%
North Farm	4.3%
North Farm Cottages	4.3%
North Village	4.3%
Parkway Center/Village	4.3%
Peachtree	4.3%
Pineville Club	4.3%
Pineville East	4.3%
Pineville East Cottages/Palmetto Place	4.3%
Pineville East Estates	4.3%
Pineville West	4.3%
Plantation Park	4.3%
Plantation Point	4.3%
Poplar Woods	4.3%
River Dell East	4.3%
River Dell Townes	4.3%
River Dell Elementary School	4.3%
Ross Landing	4.3%
South Plantation	4.3%
South Quarter	4.3%
Southgate	4.3%
Summerset Place	4.3%
Sun Ridge Farms	4.3%
Sweetgrass	4.3%
The Gardens at Flowers Plantation	4.3%

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Percentage Increase/Decrease

The Meadows	4.3%
The Nines	4.3%
The Woodlands	4.3%
Trillium	4.3%
Village at Flowers Plantation	4.3%
Walker Woods	4.3%
Watson's Mill	4.3%
West Ashley	4.3%
Whitfield at Flowers Plantation	4.3%
Wilders Woods and Extension	4.3%
Holly Hills	2.1%
Pear Meadows	3.0%
Swiss Pine Lake	2.6%

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The monthly residential unmetered flat rate sewer bill would increase by approximately 10.4%.

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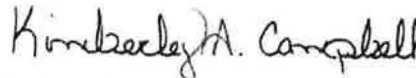
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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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WATER UTILITY SERVICE

Monthly Metered Service (Residential and Commercial customers)

	Existing Rates	Proposed Rates
Base charge, per month (zero usage, based on meter size)		
<1" meter	\$ 14.03	\$ 16.76
1" meter	\$ 35.08	\$ 41.90
1-1/2" meter	\$ 70.15	\$ 83.80
2" meter	\$ 112.24	\$ 134.08
3" meter	\$ 210.45	\$ 251.40
4" meter	\$ 350.75	\$ 419.00
6" meter	\$ 701.50	\$ 838.00
<u>Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons</u>	\$ 3.76	\$ 4.89

All service areas unless noted differently below

Bulk Purchased Water Systems

Proposed monthly base charge same as above

Proposed usage rate per 1,000 gallons same as bulk water provider as shown below:

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Water Provider</u>	Existing Rates	Proposed Rates
Arden Forest	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92	\$ 2.92
Bretton Woods	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92	\$ 2.92
Colony Village	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92	\$ 2.92
County Walk	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92	\$ 2.92
Forest Lake	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92	\$ 2.92
Jena-Shane	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92	\$ 2.92
Kelly Hills	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92	\$ 2.92
Lands Down West	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92	\$ 2.92
Porter Place	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92	\$ 2.92
Raintree	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92	\$ 2.92
Ridge Manor	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92	\$ 2.92
S & L Estates	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92	\$ 2.92
Springdale	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92	\$ 2.92
Stoney Point	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92	\$ 2.92
Tarleton Plantation	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92	\$ 2.92
Thornwood	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92	\$ 2.92
Wendemere	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92	\$ 2.92
Windsong	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92	\$ 2.92
Woodland Run	Town of Linden	\$ 4.98	\$ 4.98

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Monthly Unmetered Service (flat rate)

All service areas unless noted differently below

Residential customers

Commercial customers (per *REU)

*(REU = Residential Equivalent Unit)

Existing Rates	Proposed Rates
\$ 33.17	\$ 39.95
\$ 56.39	\$ 56.69

Water System Improvement Charge

All service areas unless noted differently below

Existing Rates	Proposed Rates
3.57%	0.00%

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EFFECT OF RATES

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	<u>Percentage Increase</u>
All Brookwood/LaGrange Service Areas, except as listed below:	21.3%
Arden Forest	5.6%
Bretton Woods	5.6%
Colony Village	5.6%
County Walk	5.6%
Forest Lake	5.6%
Jena-Shane	5.6%
Kelly Hills	5.6%
Lands Down West	5.6%
Porter Place	5.6%
Raintree	5.6%
Ridge Manor	5.6%
S & L Estates	5.6%
Springdale	5.6%
Stoney Point	5.6%
Tarleton Plantation	5.6%
Thornwood	5.6%
Wendemere	5.6%
Windsong	5.6%
Woodland Run	3.2%

The monthly residential unmetered flat rate water bill would increase by approximately 16.3%.

The monthly commercial unmetered flat rate water bill would decrease by approximately 2.9%.

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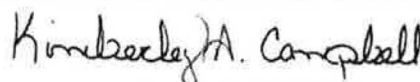
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Monthly Metered Service (Residential and Commercial customers)

	Existing Rates	Proposed Rates
Base charge, per month (zero usage, based on meter size)		
<1" meter	\$ 8.36	\$ 9.10
1" meter	\$ 20.90	\$ 22.75
1-1/2" meter	\$ 41.80	\$ 45.50
2" meter	\$ 66.88	\$ 72.80
3" meter	\$ 125.40	\$ 136.50
4" meter	\$ 209.00	\$ 227.50
6" meter	\$ 418.00	\$ 455.00

Residential tiered usage charge, per 1000 gallons

1 - 5,000 gallons	\$ 1.53	\$ 0.71
5,001 - 10,000 gallons	\$ 1.53	\$ 1.42
10,001 - 20,000 gallons	\$ 1.53	\$ 2.49
20,001+ gallons	\$ 1.53	\$ 3.55

Irrigation meter tiered usage charge, per 1,000 gallons

1 - 20,000 gallons	\$ 1.53	\$ 2.49
20,001+ gallons	\$ 1.53	\$ 3.55

Commercial usage charge, per 1,000 gallons

	\$ 1.53	\$ 1.69
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Monthly Unmetered Service/REU (flat rate)

	Existing Rates	Proposed Rates
Residential Rate	\$ NA	\$ 19.12
Commercial customers (per *REU)	\$ NA	\$ 29.34
*(REU = Residential Equivalent Unit)		

Water System Improvement Charge

	Existing Rates	Proposed Rates
All service areas unless noted differently	-0.24%	0.00%

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SEWER UTILITY SERVICE

<u>Monthly Unmetered Service (flat rate)</u>	<u>Existing Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
All service areas unless noted differently below		
Residential customers	\$ 58.56	\$ 60.83
Commercial customers (per *REU)	\$ 81.98	\$ 94.27
*(REU = Residential Equivalent Unit)		

Commercial Monthly Metered Service (based on metered water usage)

Base facility charge (zero usage, based on water meter size)

All service areas unless noted differently below

	<u>Existing Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
<1" meter	\$ 20.72	\$ 21.04
1" meter	\$ 51.80	\$ 52.60
1-1/2" meter	\$ 103.60	\$ 105.20
2" meter	\$ 165.76	\$ 168.32
3" meter	\$ 310.80	\$ 315.60
4" meter	\$ 518.00	\$ 526.00
6" meter	\$1,036.00	\$1,052.00
Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 9.46	\$ 9.56

<u>Sewer System Improvement Charge</u>	<u>Existing Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
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Statesville, North Carolina 28677

Monday, April 27, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.
Dobbs Building
430 North Salisbury Street
Hearing Room 2115
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Wednesday, April 29, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.
Historic Cumberland County Courthouse
130 Gillespie Street
Hearing Room 3
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28301

Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.
Dobbs Building
430 North Salisbury Street
Hearing Room 2115
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

That the hearings on April 13, April 20, April 21, April 22, April 27, and April 29, 2020, will be solely for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g). The Commission reserves the right to limit testimony at the public witness hearings.

The hearings will resume in Raleigh on June 23, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., solely for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony from the parties' witnesses and will continue as required for testimony and cross-examination of expert witnesses for the Company, the Public Staff, and other intervenors.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include the name of the subdivision where the customer is receiving service, contact information, and any information that the writer wishes to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter; these statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4326. Written statements may also be faxed to 919-715-6704 or e-mailed to statements@ncuc.net.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001.

Written statements are not evidence unless those persons appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Persons desiring to intervene in the matter as formal parties of record should file a petition pursuant to North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 no later than Tuesday, May 19, 2020. These motions should be filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

Information regarding this proceeding can be accessed from the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net under the docket number of this proceeding.

This the 14th day of February 2020.

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-218, Sub 526, and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the ____ day of _____, 2020.

By: _____
Signature

Aqua North Carolina, Inc.

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-218, Sub 526.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the ____ day of _____, 2020.

Notary Public

Printed or Typed Name

(SEAL) Commission Expires:

Date

EVENT	Sub 526 days from filing of application on Dec 31, 2019	Sub 526 days from prior event	Public Staff proposal Sub 573 based on last emails	Aqua proposal Sub 573
Application filed			Application filed 6/30/22	Application filed 6/30/22
Public hearings	104 days – 120 days			NCUC will provide.
Aqua report on public hearings		15 - 20	20 days after each hearing	20 days after each hearing (Aqua accepted P.S. position)
Aqua updates	112		9/21/22 (for period thru Aug 31 – month less than in Sub 526)	9/21/22 with understanding that Aqua will file a later update if the Public Staff opposes the multiyear rate plan
Discovery on application		14 days prior to date that Public Staff testimony is due	11/21/22 (same 14 day interval)	11/8/22 (same 14 day interval)
Deadline to object to discovery on application		10 days from discovery with conditions		Same as Sub 526
Public Staff & intervenor testimony	140		12/5/22	11/22/22 – an extra 5 days compared to Sub 526 and it avoids the P.S. working on testimony over the holiday

Discovery on Public Staff testimony			12/7/22	11/29/22 = 7 days after PS files testimony, which is 2 more than last case but includes Thanksgiving
Public Staff deadline to object to discovery			12/12/22	5 days after discovery is served
Public Staff response to Aqua report on public hearings		12 – 23 (prior event being the Aqua reports)	15 days after last Aqua report, assuming 10 day discovery response	15 days after each Aqua report
Aqua rebuttal testimony	157	17 days after Public Staff testimony	12/19/22 (14 days after P.S. testimony if filed 12/5)	12/14/22 - this would be 22 days after Public Staff testimony if P.S. is due on 11/22/22, or 5 more days than in last case
Discovery on rebuttal			12/21/22	12/16/22 = same 2 day interval after rebuttal that P.S. proposed on its schedule
Aqua deadline to object to discovery			12/29/22	12/22/22
Witness list and cross times	168	11 days after Aqua rebuttal	1/3/23	1/3/23
alternatives to Aqua witness list	171	3 days after Aqua witness list	1/5/23	1/5/23
Evidentiary hearing	175			1/9/23 per NCUC

ATTACHMENT B TO MOTION ON HEARING
NCUC DOCKET W-218 SUB 573

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Blocked days on NCUC calendar: Labor Day on 9/5; NARUC meeting 11/14 – 11/ 16 plus travel time afterward; Thanksgiving 11/2 – 11/25; Christmas 12/23 – 12/27; New Years 1/2/23; MLK 1/16/23; NARUC 2/13/23 – 2/15/23