

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1297, SUB 17
DOCKET NO. W-1344, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Joint Application of HISCO East LLC, and)	ORDER FINDING TRANSFER
HISCO I, LLC, for Approval of Transfer of)	APPLICATION COMPLETE AND
Public Utility Franchise for the Wastewater)	REQUIRING THE PUBLIC
System Serving Harkers Island in Carteret)	STAFF TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC
County, North Carolina and for Approval of)	APPLICATION DATA
Rates, and for Approval of Rates)	

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On February 29, 2024, in Docket Nos. W-1297, Sub 17 and W-1344, Sub 1, HISCO East, LLC (HISCO East) and HISCO I, LLC (HISCO I) (collectively, the Applicants) filed with the Commission a joint Application for Transfer of Public Utility Franchise and for Approval of Rates (Transfer Application) for the wastewater system serving various areas on Harkers Island in Carteret County, North Carolina. HISCO I filed an Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of Rates (CPCN Application) in the same dockets.

On March 7, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Notice, which required the Public Staff to file and serve upon the Applicants a notice regarding whether the Transfer Application is considered complete, and if incomplete, identifying any deficiencies in the Transfer Application.¹

On March 18, 2024, the Public Staff filed a letter with the Commission indicating that the Transfer Application includes all information required for a complete Application.

On March 19, 2024, the Public Staff filed a Motion to Establish Docket Sub 0 for the Transfer Application and Docket Sub 1 for the CPCN Application. In the Motion, the Public Staff sought to have separate dockets established for the two applications: Docket Nos. W-1344, Sub 0 and W-1297, Sub 17 established as the dockets for the Transfer Application, and Docket No. W-1344, Sub 1 as the docket for the CPCN Application.

On March 22, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Establishing Dockets, which established Docket No. W-1344, Sub 0 as the purchaser's docket for the Transfer Application, assigned Docket No. W-1247, Sub 17 as the companion seller's docket

¹ Because the CPCN Application was also filed in the same dockets as the Transfer Application, the Commission also directed the Public Staff to review the CPCN Application and provide its recommendation concerning the CPCN Application to the Commission.

to Docket No. W-1344, Sub 0, and directed that Docket No. W-1344, Sub 1 shall remain the docket for the CPCN Application. The Commission ordered that all future filings related to the Transfer Application shall be filed in Docket Nos. W-1297, Sub 17 and W-1344, Sub 0.

Based on the foregoing, the recommendation of the Public Staff regarding the Transfer Application, and the entire record in this proceeding, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to determine that the Transfer Application in this matter is complete, and that the Public Staff shall provide to the Commission, within five business days of the date of this Order, the following information regarding the Transfer Application:

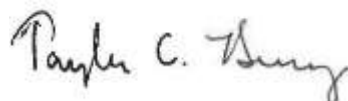
1. The number, type, and category of customers currently served by HISCO East;
2. The rates currently being charged to customers, including the docket number in which the current rates were approved by the Commission and the effective date(s) for the current rates;
3. The proposed rates HISCO I seeks to charge if the Commission approves the transfer of the wastewater utility assets from HISCO East to HISCO I;
4. If an increase in rates is proposed, provide the impact on the average monthly sewer bill under the proposed rates compared to current rates. For metered rates, indicate the average monthly usage used in your calculations; and
5. Briefly summarize any pertinent points from the application such as a description of any planned capital improvements, the related dollar amounts, the estimated total impact on annual revenue requirement, and the estimated impact on the average monthly sewer bill.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 27th day of March, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Taylor C. Berry".

Taylor C. Berry, Deputy Clerk