

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1318, SUB 1

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application by HH Water, LLC, for	)	
Authority to Adjust and Increase Rates	)	ORDER ESTABLISHING
for Water Utility Service in High Hampton	)	GENERAL RATE CASE AND
Service Area in Jackson County,	)	SUSPENDING RATES
North Carolina	)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On January 26, 2024, HH Water, LLC (Applicant), filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to increase its rates for providing water utility service in the High Hampton service area in Jackson County, North Carolina. On February 2, 2024, the Applicant filed an amended application. The Applicant provides water utility service to 276 customers (274 residential customers and two commercial customers).

The Applicant was granted a certificate of public convenience necessity by Commission Order issued on September 11, 2017, in Docket No. W-1318, Sub 0. The present water utility rates have been in effect since September 11, 2017, pursuant to the Commission's Order in Docket No. W-1318, Sub 0.

On February 19, 2024, the Public Staff presented this matter at the Commission's Staff Conference. The Public Staff recommends that the Commission finds that the application constitutes a general rate case and suspend the proposed new rates pending investigation.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission accepts the recommendation of the Public Staff.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That this proceeding is declared a general rate case pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-137;
2. That the proposed new rates are suspended for up to 270 days pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-134;
3. That the test year period is established as the 12-month period ending December 31, 2022; and

4. That the Commission shall issue an order establishing discovery guidelines, scheduling hearings, and requiring customer notice at a later date.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 19th day of February, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

Chair Charlotte A. Mitchell and Commissioner Jeffrey A. Hughes did not participate in this decision.