

December 28, 2019

Mr. Chris Ayers  
Executive Director  
NCUC – Public Staff  
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Dear Mr. Ayers:

I oppose the proposal and application from Old North State to construct a pump station to pump Fearington wastewater to the Briar Chapel wastewater plant. ONS has been responsible for multiple sewage leaks within the Briar Chapel community since 2017. ONS has been slow to respond and to address the issues. Rather than being proactive to identify and correct potential new leaks, they have been dismissive to the citizens who report the issues. This is clearly unacceptable.

The current focus of ONS should be to correct problems in the Briar Chapel community rather than the distraction of adding an additional pumping station to a system that has failed multiple times within the past year. The NC Department of Environmental Quality has logged 14 separate sanitary sewer overflows since July 2017. It was noted in the Chatham News & Record that over 23,000 gallons of raw, untreated sewage have spilled since July 2017.

The Old North State record does not support their application to construct a new pumping station to the Briar Chapel wastewater plant. Their application should be denied. Do not reward them for their current incompetence.

Sincerely,

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