

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1205, SUB 14

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application by Clarke Utilities, Inc., 223 Highway)
70 East, Suite 115, Garner, North Carolina)
27529-4062, for Authority to Increase Rates for)
Water and Sewer Utility Service in All of Its)
Service Areas in Wake and Franklin Counties,)
North Carolina.)

MOTION TO CANCEL
HEARING

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission, by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and moves that the public witness hearing previously scheduled on this matter be canceled. In support of this motion the Public Staff respectfully shows unto the Commission:

1. This proceeding began with the filing of an Application for Rate Increase by Clarke Utilities, Inc. (Clarke) on March 22, 2021.
2. In an order issued on April 19, 2021, the Commission declared the proceeding to be a general rate case and suspended rates for up to 270 days.
3. By order dated May 21, 2021, the Commission scheduled a remote customer hearing at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, June 17, 2021.
4. In a certificate of service filed on May 25, 2021, Clarke indicated that all of its customers had been served with notice of the proposed rate increase and hearing.

5. The Public Staff did not receive any protests and no one registered to provide testimony at the public hearing by the deadline established in the customer notice.

6. The Public Staff requests that the public hearing scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 2021 be cancelled.

7. A proposed order is being filed with this motion.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff prays:

1. That the Commission grant the Public Staff's request to cancel the public hearing scheduled at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, June 17, 2021.

2. That Clarke be ordered to notify its customers of the cancelation of the hearing; and

3. For such other and further relief as the Commission may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted, this the 11th day of June, 2021.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing upon each of the parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record by emailing them an electronic copy or by causing a paper copy of the same to be hand-delivered or deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to each.

This the 11th day of June, 2021.

Electronically submitted
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Staff Attorney

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	PROPOSED ORDER
	CANCELING HEARING

BY THE COMMISSION: This proceeding began with the filing of an application for rate increase by Clarke Utilities, Inc. (Clarke) on March 22, 2021. In an order issued on April 19, 2021, the Commission declared the proceeding to be a general rate case and suspended the proposed new rates for up to 270 days. By order dated May 21, the Commission scheduled a remote customer hearing at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, June 17, 2021.

On June 11, 2021, the Public Staff filed a Motion to Cancel Hearing. In its motion, the Public Staff stated that the Company had filed the requisite Certificate of Service, which attested that all customers received notice of the rate increase and the hearing, and that no customers submitted a complaint or registered to provide testify at the hearing.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission is of the opinion that the hearing scheduled for June 17, 2021, should be canceled and customer notice should be required.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. **That the remote customer hearing previously scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 2021, is canceled.**

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of June, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

(SEAL)

Kimberly A. Campbell, Chief Clerk