

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**STAFF CONFERENCE AGENDA
October 11, 2021**

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TO: Agenda – Commission Conference – October 11, 2021
FROM: PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission

D. ELECTRIC

P.1 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT SOLAR FACILITIES

EXPLANATION: The following applications are in regard to certificates of public convenience and necessity for construction of solar photovoltaic generating facilities, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-64.

Duke Energy Progress, LLC:

- Docket No. SP-7737, Sub 0 – Application of Eastway Solar, LLC, for renewal of a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 4.99-MW solar photovoltaic generating facility in Bladen County, North Carolina. (no registration statement)
- Docket No. SP-32943, Sub 0 – Application of Old River Solar, LLC, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct an 80-MW solar photovoltaic generating facility in Moore County, North Carolina.
- Docket No. SP-33082, Sub 0 – Application of Filo Solar, LLC, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct an 80-MW solar photovoltaic generating facility in Montgomery 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 – North Carolina Utilities Commission (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: (Metz/D. Williamson/T. Williamson) That the Commission issue orders approving the applications and issuing the requested certificates. The Public Staff has provided proposed orders to the Commission Staff.

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P1. DOCKET NO. W-1079, SUB 19 – CHRISTMOUNT CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY, INC. – REQUEST FOR TARIFF REVISION

EXPLANATION: On September 3, 2021, Christmount Christian Assembly, Inc. (CCA), filed a petition with the Commission requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to its customers in Christmount Christian Assembly and Christmount Subdivision in Buncombe County, an increase in the cost of purchasing sewer service from Metropolitan Sewerage District of Buncombe County (MSD). CCA serves approximately 102 metered water and sewer connections, including approximately 88 privately-owned residences and 14 non-residential properties used for camping and conference activities. On September 14, 2021, CCA filed a verification pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11. 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.

CCA stated that, effective July 1, 2021, MSD increased its monthly sewer rates charged to CCA by \$0.18 per 1,000 gallons, from \$6.32 to \$6.50 per 1,000 gallons for sewer usage and increased the monthly base charge by \$8.34, from \$304.02 to \$312.36 per month for sewer service.

CCA's current rates became effective July 30, 2019, upon issuance of the Commission's Order Approving Tariff Revision and Requiring Customer Notice issued in Docket No. W-1079, Sub 18.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) has reviewed CCA's request and recommends that for bills rendered on and after the date of this order that CCA be allowed to increase its rates as shown below.

<u>Monthly Metered Sewer Rates:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
Base Charge, zero usage	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00
Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 7.75	\$ 7.97

The above rates take into account the effect of the 0.13% regulatory fee. Under the new rates, the average residential customer's monthly sewer bill will increase by \$0.99, from \$43.88 to \$44.87, based upon 4,500 gallons of usage. CCA has agreed with the Public Staff's recommendation.

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

RECOMMENDATION: (Franklin/Henry/Magarira) That the Commission issue the proposed order approving the tariff revision at the recommended rates and requiring customer notice.

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DOCKET NO. W-1079, SUB 19

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application by Christmount Christian Assembly,)
Inc., 222 Fern Way, Black Mountain, North)
Carolina 28711, for Authority to Amend Its Tariff)
to Increase Rates for Providing Sewer Utility)
Service in Christmount Christian Assembly and)
Christmount Subdivision in Buncombe County,)
North Carolina)
	ORDER APPROVING
	TARIFF REVISION
	AND REQUIRING
	CUSTOMER NOTICE

BY THE COMMISSION: On September 3, 2021, Christmount Christian Assembly, Inc. (CCA), filed a petition with the Commission requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to its customers in Christmount Christian Assembly and Christmount Subdivision in Buncombe County an increase in the cost of purchasing sewer service from Metropolitan Sewerage District of Buncombe County (MSD). CCA serves approximately 102 metered water and sewer connections, including approximately 88 privately-owned residences and 14 non-residential properties used for camping and conference activities. On September 14, 2021, CCA filed a verification pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11. 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.

CCA stated that, effective July 1, 2021, MSD increased its monthly sewer rates charged to CCA by \$0.18 per 1,000 gallons, from \$6.32 to \$6.50 per 1,000 gallons for sewer usage and increased the monthly base charge by \$8.34, from \$304.02 to \$312.36 per month for sewer service.

CCA's current rates became effective July 30, 2019, upon issuance of the Commission's Order Approving Tariff Revision and Requiring Customer Notice issued in Docket No. W-1079, Sub 18.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) presented this matter at the Commission's Staff Conference on October 11, 2021. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed CCA's request and recommended for bills rendered on and after the date of this order that CCA be allowed to increase its rates as shown below:

<u>Monthly Metered Sewer Rates:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
Base Charge, zero usage	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00
Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 7.75	\$ 7.97

The above rates take into account the effect of the 0.13% regulatory fee. Under the new rates, the average residential customer's monthly sewer bill will increase by \$0.99, from \$43.88 to \$44.87, based upon 4,500 gallons of usage. The Public Staff stated that CCA has agreed with the Public Staff's recommendation.

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

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Christmount Christian Assembly, Inc. is granted a tariff revision 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 bills rendered to customers on and after the date of this Order.
3. That a copy of this Order, including Appendix A, shall be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by CCA to all its customers along with the next billing of customers; and that CCA 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 October, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

SCHEDULE OF RATES

for

CHRISTMOUNT CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY, INC.

for providing water and sewer utility service in

CHRISTMOUNT CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY AND CHRISTMOUNT SUBDIVISION

Buncombe County, North Carolina

Monthly Water Service Rates:

Base (includes zero gallons usage)	\$28.00
Usage (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 7.32

Monthly Sewer Service Rates:

Base (includes zero gallons usage)	\$ 9.00
Usage (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 7.97

Tap-on Fees:

Water and sewer connection	Actual Cost ^{1/}
Optional second service location	Actual Cost ^{1/}

^{1/} Actual cost for new connections shall include installation of a main extension (if necessary), tap of the main, service line, road bore (if necessary), meter box, meter, backflow prevention (if necessary), and the Company's associated labor expense. The Company shall provide a written cost quote to the customer(s) applying for connection before actually beginning the installation / tap-on process.

Reconnection Charge:

If water and sewer service cut off by utility for good cause:	\$15.00
If water and sewer service cut off by utility at customer's request:	\$15.00 ^{2/}

^{2/} Customers who ask to be reconnected within 9 months of requested disconnection will be charged the water and sewer base charges for each month they are disconnected.

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<u>Returned Check Charge:</u>	\$25.00
<u>Bills Due:</u>	On billing date
<u>Bills Past Due:</u>	15 days after billing date
<u>Billing Frequency:</u>	Shall be monthly for service in arrears
<u>Finance Charges for Late Payment:</u>	1% per month will be applied to the unpaid balance of all bills still past due 25 days after the billing date

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APPENDIX B

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, _____, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers a copy of the Order issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-1079, Sub 19, and such Order 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 copy of the Commission Order was mailed or hand delivered to all affected customers, as required by the Commission Order dated _____ in Docket No. W-1079, Sub 19.

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

Notary Public

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Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: _____