

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1300, SUB 83

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Old North State Water	)	ORDER FINDING APPLICATION
Company, Inc. for a Certificate of Public	)	COMPLETE AND REQUIRING
Convenience and Necessity to Provide Water	)	THE PUBLIC STAFF TO PROVIDE
Utility Services to The Reserve at Falls Lake	)	SPECIFIC APPLICATION DATA
Phase 4 Subdivision in Wake County,	)	
North Carolina and for Approval of Rates	)	

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On March 28, 2024, Old North State Water Company, Inc. (ONSWC) filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of Rates (Application) to provide water utility service to The Reserve at Falls Lake Phase 4 subdivision in Wake County, North Carolina in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.

On June 30, 2023, North Carolina Session Law 2023-67, entitled “An Act to Expedite Transfer of Water or Wastewater Public Utilities” (the Act), was signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper, having been previously ratified by the North Carolina General Assembly. The Act provides timelines for the Commission’s consideration of applications for the grant or transfer of certificates of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) for certain water and wastewater systems. Section 1.(a) of the Act amends N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-111 and applies to applications for the grant or transfer of CPCNs for water and wastewater systems filed on or after June 30, 2023.

On April 3, 2024, the Commission issued an order requiring the Public Staff to file a notice regarding whether the Application is considered complete, and if incomplete, identifying any deficiencies in the Application.

On April 17, 2024, the Public Staff filed a letter outlining the deficiencies in the Application and indicating that the Public Staff considers the Application incomplete.

On April 19, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Finding Application Incomplete and Request for Additional Information.

On April 19, 2024, ONSWC also filed a letter from the Department of Environmental Quality granting approval of plans for the water system in response to the letter outlining deficiencies filed by the Public Staff.

On April 26, 2024, the Public Staff filed a letter with the Commission indicating that this docket now includes all the information required for a complete application.

Based on the foregoing, the recommendation of the Public Staff, and the entire record in this proceeding, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to determine that the Application in this matter is complete, and that the Public Staff shall provide to the Commission, on or before May 13, 2024, the following information regarding the Application:

1. The number and type of customers to be served by ONSWC;
2. The rates currently being charged to customers, including the docket number, if applicable, in which the current rates were approved by the Commission and the effective date for the current rates;
3. The proposed rates ONSWC seeks to charge if the Commission approves the issuance of a CPCN to ONSWC for the provision of water utility service to The Reserve at Falls Lake Phase 4 subdivision in Wake County, North Carolina;
4. If an increase in rates is proposed, provide the impact on the average monthly residential water and 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 residential water bill.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 29th day of April, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk