

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

STAFF CONFERENCE AGENDA
September 18, 2023
Commission Hearing Room 2115, 10:00 a.m.

WATER AND WASTEWATER

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISION AND REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE

Aqua North Carolina, Inc.

1. Docket No. W-218, Sub 600 – Verified Petition to Amend Its Tariff to Adjust Rates for Water Utility Service for the Increased Cost of Purchased Water from Johnston County in 55 Subdivisions in Johnston County, North Carolina (*Darden/Lentz/Newell*)

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Aqua North Carolina, Inc.

2. Docket No. W-218, Sub 599 – Verified Petition to Amend Its Tariff to Adjust Rates for Water Utility Service for the Decreased Cost of Purchased Water from the Town of Pittsboro in Chapel Ridge, Laurel Ridge, and The Parks at Meadowview in Chatham County, North Carolina (*Bhatta/Feasel/Jost*)

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISION AND REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE

Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina

3. Docket No. W-354, Sub 426 – Verified Petition to Amend Its Tariff to Adjust Rates for Water Utility Service for the Increased Cost of Purchased Water from the Town of Franklin in Riverbend Estates Service Area in Macon County, North Carolina (*Bhatta/Feasel/Holt*)

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISION AND REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE

Dillsboro Water Utilities, Inc.

4. Docket No. W-1327, Sub 3 – Verified Petition to Amend Its Tariff to Change Rates for Water and Sewer Utility Service for the Increased Cost of Purchased Water and Sewer Service from Tuckaseegee Water and Sewer Authority in the BP/Subway, Holiday Inn Express, Microtel and Dillsboro

Crossing Apartment service areas in Jackson County, North Carolina
(Bhatta/Feasel/Bernier/Newell)

COMMUNICATIONS

ANNUAL STATE CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS

5. Docket No. P-100, Subs 133L, 133N, and 171 – Certification of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers to Continue to Receive Federal Universal Service High-Cost Support (*Wade/Coxton*)

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Town of Pineville dba Pineville Telephone Company

6. Docket No. P-120, Sub 28 – Interconnection agreement between Town of Pineville dba Pineville Telephone Company, and Level 3 Communications, LLC (*Houser/Coxton*)
7. Docket No. P-120, Sub 29 – Interconnection agreement between Town of Pineville dba Pineville Telephone Company, and Teleport Communications of America, LLC (*Houser/Coxton*)

The Public Staff recommends approval of the preceding agenda items as described above and reflected in proposed orders provided to the Commission Staff.

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
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DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 600

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc.,)
202 MacKenan Court, Cary, North Carolina)
27511, for Authority to Amend Its Tariff to)
Increase Rates for Water Utility Service for)
the Increased Cost of Purchased Water from)
Johnston County Department of Public Utilities)
in 55 Subdivisions in Johnston County,)
North Carolina)
	ORDER APPROVING
	TARIFF REVISION
	AND REQUIRING
	CUSTOMER NOTICE

BY THE COMMISSION: On August 11, 2023, Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua or Company) filed a verified petition with the Commission, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to its metered water customers in 55 subdivisions in Johnston County an increase in the cost of purchasing water service from the Johnston County Department of Public Utilities (County).¹ North Carolina Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

Aqua stated that, effective September 1, 2023, the County will increase its usage rate charged to Aqua by \$0.20 per 1,000 gallons, from \$3.20 to \$3.40 per 1,000 gallons.

Aqua's current water usage rate related to its bulk purchased water service from the County became effective on September 1, 2022, upon issuance of the Commission's Order Approving Tariff Revision and Requiring Customer Notice in Docket No. W-218, Sub 580. After taking into account the effect of the County's base charge and 0.1475% regulatory fee, Aqua requested authority to increase its water usage rate from \$3.21 to \$3.42 per 1,000 gallons to reflect the increase in the cost of purchasing water service from the County. The current monthly base facility charge for a <1" meter is \$21.10 pursuant to the Commission's Order Approving Motion on Wastewater Rate Design and Approving Schedules of Rates, Schedules of Connection Fees, and Customer Notices issued in Docket No. W-218, Sub 573 on July 31, 2023.

In reviewing the petition, the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) determined that the \$0.01 gross-up attributable to the 0.1475% regulatory fee should be rounded to the full penny to avoid that cost being allocated to other Aqua

¹ Aqua has not been issued a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Whitley Corner at Flowers in Docket No. W-218, Sub 542, and does not presently serve any customers in Whitley Corner at Flowers. Therefore, Whitley Corner at Flowers was not included in the revised tariff and the number of subdivisions was reduced from 56 to 55.

customers (i.e., ANC Water customers). Therefore, the Public Staff recommends and Aqua has agreed to a water usage rate of \$3.41 per 1,000 gallons to reflect the increase in the cost of purchasing water service from the County, which does not include the allocation of the County's base charge in the usage charge.

Under the Public Staff's recommended water usage rate, the average residential customer's monthly water bill will increase by \$1.00, from \$37.15 to \$38.15 based on 5,000 gallons of usage.

The Public Staff presented this matter at the Commission's Staff Conference on September 18, 2023. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the County's rates and the Company's request and recommended that the Commission approve the tariff revision at the Public Staff's proposed rates for service rendered on and after the date of this order and require customer notice.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission finds that Aqua should be allowed to pass through the costs associated with the increased purchased water expense as recommended by the Public Staff.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Aqua North Carolina, Inc. is granted a revision to Appendix A-2 of its tariff for water utility service in 55 subdivisions in Johnston County in which it purchases and resells water from the Johnston County Department of Public Utilities, as set forth herein;

2. That the revised Appendix A-2 attached hereto is approved and deemed filed with the Commission pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-138. This Schedule of Rates shall become effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Order; and

3. That the Notice to Customers, attached hereto as Appendix B, shall be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by Aqua to all its affected customers in the 55 subdivisions contemporaneously with the next billing of customers, and that Aqua shall submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, no later than ten days after the date of the next billing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

AQUA NORTH CAROLINA, INC.
BULK PURCHASED WATER SYSTEM USAGE RATES
Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons where water purchased for resale

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Water Provider</u>	<u>Usage Charge/ 1,000 gallons</u>
Aqua North Carolina Service Areas		
Twin Creeks	City of Asheville	\$ 4.21
Heather Glen and Highland	City of Belmont	\$13.09
Southpoint Landing	City of Belmont	\$13.09
Park South	City of Charlotte	\$ 2.84
Parkway Crossing	City of Charlotte	\$ 2.84
Springhill / Springdale	City of Concord	\$ 5.53
Hoopers Valley	City of Hendersonville	\$ 4.83
Crystal Creek	City of Hendersonville	\$ 4.83
Rambling Ridge	City of Hendersonville	\$ 4.83
Brookwood	City of Hickory (outside city)	\$ 2.67
Heritage Farms	City of Hickory (inside city)	\$ 2.67
Cedarwood Estates	City of Hickory (inside city)	\$ 2.67
Hill-N-Dale	City of Lincolnton	\$ 9.21
East Shores	City of Morganton	\$ 2.51
Greenfield	City of Mount Airy	\$ 6.68
Bett's Brook	City of Newton	\$ 4.20
Crestwood	Davidson Water, Inc.	\$ 5.10
Lancer Acres	Davidson Water, Inc.	\$ 5.10
Beard Acres	Davidson Water, Inc.	\$ 5.10
Woodlake Development	Harnett County	\$ 2.91
Beechwood Cove	Chatham County	\$ 7.01
Chatham	Chatham County	\$ 7.01
Cole Park Plaza Shopping Center	Chatham County	\$ 9.94
Hidden Valley	Chatham County	\$ 7.01
Polks Landing	Chatham County	\$ 7.01
Chapel Ridge	Town of Pittsboro	\$23.10
Laurel Ridge	Town of Pittsboro	\$23.10
The Parks at Meadowview	Town of Pittsboro	\$23.10
River Hill Heights	Iredell Water Corp.	\$ 4.21

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Water Provider</u>	<u>Usage Charge/ 1,000 gallons</u>
Bedford at Flowers Plantation	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
Bennett Place	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
Chatham	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
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Cottages at Evergreen	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
Cottonfield Village	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
Creekside Place	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
Eastlake at Flowers Plantation	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
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Flowers Shopping Center	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
Forge Creek	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
Forrest at Flowers	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
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Magnolia	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
Magnolia Place/Village	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
Mill Creek North	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
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North Farm Cottages	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
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Peachtree	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
Pineville Club	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
Pineville East	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
Pineville East Cottages/Palmetto Pl.	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
Pineville East Estates	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
Pineville West	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
Plantation Park	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
Plantation Pointe	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
Poplar Woods	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
River Dell East	Johnston County	\$ 3.41

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River Dell Townes	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
Riverdell Elementary School	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
Ross Landing	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
South Plantation	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
South Quarter	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
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Summerset Place	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
Sun Ridge Farms	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
Sweetgrass	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
The Crossing at Flowers Plantation	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
The Gardens at Flowers Plantation	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
The Meadows	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
The Nine	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
The Woodlands	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
Trillium	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
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Watson's Mill	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
West Ashley	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
Whitfield at Flowers Plantation	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
Wilders Woods and Extension	Johnston County	\$ 3.41
Holly Hills	Town of Forest City	\$ 5.86
Pear Meadows	Town of Fuquay-Varina	\$ 5.69
Swiss Pine Lake	Town of Spruce Pine	\$ 7.29
Brookwood/Lagrange Service Areas		
Kelly Hills	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Bretton Woods	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Raintree	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Colony Village	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Windsong	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Porter Place	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Thornwood	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
County Walk	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Lands Down West	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54

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S & L Estates	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Tarleton Plantation	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Springdale	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Ridge Manor	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Forest Lake	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Arden Forest	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Wendemere	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Jena-Shane	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Stoney Point	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Woodland Run	Town of Linden	\$ 5.36

**AQUA NORTH CAROLINA, INC.
PURCHASED SEWER RATES**

Aqua North Carolina Service Areas

Monthly Metered Service where bulk service purchased from Charlotte (Park South Station, Parkway Crossing, Huntley Glen, and the Enclave at City Park residential and commercial):

Base facility charge, zero usage (based on meter size)	Same as commercial charges listed on Appendix A-1, Page 5
Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 6.45

Hawthorne at the Greene Apartments, Woodland Farm (Rocky Ridge), and Beaver Farms Subdivision – Mecklenburg County: (See Docket No. W-899, Sub 37 and Docket No. W-218, Subs 357, 517, and 526)

Base facilities charge (to be collected and delivered to Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina ¹ for treatment of the wastewater), per month	\$ 54.33 per REU ²
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Each apartment building at Hawthorne at the Greene Apartments (formerly Vista Park Apartments) will be considered 92.42% occupied on an ongoing basis for billing purposes as soon as the certificate of occupancy is issued for the apartment building.

Collection service/commodity charge (based on City of Charlotte's master meter reading), per 1,000 gallons	\$ 6.75
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¹ On August 17, 2016, in Docket Nos. W-1044, Sub 24, et al., the North Carolina Utilities Commission issued an Order Approving Merger. In accordance with the Order, and pursuant to the Articles of Merger filed with the North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State on August 30, 2016, Bradfield Farms Water Company was merged into Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina effective August 30, 2016.

² Residential Equivalent Unit.

APPENDIX B

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 600
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Notice is given that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) has granted Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua or Company) an increase in its water usage rate for customers in 55 subdivisions in Johnston County, North Carolina.

Aqua filed a verified petition with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to water customers in 55 subdivisions in Johnston County an increase in the cost of purchasing water service from Johnston County Department of Public Utilities (County). N.C.G.S. § 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

The Public Staff reviewed Aqua's petition and recommended that Aqua be allowed to increase its water usage rate by \$0.20 per 1,000 gallons from \$3.21 to \$3.41 per 1,000 gallons effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Notice. The monthly base facility charge for a <1" meter is \$21.10 pursuant to Commission's order issued in Docket No. W-218, Sub 573 on July 31, 2023.

The new water usage rate will increase the average residential monthly water bill by \$1.00, from \$37.15 to \$38.15 based on 5,000 gallons of usage.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, _____, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers the attached Notice to Customers issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-218, Sub 600, and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the ____ day of _____, 2023.

By:

Signature

Name of Utility Company

The above named Applicant, _____, personally appeared before me this day and, being first duly sworn, says that the required Notice to Customers was mailed or hand delivered to all affected customers, as required by the Commission Order dated _____ in Docket No. W-218, Sub 600.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the ____ day of _____, 2023.

Notary Public

Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires:

Date

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
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DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 599

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc., 202)	
MacKenan Court, Cary, North Carolina 27511,)	
for Authority to Amend Its Tariff to Decrease)	ORDER APPROVING
Rates for Water Utility Service for the)	TARIFF REVISION
Decreased Cost of Purchased Water from the)	AND REQUIRING
Town of Pittsboro in Chapel Ridge, Laurel)	CUSTOMER NOTICE
Ridge, and The Parks at Meadowview Service)	
Areas in Chatham County, North Carolina)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On June 23, 2023, Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua or Company) filed a verified request with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to its metered water customers in the Chapel Ridge, Laurel Ridge, and The Parks at Meadowview service areas in Chatham County an increase in the cost of purchasing bulk water service from the Town of Pittsboro (Pittsboro). Section 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

On August 21, 2023, Aqua notified the Commission during its Regular Staff Conference that, due to the recent merger of Pittsboro's water system with the Town of Sanford's water system, Pittsboro had reduced its bulk water rate effective August 1, 2023. Aqua withdrew its original request for a rate increase and stated that it would file an amended request reflecting the decrease in the Pittsboro bulk water rate.

On August 29, 2023, Aqua filed an amended verified request for authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to its metered water customers in the Chapel Ridge, Laurel Ridge, and The Parks at Meadowview service areas a decrease in the cost of purchasing bulk water service from Pittsboro. Aqua stated that, effective August 1, 2023, Pittsboro decreased its bulk water usage rate above the contract minimum of 500,000 gallons per month by \$0.62 per 1,000 gallons, from \$23.69 per 1,000 gallons to \$23.07 per 1,000 gallons.

Aqua's current water usage rate related to its bulk purchased water service from Pittsboro became effective on July 27, 2022, upon issuance of the Commission's Order Approving Tariff Revision and Requiring Customer Notice in Docket No. W-218, Sub 577. After taking into account the effect of Pittsboro's minimum charge and the 0.1475% regulatory fee, Aqua requested authority to decrease its water usage rate from \$23.72 to \$23.10 per 1,000 gallons to reflect the decrease in the cost of purchasing bulk water service from Pittsboro. The current monthly base facility charge for a <1" meter is \$21.10

pursuant to the Commission's Order Approving Motion on Wastewater Rate Design and Approving Schedules of Rates, Schedules of Connection Fees, and Customer Notices issued in Docket No. W-218, Sub 573 on July 31, 2023. Under the new water usage rate, the average residential customer's monthly water bill will decrease by \$3.10, from \$139.70 to \$136.60, based on 5,000 gallons of usage.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) presented this matter at the Commission's Staff Conference on September 18, 2023. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed Pittsboro's rates and the Company's amended request and recommended that the Commission approve the tariff revision at the proposed rates for service rendered on and after the date of this Order and require customer notice.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission finds that Aqua should be allowed to pass through the costs associated with the decreased purchased water expense.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Aqua North Carolina, Inc., is granted a revision to Appendix A-2 of its tariff for water utility service in the Chapel Ridge, Laurel Ridge, and The Parks at Meadowview service areas in Chatham County in which it purchases and resells water from Pittsboro, as set forth herein;

2. That the revised Appendix A-2 attached hereto is approved and deemed filed with the Commission pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-138. This Schedule of Rates shall become effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Order; and

3. That the Notice to Customers, attached hereto as Appendix B, shall be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by Aqua to all its affected customers in the Chapel Ridge, Laurel Ridge, and The Parks at Meadowview service areas contemporaneously with the next billing of customers, and that the Company shall submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, no later than ten days after the date of the next billing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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AQUA NORTH CAROLINA, INC.
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Arden Forest	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Wendemere	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Jena-Shane	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Stoney Point	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Woodland Run	Town of Linden	\$ 5.36

**AQUA NORTH CAROLINA, INC.
PURCHASED SEWER RATES**

Aqua North Carolina Service Areas

Monthly Metered Service where bulk service purchased from Charlotte (Park South Station, Parkway Crossing, Huntley Glen, and the Enclave at City Park residential and commercial):

Base facility charge, zero usage (based on meter size)	Same as commercial charges listed on Appendix A-1, Page 5
Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 6.45

Hawthorne at the Greene Apartments, Woodland Farm (Rocky Ridge), and Beaver Farms Subdivision – Mecklenburg County: (See Docket No. W-899, Sub 37 and Docket No. W-218, Subs 357, 517, and 526)

Base facilities charge (to be collected and delivered to Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina ¹ for treatment of the wastewater), per month	\$ 54.33 per REU ²
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Each apartment building at Hawthorne at the Greene Apartments (formerly Vista Park Apartments) will be considered 92.42% occupied on an ongoing basis for billing purposes as soon as the certificate of occupancy is issued for the apartment building.

Collection service/commodity charge (based on City of Charlotte's master meter reading), per 1,000 gallons	\$ 6.75
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¹ On August 17, 2016, in Docket Nos. W-1044, Sub 24, et al., the North Carolina Utilities Commission issued an Order Approving Merger. In accordance with the Order, and pursuant to the Articles of Merger filed with the North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State on August 30, 2016, Bradfield Farms Water Company was merged into Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina effective August 30, 2016.

² Residential Equivalent Unit.

APPENDIX B

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 599
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Notice is given that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) has granted Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua or Company), a decrease in its water usage rate for customers in Chapel Ridge, Laurel Ridge, and The Parks at Meadowview in Chatham County, North Carolina.

Aqua filed a verified petition with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to water customers in Chapel Ridge, Laurel Ridge, and The Parks at Meadowview service areas a decrease in the cost of purchasing water service from the Town of Pittsboro. N.C.G.S. § 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

The Public Staff reviewed Aqua's petition and recommended that Aqua be allowed to decrease its water usage rate by \$0.62 per 1,000 gallons from \$23.72 to \$23.10 per 1,000 gallons effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Notice. The monthly base facility charge for a <1" meter is \$21.10 pursuant to Commission's order issued in Docket No. W-218, Sub 573 on July 31, 2023.

The new water usage rate will decrease the average residential monthly water bill by \$3.10, from \$139.70 to \$136.60 based on 5,000 gallons of usage.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, _____, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers the attached Notice to Customers issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-218, Sub 599, and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the ____ day of _____, 2023.

By: _____

Signature

Name of Utility Company

The above named Applicant, _____, personally appeared before me this day and, being first duly sworn, says that the required Notice to Customers was mailed or hand delivered to all affected customers, as required by the Commission Order dated _____ in Docket No. W-218, Sub 599.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the ____ day of _____, 2023.

Notary Public

Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: _____

Date

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 426

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
Application by Carolina Water Service, Inc. of)	
North Carolina, 4944 Parkway Plaza)	ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
Boulevard, Suite 375, Charlotte, North)	REVISION AND REQUIRING
Carolina, 28217, for Authority to Amend Its)	CUSTOMER NOTICE
Tariff to Increase Rates for Water Utility)	
Service for the Increased Cost of Purchased)	
Water from the Town of Franklin in the)	
Riverbend Estates Service Area in Macon)	
County, North Carolina)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On August 9, 2023, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC or Company) filed a verified petition with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to its metered water customers in the Riverbend Estates service area in Macon County an increase in the cost of purchasing water service from the Town of Franklin. Section 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

CWSNC stated that, effective July 1, 2023, the Town of Franklin increased its usage charge for water service by \$0.60 per 1,000 gallons, increasing the rate from \$8.40 to \$9.00 per 1,000 gallons. CWSNC requested to increase its usage charge to its water customers in the Riverbend Estates service area for service rendered on and after July 1, 2023, to pass along this increase in the cost of purchasing water service from the Town of Franklin.

CWSNC's current usage rate related to its bulk purchased water service from the Town of Franklin became effective on September 7, 2022, upon issuance of the Commission's Order Approving Tariff Revision and Requiring Customer Notice in Docket W-354, Sub 408. CWSNC requested authority to increase its water usage rate from \$8.40 to \$9.00 per 1,000 gallons to reflect the increase in the cost of purchasing water service from Town of Franklin. The current monthly base facility charge for a <1" meter is \$27.49 pursuant to the Commission's Order Approving Schedules of Rates, Schedules of Connection Fees, and Customer Notices issued in Docket No. W-354, Sub 400 on May 12, 2023.

Under the new water usage rate, the average residential customer's monthly water bill will increase by \$2.38, from \$60.82 to \$63.20 based on 3,968 gallons of usage¹.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) presented this matter at the Commission's Staff Conference on September 18, 2023. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the Town of Franklin's rates and the Company's request and recommended that the Commission approve the tariff revision at the proposed rates for service rendered on and after the date of this order and require customer notice.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission finds that CWSNC should be allowed to pass through the costs associated with the increased purchased water expense.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina is granted a revision to Appendix C-1 of its tariff for water utility service in the Riverbend Estates service area in Macon County in which it purchases and resells water from the Town of Franklin, as set forth herein;
2. That the revised Appendix C-1, attached hereto, is approved and deemed filed with the Commission pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-138. This Schedule of Rates shall become effective for services rendered on and after the date of this Order; and
3. That the Notice to Customers, attached hereto as Appendix G-1 (RY 1), shall be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by the Company to all its affected customers in the Riverbend Estates service area contemporaneously with the next billing of customers, and that the Company shall submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, no later than ten days after the date of the next billing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the _____ day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

¹ The average usage was determined based on Average Usage of Uniform Purchased Water Customers in the 2021-2022 test year, found in Exhibit 9 of the testimony of Lindsay Q. Darden, filed on October 26, 2022, in Docket No. W-354, Sub 400.

SCHEDULE OF RATES
WSIP YEAR 1²

for

CAROLINA WATER SERVICE, INC. OF NORTH CAROLINA

for providing water and sewer utility service

in

ALL OF ITS SERVICE AREAS IN NORTH CAROLINA

(excluding Fairfield Harbour Service Area, Treasure Cove, Register Place Estates, North Hills, Glen Arbor/North Bend, Bradfield Farms, Silverton, Woodland Farms, Larkhaven (Sewer) Subdivisions, and Hawthorne at the Green Apartments)

WATER RATES AND CHARGES

Monthly Metered Water Service (Residential and Commercial):

Base Facility Charge (based on meter size with zero usage)

< 1" meter	\$ 27.30
1" meter	\$ 68.25
1 1/2" meter	\$ 136.50
2" meter	\$ 218.40
3" meter	\$ 409.50
4" meter	\$ 682.50
6" meter	\$1,365.00
8" meter	\$2,184.00

Usage Charge:

A.	Treated Water/1,000 gallons	\$ 13.02
B.	Untreated Water/1,000 gallons (Brandywine Bay Irrigation Water)	\$ 6.66

² Effective under CWSNC's Water and Sewer Investment Plan (WSIP) Year 1 for service rendered on and after April 26, 2023 through March 31, 2024, as modified herein for changes in the cost of purchased water and sewer services

Monthly Metered Or Purchased Water Service (Residential and Commercial):

Base Facility Charge (based on meter size with zero usage)

< 1" meter	\$ 27.49
1" meter	\$ 68.74
1 ½" meter	\$ 137.47
2" meter	\$ 219.96
3" meter	\$ 412.42
4" meter	\$ 687.37
6" meter	\$1,374.74
8" meter	\$2,199.58

Purchased Water for Resale, per 1,000 gallons:

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Bulk Provider</u>	
Carolina Forest	Montgomery County	\$ 3.19
Eastgate	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 5.86
Tanglewood South	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 5.86
High Vista Estates	City of Hendersonville	\$ 6.51
Riverbend	Town of Franklin	\$ 9.00
Riverpointe	Charlotte Water	\$ 4.37
Whispering Pines	Town of Southern Pines	\$ 3.85
White Oak Plantation/ Lee Forest	Johnston County	\$ 3.40
Winston Plantation	Johnston County	\$ 3.40
Winston Point	Johnston County	\$ 3.40
Willowbrook	Johnston County	\$ 3.40
Woodrun	Montgomery County	\$ 3.19
Yorktown	City of Winston Salem	\$ 5.79
Zemosa Acres	City of Concord	\$ 5.52
Carolina Trace	City of Sanford	\$ 2.21

Commercial customers, including condominiums or other property owner associations who bill their members directly, shall have a separate account set up for each meter and each meter shall be billed separately based on the size of the meter and usage associated with the meter.

When because of the method of water line installation utilized by the developer or owner, it is impractical to meter each unit or other structure separately, the following will apply:

Sugar Mountain Service Area:

Where service to multiple units or other structures is provided through a single meter, the average usage for each unit or structure served by that meter will be calculated. Each unit or structure will be billed based upon that average usage plus the base monthly charge for a <1" meter.

Mount Mitchell Service Area:

Service will be billed based upon the Commission-approved monthly flat rate.

<u>Monthly Flat Rate Service:</u> (Billed in Arrears)	\$ 76.39
<u>Availability Rate:</u> (Semiannual)	

Applicable only to property owners in Carolina Forest and Woodrun Subdivisions in Montgomery County	\$ 33.18
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Availability Rate: (Monthly)

Applicable only to property owners in Linville Ridge Subdivision	\$ 16.62
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Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed semiannually)

Applicable only to property owners in Fairfield Sapphire Valley Service Area	\$ 12.28
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Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed quarterly)

Applicable only to property owners in Connestee Falls	\$ 6.48
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<u>Meter Testing Fee:</u> ^{1/}	\$20.00
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<u>New Water Customer Charge:</u>	\$27.00
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Reconnection Charge: ^{2/}

If water service is cut off by utility for good cause	\$42.00
If water service is discontinued at customer's request	\$42.00

Reconnection Charge: ^{3/} (Flat-rate water customers)

If water service is cut off by utility for good cause	Actual Cost
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Management Fee: (in the following subdivisions only)
(Per connection)

Wolf Laurel	\$150.00
Covington Cross Subdivision (Phases 1 & 2)	\$100.00

Oversizing Fee: (in the following subdivision only)

(One-time charge per single-family equivalent) Winghurst	\$400.00
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Meter Fee:

For <1" meters	\$ 50.00
For meters 1" or larger	Actual Cost

<u>Irrigation Meter Installation:</u>	Actual Cost
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SEWER RATES AND CHARGES

Monthly Metered Sewer Service:

A. Base Facility Charge:

Residential (zero usage)	\$ 49.36
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Commercial (based on meter size with zero usage)

< 1" meter	\$ 49.36
1" meter	\$ 123.40
1 1/2" meter	\$ 246.80
2" meter	\$ 394.88
3" meter	\$ 740.40
4" meter	\$ 1,234.00
6" meter	\$ 2,468.00
8" meter	\$ 3,948.80

B. Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 14.94
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Commercial customers, including condominiums or other property owner associations who bill their members directly, shall have a separate account set up for each meter and each meter shall be billed separately based on the size of the meter and usage associated with the meter.

Monthly Metered Purchased Sewer Service:

Collection Charge (Residential and Commercial) \$ 34.55

Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons
(based on water consumption)

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Bulk Provider</u>	
White Oak Plantation/ Lee Forest/Winston Pt.	Johnston County	\$ 7.10[1]
Kings Grant	Two Rivers Utilities	\$ 4.61
College Park	Town of Dallas	\$ 7.77

[1] Effective September 1, 2023.

Monthly Flat Rate Service, per SFE or REU: \$ 96.38

Multi-residential customers who are served by a master
meter shall be charged the flat rate per unit. \$ 96.38

Mt. Carmel Subdivision Service Area:

Monthly Base Facility Charge \$ 8.11

Monthly Collection Charge
(Residential and Commercial) \$ 34.55

Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons
(based on metered water from the water supplier) \$ 7.04

Regalwood and White Oak Estates Subdivision Service Area:

Monthly Flat Rate Sewer Service

Residential Service	\$ 96.38
White Oak High School	\$3,090.22
Child Castle Daycare	\$ 396.16
Pantry	\$ 217.23

Fairfield Mountain/Apple Valley (a.k.a. Rumbling Bald) Service Area, and
Highland Shores Subdivision:

Monthly Sewer Rates:

Residential

Collection charge/dwelling unit	\$ 34.55
Treatment charge/dwelling unit	\$ 90.00
Total monthly flat rate/dwelling unit	<u>\$ 124.55</u>

Commercial and Other:

Minimum monthly collection and treatment charge	\$ 124.55
Monthly collection and treatment charge for customers who do not take water service	\$ 124.55
Treatment charge per dwelling unit	
Small (less than 2,500 gallons per month)	\$ 103.00
Medium (2,500 to 10,000 gallons per month)	\$ 182.00
Large (over 10,000 gallons per month)	\$ 286.00
Collection Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 13.93

The Ridges at Mountain Harbour:

Monthly Sewer Rates:

Collection charge (Residential and Commercial)	\$ 34.55
Treatment charge (Residential and Commercial)	
< 1" meter	\$ 16.95
2" meter	\$ 135.60

Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed semiannually)

Applicable only to property owners in Fairfield Sapphire Valley Service Area	\$ 13.52
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Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed quarterly)

Applicable only to property owners in Connestee Falls	\$ 7.62
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<u>New Sewer Customer Charge:</u> ^{4/}	\$ 27.00
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Reconnection Charge: ^{5/}

If sewer service is cut off by utility for good cause:	Actual Cost
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MISCELLANEOUS UTILITY MATTERS

<u>Charge for processing NSF Checks:</u>	\$ 25.00
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<u>Bills Due:</u>	On billing date
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<u>Bills Past Due:</u>	21 days after billing date
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Billing Frequency:

Bills shall be rendered monthly in all service areas, except for Mt. Carmel, which will be billed bimonthly.

Availability rates will be billed quarterly in advance for Connestee Falls, semiannually in advance for Carolina Forest, Woodrun, and Fairfield Sapphire Valley, and monthly for Linville Ridge.

Finance Charge for Late Payment:

1% per month will be applied to the unpaid balance of all bills still past due 25 days after billing date.

Notes:

^{1/} If a customer requests a test of a water meter more frequently than once in a 24-month period, the Company will collect a \$20.00 service charge to defray the cost of the test. If the meter is found to register in excess of the prescribed accuracy limits, the meter testing charge will be waived. If the meter is found to register accurately or below prescribed accuracy limits, the charge shall be retained by the Company. Regardless of the test results, customers may request a meter test once in a 24-month period without charge.

^{2/} Customers who request to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection at the same address shall be charged the base facility charge for the service period they were disconnected.

^{3/} The utility shall itemize the estimated cost of disconnecting and reconnecting service and shall furnish this estimate to customer with cut-off notice.

^{4/} This charge shall be waived if customer is also a water customer within the same service area.

^{5/} The utility shall itemize the estimated cost of disconnecting and reconnecting service and shall furnish this estimate to customer with cut-off notice. This charge will be waived if customer also receives water service from Carolina Water Service within the same service area. Customers who request to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection at the same address shall be charged the base facility charge for the service period they were disconnected.

^{6/} All nondomestic and industrial waste is subject to the Sewer Use Rule. The Sewer Use Rule can be accessed at <https://www.myutility.us/docs/default-source/carolinawater/sewer-use-tariff.pdf> and is also available upon request. The Sewer Use Rule requires Users (utility customers) to provide advance notice of any nondomestic or industrial waste discharge into the Utility's sanitary sewer systems, and to meet certain effluent limitations and pretreatment requirements. Violations of the Sewer Use Rule may result in disconnection. Reconnection will require reimbursement of the Utility's actual costs incurred as a result of the violation. Repeat

violations may result in permanent disconnection.

As part of the Sewer Use Rule, the Utility may require installation and/or proper operation of grease traps or other pre-treatment devices on grease producing commercial facilities. Failure to properly operate grease traps will result in disconnection of service pursuant to Commission Rule R10-16.

APPENDIX G-1 (RY1)

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 426
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Notice is given that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has granted Carolina Water Service Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC), an increase in its water usage charge to customers in the Riverbend Estates service area in Macon County, North Carolina.

CWSNC filed a verified petition with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to water customers in the Riverbend Estates service area in Macon County an increase in the cost of purchasing water service from Town of Franklin. Section 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) reviewed CWSNC's petition and recommended that CWSNC be allowed to increase its water usage rate by \$0.60 per 1,000 gallons, increasing the rate from \$8.40 to \$9.00 per 1,000 gallons effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Notice. The monthly base facility charge for <1" meter is \$27.49.

The new water usage rate will increase the average residential monthly bill by \$2.38, from \$60.82 to \$63.20 based on an average usage of 3,968 gallons.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, _____, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers the attached Notice to Customers issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-354, Sub 426 and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the ____ day of _____, 2023.

By: _____
Signature

Name of Utility Company

The above named Applicant, _____, personally appeared before me this day and, being first duly sworn, says that the required Notice to Customers was mailed or hand delivered to all affected customers, as required by the Commission Order dated _____ in Docket No. W-354, Sub 426.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the ____ day of _____, 2023.

Notary Public

Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: _____
Date

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1327, SUB 3

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application by Dillsboro Water Utilities, Inc.,)	
Post Office Box 166, Dillsboro, North Carolina)	
28725, for Authority to Amend Its Tariff to)	
Change Rates for Water and Sewer Utility)	ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
Services for the Increased Cost of Purchased)	REVISION AND REQUIRING
Water and Sewer Services from Tuckaseegee)	CUSTOMER NOTICE
Water and Sewer Authority in the BP/Subway,)	
Holiday Inn Express, Microtel and Dillsboro)	
Crossing Apartments Service Areas in)	
Jackson County, North Carolina)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On July 19, 2023, Dillsboro Water Utilities, Inc. (Dillsboro) filed a letter with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to its water and sewer customers in the BP/Subway, Holiday Inn Express, Microtel, and Dillsboro Crossing Apartments service areas in Jackson County an increase in the cost of purchasing water and sewer service from Tuckaseegee Water and Sewer Authority (TWSA). On August 3, 2023, Dillsboro filed a verification pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11. Section 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

Dillsboro stated that, effective July 1, 2023, TWSA increased the following rates for water service: the minimum monthly commercial charge by \$0.74, from \$23.36 to \$24.10; the usage charge for over 1,800 gallons of usage by \$0.11, from \$3.50 to \$3.61 per 1,000 gallons; the usage charge for over 50,000 gallons of usage by \$0.27, from \$3.61 to \$3.88 per 1,000 gallons; the usage charge for over 100,000 gallons of usage by \$0.38, from \$4.04 to \$4.42 per 1,000 gallons; and the system improvement charge by \$0.07, from \$1.37 to \$1.44 per 1,000 gallons. TWSA increased the following rates for sewer service: the minimum monthly commercial charge by \$1.71, from \$23.36 to \$25.07; the usage charge for over 1,800 gallons of usage by \$0.14, from \$3.50 to \$3.64 per 1,000 gallons; the usage charge for over 50,000 gallons of usage by \$0.12, from \$3.61 to \$3.73 per 1,000 gallons; the usage charge for over 100,000 gallons of usage by \$0.05, from \$4.04 to \$4.09 per 1,000 gallons; and the system improvement charge by \$0.09, from \$1.37 to \$1.46 per 1,000 gallons. Dillsboro requested to change its usage charge to its water and sewer customers in its BP/Subway, Holiday Inn Express, Microtel, and

Dillsboro Crossing Apartments service areas to pass along this increase in the cost of purchasing water and sewer service from TWSA.

Dillsboro's current water and sewer rates became effective on September 8, 2022, upon issuance of the Commission's Order Approving Tariff Revision and Requiring Customer Notice in Docket No. W-1327, Sub 2.

Per TWSA's Senior Customer Service Representative/Billing Coordinator, TWSA changed the water and sewer billing process for Dillsboro in April 2020. Prior to April 2020, TWSA was charging a minimum commercial water and sewer charge for a total of 20 units. The actual total units served by Dillsboro is 17, with four commercial units receiving both water and sewer service, and 13 residential units receiving only sewer service. Therefore, in order to reflect TWSA's new billing process for Dillsboro, the Public Staff recommended recalculating the sewer base facility charge.

The Public Staff presented this matter at the Commission's Staff Conference on September 18, 2023. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed TWSA's rates, TWSA's new billing process for Dillsboro and the Company's request, and recommended that Dillsboro be allowed the following: increase its water usage rate by \$0.32, from \$4.96 to \$5.28 per 1,000 gallons; decrease its sewer usage rate by \$0.02, from \$5.32 to \$5.30 per 1,000 gallons; increase its flat rate charged to Dillsboro Crossing Apartments by \$312.36, from \$944.10 to \$1,256.46 per month; decrease its base charge per residential equivalent unit (REU) by \$5.76, from \$31.30 to \$25.54; decrease its BP/Subway base charge by \$23.04, from \$125.20 to \$102.16; decrease its Holiday Inn Express base charge by \$408.93, from \$2,222.30 to \$1,813.37; and decrease its Microtel (formerly DRA Living Hotel) base charge by \$351.33, from \$1,909.30 to \$1,557.97. The Public Staff stated that the recommended tariff revisions better match the costs of purchased water and sewer services to the rates to be charged by Dillsboro to its customers.

The Public Staff recommended that the tariff revision be approved as modified and indicated that Dillsboro agrees with the Public Staff's recommended rates.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission finds that Dillsboro should be allowed to pass through the costs associated with the increased purchased water and sewer expenses as recommended by the Public Staff.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Dillsboro Water Utilities, Inc. is granted a tariff revision for water and sewer utility service in the BP/Subway, Holiday Inn Express, Microtel, and Dillsboro Crossing Apartments service areas in Jackson County, North Carolina in which it purchases and resells water and sewer service from Tuckaseegee Water and Sewer Authority, as set forth herein;
2. That the Schedule of Rates, attached as Appendix A, is hereby approved and is deemed filed with the Commission pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-138. This Schedule

of Rates shall become effective for service rendered on or after the date of this Order; and

3. That the Notice to Customers attached hereto as Appendix B shall be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by Dillsboro Water Utilities, Inc. to all its affected customers in the BP/Subway, Holiday Inn Express, Microtel, and Dillsboro Crossing Apartments service areas contemporaneously with the next billing of customers, and that Dillsboro Water Utilities, Inc. shall submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, no later than ten days after the date of the next billing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the _____ day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

SCHEDULE OF RATES

for

DILLSBORO WATER UTILITIES, INC.

for providing water and sewer utility service in

BP/SUBWAY

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

MICROTEL

DILLSBORO CROSSING APARTMENTS (sewer only)

Jackson County, North Carolina

Monthly Metered Rates for Water Service: (Commercial)

Base charge, zero usage

5/8" x 3/4" meter	\$ 54.20
1" meter	\$ 135.50
1 1/2" meter	\$ 271.00
2" meter	\$ 433.60
3" meter	\$ 813.00
4" meter	\$1,355.00
6" meter	\$2,710.00

Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 5.28
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Monthly Metered Rate for Sewer Service:

Base charge per REU (1 REU = 120 gallons = 1 bathroom)	\$ 25.54
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BP/Subway (4 REUs)	\$ 102.16
Holiday Inn Express (71 REUs)	\$1,813.37
Microtel (formerly DRA Living Hotel, 61 REUs)	\$1,557.97

Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 5.30
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Monthly Flat Rate for Sewer Service:

Dillsboro Crossing Apartments (26 REUs)	\$1,256.46
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Reconnection Charges:

If water service cut off by utility for good cause	\$ 15.00
If water service discontinued at customer's request	\$ 15.00

<u>Returned Check Charge:</u>	\$ 25.00
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<u>Bills Due:</u>	On billing date
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<u>Bills Past Due:</u>	15 days after billing date
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<u>Billing Frequency:</u>	Shall be monthly for service in arrears
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<u>Finance Charge for Late Payment:</u>	1% per month will be applied to the unpaid balance of all bills still past due 25 days after billing date.
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APPENDIX B

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. W-1327, SUB 3
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Notice is given that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) has granted Dillsboro Water Utilities, Inc. (Dillsboro) an increase in its water and/or sewer usage charge to customers in the BP/Subway, Holiday Inn Express, Microtel, and Dillsboro Crossing Apartments service areas in Jackson County, North Carolina.

Dillsboro filed a letter and verified petition with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to water and/or sewer customers in the BP/Subway, Holiday Inn Express, Microtel, and Dillsboro Crossing Apartments service areas in Jackson County an increase in the cost of purchasing water and sewer service from Tuckaseegee Water and Sewer Authority (TWSA). Section 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) reviewed TWSA's letter and recommended that Dillsboro be allowed the following: increase its water usage rate by \$0.32 per 1,000 gallons, from \$4.96 to \$5.28 per 1,000 gallons; decrease its sewer usage rate by \$0.02 per 1,000 gallons, from \$5.32 to \$5.30 per 1,000 gallons; increase its flat rate charged to Dillsboro Crossing Apartments by \$312.36 per month, from \$944.10 to \$1,256.46 per month; decrease base charge per REU by \$5.76, from \$31.30 to \$25.54; decrease BP/Subway (4 REUs) base charge by \$23.04 from \$125.20 to \$102.16; decrease Holiday Inn Express (71 REUs) base charge by \$408.93 from \$2,222.30 to \$1,813.37; and decrease Microtel base charge (formerly DRA Living Hotel, 61 REUs) by \$351.33 from \$1,909.30 to \$1,557.97.

The Commission approved the recommended rates effective for water and sewer service rendered on and after the date of this notice shown below:

Monthly Metered Rates for Water Service: (Commercial)

Base charge, zero usage

5/8" x 3/4" meter	\$ 54.20
1" meter	\$ 135.50
1 1/2" meter	\$ 271.00

2" meter	\$ 433.60
3" meter	\$ 813.00
4" meter	\$1,355.00
6" meter	\$2,710.00

Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 5.28
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Monthly Metered Rate for Sewer Service:

Base charge per REU (1 REU = 120 gallons = 1 bathroom)	\$ 25.54
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BP/Subway (4 REUs)	\$ 102.16
Holiday Inn Express (71 REUs)	\$1,813.37
Microtel (formerly DRA Living Hotel, 61 REUs)	\$1,557.97

Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 5.30
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Monthly Flat Rate for Sewer Service:

Dillsboro Crossing Apartments (26 REUs)	\$1,256.46
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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, _____, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers the attached Notice to Customers issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-1327, Sub 3 and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the ____ day of _____ 2023.

By: _____
Signature

Name of Utility Company

The above named Applicant, _____, personally appeared before me this day and, being first duly sworn, says that the required Notice to Customers was mailed or hand delivered to all affected customers, as required by the Commission Order dated _____ in Docket No. W-1327, Sub 3.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the ____ day of _____ 2023.

Notary Public

Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: _____
Date

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COMMUNICATIONS

ANNUAL STATE CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS

- x. Docket No. P-100, Subs 133L, 133N, and 171 – Certification of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers to Continue to Receive Federal Universal Service High-Cost Support (*Wade/Coxton*)

The following 21 eligible telecommunications carriers have filed sworn affidavits attesting that all federal high-cost support funding has been and will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended:

Atlantic Telecom Multimedia Consolidated, LLC
Barnardsville Telephone Company
Brightspeed of Central North Carolina, LLC
Brightspeed of Eastern North Carolina, LLC
Brightspeed of North Carolina, LLC
Citizens Telephone Company
Charter Fiberlink NC – CCO, LLC
Ellerbe Telephone Company
Frontier Communications of the Carolinas LLC
North State Telephone Company
Pineville Telephone Company
Randolph Telephone Telecommunications, Inc.
RiverStreet Communications of North Carolina, Inc.
Saluda Mountain Telephone Company
Service Telephone Company
Time Warner Cable Information Services (North Carolina), LLC
Wilkes Communications, Inc.
Windstream Communications, LLC
Windstream Concord Telephone, LLC
Windstream Lexcom Communications, LLC
Windstream North Carolina, LLC

The Public Staff recommends that, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and Section 245(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the Commission submit certification to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) by October 1, 2023, so that the named carriers may receive Federal Universal Service High-Cost Support for calendar year 2024.

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. P-120, SUB 29

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Interconnection Agreement between Town of)
Pineville d/b/a Pineville Telephone Company,) ORDER APPROVING
and Teleport Communications of America,) AGREEMENT
LLC

BY THE COMMISSION: On July 12, 2023, Town of Pineville d/b/a Pineville Telephone Company and Teleport Communications of America, LLC (collectively, the Parties) filed an interconnection agreement for Commission approval.

The filing was made in compliance with Commission Rule R17-4(d) and Sections 252(e) and 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Commission considered the agreement at its Regular Staff Conference on September 18, 2023. The Public Staff recommended that the agreement be approved, and the Commission approved the recommendation.

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED, that the interconnection agreement, filed on July 12, 2023, between the Parties is hereby approved effective on the date of filing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

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