



**NORTH CAROLINA  
PUBLIC STAFF  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

March 4, 2024

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
4325 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

Re: Docket No. W-1328, Sub 11 – Application by Red Bird Utility Operating Company, LLC d/b/a Red Bird Water for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of Rates for Pine Mountain Lakes

Dear Ms. Dunston,

Attached for filing on behalf of the Public Staff in the above-referenced dockets is the public version of the joint settlement testimony and exhibits of Meredith L. Strickland, Shashi M. Bhatta, and John R. Hinton. Public Staff Settlement Exhibit 1 is confidential in its entirety.

By copy of this letter, we are forwarding a copy of the public version to all parties of record by electronic delivery. The confidential version will be provided to Red Bird Utility Operating Company, LLC.

Sincerely,

Electronically submitted  
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**BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DOCKET NO. W-1328, SUB 11**

In the Matter of	)	<b>JOINT SETTLEMENT</b>
Application by Red Bird Utility Operating	)	<b>TESTIMONY OF</b>
Company, LLC d/b/a Red Bird Water,	)	<b>MEREDITH L. STRICKLAND,</b>
for a Certificate of Public Convenience	)	<b>SHASHI M. BHATTA, AND</b>
and Necessity to Provide Water and	)	<b>JOHN R. HINTON</b>
Wastewater Utility Service to the Pine	)	<b>PUBLIC STAFF –</b>
Mountain Lakes Subdivision in Burke	)	<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>
County, North Carolina, and for	)	<b>UTILITIES COMMISSION</b>
Approval of Rates	)	

**March 4, 2024**

1     **Q.     Ms. Strickland, please state your name, business address, and**  
2           **present position.**

3     A.     My name is Meredith L. Strickland. My business address is 430 North  
4           Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. I am a Public Utility  
5           Regulatory Analyst with the Accounting Division of the Public Staff –  
6           North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff).

7     **Q.     Ms. Strickland, please state your qualifications and duties.**

8     A.     My qualifications and duties are attached as Appendix A.

9     **Q.     Ms. Bhatta, please state your name, business address, and**  
10          **present position.**

11    A.     My name is Shashi M. Bhatta. My business address is 430 North  
12          Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. I am a Public Utilities  
13          Engineer with the Water, Sewer, and Telephone Division of the  
14          Public Staff.

15    **Q.     Ms. Bhatta, please state your qualifications and duties.**

16    A.     My qualifications and duties are attached as Appendix B.

17    **Q.     Mr. Hinton, please state your name, business address, and**  
18          **present position.**

19    A.     My name is John R. Hinton, and my business address is 430 North  
20          Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. I am the Director of the

1 Economic Research Division of the Public Staff. My qualifications  
2 and experience are provided in Appendix C.

3 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

4 A. The purpose of our testimony is to provide support for the Settlement  
5 Agreement and Stipulation (Stipulation) filed on March 4, 2024,  
6 entered into between Red Bird Utility Operating Company, LLC (Red  
7 Bird), and the Public Staff (together, the Stipulating Parties)  
8 regarding the granting of a Certificate of Public Convenience and  
9 Necessity (CPCN) and public franchise to provide water and  
10 wastewater utility service to Pine Mountain Lakes subdivision (Pine  
11 Mountain) in Burke County, North Carolina, and for approval of rates  
12 requested by Red Bird in Docket No. W-1328, Sub 11. Our support  
13 for the Stipulation is informed by our investigations of the application  
14 filed on September 30, 2021,<sup>1</sup> by Red Bird, for a CPCN to provide  
15 water and sewer utility service to Pine Mountain and for approval of  
16 rates.

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<sup>1</sup> Red Bird supplemented the application through filings made on November 3, 2021, February 3, 2023, October 19, 2023, December 15, 2023, and February 16, 2024.

1 **Q. Based on your investigations, what is your opinion of Red**  
 2 **Bird's ability to own and operate Pine Mountain's water and**  
 3 **wastewater system?**

4 A. Based on our investigation, Red Bird has the financial, technical, and  
 5 managerial capabilities necessary to provide water and wastewater  
 6 utility service to customers in the Pine Mountain service area.

7 **Q. Briefly describe the Stipulation.**

8 A. The Stipulation sets forth the agreement between the Stipulating  
 9 Parties on all items, including the Stipulating Parties' agreement that  
 10 Red Bird should be granted a CPCN and public utility franchise to  
 11 provide water and wastewater utility service for the Pine Mountain  
 12 service area, and Red Bird will adopt the proposed tariffs and the  
 13 following rates currently in effect at Pine Mountain.

14 Monthly Water Utility Service:

15	Residential Flat Rate	\$35.56
16	Commercial Flat Rate	\$100.00

17 Monthly Wastewater Utility Service:

18	Residential Rate	\$27.72 per toilet
19	Commercial Flat Rate	\$243.52

20 Reconnection Charge:

21	If water service cut off by utility for good cause	\$	14.99
22	If water service discontinued at customer request	\$	14.99
23	If sewer only service cut off by utility for good cause	\$	14.99

24 Bills Due:

On billing date

25 Bills Past Due:

25 days after billing date

26 Billing Frequency:

Shall be monthly for service in arrears

27 Finance Charge for

1% per month will be applied to the

28 Late Payment:

unpaid balance of all bills still past due  
 29 days after the billing date.

1       The Stipulation provides that Red Bird will not pursue an acquisition  
2       adjustment related to the Pine Mountain water and wastewater  
3       systems in the present or any future proceedings, and that the  
4       appropriate net plant in service is \$27,060 for water and \$0 for  
5       wastewater. The appropriate depreciation rate for water plant in  
6       service is 10%, beginning in 2022, and the accumulated depreciation  
7       is reflected through December 31, 2023, as shown on Public Staff  
8       Settlement Exhibit 1. Plant additions after December 31, 2023, will  
9       be considered for inclusion in rates in future proceedings.

10       Regarding costs associated with the acquisition, the Stipulation  
11       provides that Red Bird may receive recovery of costs for due  
12       diligence work identified in Cox Direct Exhibit 5 and supported by  
13       invoices provided in response to Public Staff Data Request No. 9,  
14       totaling \$75,200.87 for engineering work, allocating \$26,120.96 to  
15       water and \$49,079.91 to wastewater, performed by 21 Design  
16       Group, Inc., McGill Associates, P.A., and TRC Environmental  
17       Corporation, and \$64,006.71 for legal expenses, allocating  
18       \$37,763.96 to water and \$26,242.75 to wastewater. Public Staff  
19       Settlement Exhibit 2 provides a breakdown of these costs, including  
20       by invoice. Additionally, the Stipulating Parties agree to an  
21       amortization rate of 4% for these costs with amortization beginning  
22       January 1, 2024. Red Bird agrees not to pursue rate recovery of any  
23       additional costs associated with the acquisition, including due

1 diligence, transactional, and regulatory costs, other than those listed  
2 above and as further detailed in Public Staff Settlement Exhibit 2.

3 The Stipulating Parties agree to the revenue requirements of  
4 \$69,175 for water and \$56,525 for wastewater calculated by the  
5 Public Staff, which include the following components: the settled net  
6 plant in service of \$27,060 for water and \$0 for wastewater, due  
7 diligence expense for engineering work of \$75,200.87, due diligence  
8 expense for legal work of \$64,006.71, and the Public Staff's  
9 recommended O&M expenses shown in Public Staff Settlement  
10 Exhibit 1. The Public Staff agrees with the annual revenues  
11 calculated under the Company's proposed rates in the updated  
12 application filed on February 16, 2024, which the Public Staff  
13 believes are reasonable and fair to customers.

14 Pursuant to the Stipulation, Red Bird agrees to adopt at closing Pine  
15 Mountain POA's accounting records, provide the detailed accounting  
16 records received from Pine Mountain POA to the Public Staff, and  
17 refrain from adjusting or making changes to those records without  
18 Commission approval.

19 If the Stipulation is approved by the Commission, Red Bird and key  
20 leadership from CSWR, LLC, will meet with the Public Staff and  
21 provide an update detailing all changes in Red Bird's facilities and



1 operations since the last annual update and discuss the Company's  
2 financial condition.

3 Pursuant to the Stipulation, Red Bird agrees to post a \$125,000 bond  
4 for the Pine Mountain systems.

5 **Q. What benefits does the Stipulation provide for ratepayers?**

6 A. Benefits for ratepayers include Red Bird's agreement not to seek an  
7 acquisition adjustment, Red Bird's agreement not to seek additional  
8 plant additions made up to and including December 31, 2023, and  
9 the agreed-upon limitations on the amount of due diligence and legal  
10 costs Red Bird can recover will minimize the magnitude of future rate  
11 increases. Additionally, annual meetings between Red Bird and the  
12 Public Staff will keep the Public Staff apprised of changes to the  
13 systems and Red Bird's financial condition and maintain open  
14 dialogue between the parties.

15 Based on the foregoing, we recommend that the Commission  
16 approve the Stipulation.

17 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

18 A. Yes, it does.



## QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Meredith L. Strickland

I graduated from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and East Carolina University with a Master of Business Administration. Prior to joining the Public Staff, I worked in state government for 11 years in various finance-based roles.

I joined the Public Staff in May 2023. I am responsible for (1) examining and analyzing the utilities company's applications, testimony, exhibits, books and records, and other data presented by utilities and other parties under jurisdiction of the Commission or involved in Commission proceedings; and (2) preparing and presenting testimony, exhibits, and other documents for presentation to the Commission in those proceedings. I filed affidavit for JAAR for DEP in 2023 in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1324, and affiliated agreement in Docket No. E-22, Sub 677.



**QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**

Shashi M. Bhatta

I graduated from Michigan State University, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering and a Master of Science degree in Environmental Engineering. I am a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of North Carolina. I am also certified as a B-Well Operator by the North Carolina Water Treatment Facility Operators Certification Board. Prior to joining the Public Staff in April of 2022, I worked for the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Public Water Supply Section - Raleigh Regional Office for three and a half years primarily inspecting water systems, and in DEQ's Public Water Supply Section - Central Office for 16 years, primarily reviewing engineering design of water systems' construction. Prior to working for DEQ, I worked for an environmental consulting company, Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., for two and a half years.

My duties with the Public Staff are to monitor the operations of regulated water and wastewater utilities with regard to rates and service. These duties include conducting field investigations, reviewing, evaluating, and recommending changes in the design, construction, and operations of regulated water and wastewater utilities, presenting expert witness testimony in formal hearings, and presenting information, data, and recommendations to the Commission.



**QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**

John R. Hinton

I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in 1980 and a Master of Economics degree from North Carolina State University in 1983. I joined the Public Staff in May of 1985. I filed testimony on the long-range electrical forecast in Docket No. E-100, Sub 50 which included an independently produced peak demand and energy sales forecast. This forecast and two other peak demand forecasts published in 1989 and 1992 were provided to the NC Utilities Commission and the Governor. I filed testimony on electricity weather normalization in Docket Nos. E-7, Sub 620, E-2, Sub 833, and E-7, Sub 989. I filed testimony on the level of funding for nuclear decommissioning costs in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1023; Docket Nos. E-7, Sub 1026 and E-7, Sub 1146. I have filed testimony on the Integrated Resource Plans (IRPs) filed in Docket No. E-100, Subs 114 and 125, and I have reviewed numerous peak demand and energy sales forecasts and the resource expansion plans filed in electric utilities' annual IRPs and IRP updates.

I have been the lead analyst for the Public Staff in numerous avoided cost proceedings, filing testimony in Docket No. E-100, Subs 106, 136, 140, 148, and Sub 158. I have filed a Statement of Position in the arbitration case involving EPCOR and Progress Energy Carolinas in Docket No. E-2, Sub 966. I have filed testimony in avoided cost related to the cost recovery of energy efficiency programs and

demand side management programs in Dockets Nos. E-7, Sub 1032, E-7, Sub 1130, E-2, Sub 1145, and E-2, Sub 1174.

I have filed testimony on the issuance of certificates of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) in Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 669, SP-132, Sub 0, E-7, Sub 790, E-7, Sub 791, and E-7, Sub 1134.

I filed testimony on the merger of Dominion Energy, Inc. and SCANA Corp. in Docket Nos. E-22, Sub 551, and G-5, Sub 585.

I have filed testimony on the issue of fair rate of return in Docket Nos. E-22, Subs 333 412, and 532; P-26, Sub 93; P-12, Sub 89; G-21, Sub 293; P-31, Sub 125; P-100, Sub 133b; P-100, Sub 133d (1997 and 2002); G-21, Sub 442; G-5, Subs 327, 386; and 632; G-9, Subs 351, 382, 722 and Sub 781, G-39, Sub 47, W-778, Sub 31; W-218, Subs 319, 497, and 526; W-354, Subs 360; 364, 384, and 400 and in several smaller water utility rate cases. I have filed testimony on credit metrics and the risk of a downgrade in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1146.

I have filed testimony on the hedging of natural gas prices in Docket No. E-2, Subs 1001, 1018, 1031, and 1292. I have filed testimony on the expansion of natural gas in Docket No. G-5, Subs 337 and 372. I performed the financial analysis in the two audit reports on Mid-South Water Systems, Inc., Docket No. W-100, Sub 21. I testified in the application to transfer the CPCN from North Topsail Water and Sewer, Inc. to Utilities, Inc., in Docket No. W-1000, Sub 5. I have filed testimony on rainfall normalization with respect to water sales in Docket No. W-274, Sub 160.



I was a member of the Small Systems Working Group that reported to the National Drinking Water Advisory Council with the EPA and I have published an article in the National Regulatory Research Institute's Quarterly Bulletin entitled Evaluating Water Utility Financial Capacity and filed testimony on the financial viability of water and wastewater utilities, including Docket No. W-1328, Subs 0, 3, 8, 10, 13, and 15.



**CONFIDENTIAL**

**DOCKET NO. W-1328, SUB 11**  
**PUBLIC STAFF**  
**SETTLEMENT EXHIBIT 1**



Cox Direct Exhibit 5			Settlement			
Vendor	Inv #	Amount	Date	Category	Water	Sewer
21 Design Group Inc.	9309	\$ 86.25	12/31/2021	Engineering	\$ 86.25	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	11928	\$ 90.00	12/31/2021	Engineering	\$ 90.00	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	7393	\$ 225.00	12/31/2021	Engineering	\$ 225.00	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	7392	\$ 90.00	12/31/2021	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 45.00
21 Design Group Inc.	8216	\$ 57.50	12/31/2021	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 28.75
21 Design Group Inc.	8613	\$ 57.50	12/31/2021	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 28.75
21 Design Group Inc.	8962	\$ 3,837.50	12/31/2021	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 1,918.75
21 Design Group Inc.	9308	\$ 1,918.75	12/31/2021	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 959.38
21 Design Group Inc.	9735	\$ 425.00	12/31/2021	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 212.50
21 Design Group Inc.	11929	\$ 522.50	12/31/2021	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 261.25
21 Design Group Inc.	12349	\$ 1,163.75	2/1/2022	Engineering	\$ 1,163.75	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	12350	\$ 2,935.84	2/1/2022	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 1,467.92
21 Design Group Inc.	12750	\$ 60.00	3/1/2022	Engineering	\$ 60.00	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	12884	\$ 2,535.75	3/1/2022	Engineering	\$ 2,415.00	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	12751	\$ 660.00	3/1/2022	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 330.00
21 Design Group Inc.	12885	\$ 2,535.75	3/1/2022	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 1,207.50
21 Design Group Inc.	13266	\$ 1,587.50	4/1/2022	Engineering	\$ 1,587.50	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	13267	\$ 6,070.23	4/1/2022	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 2,898.50
21 Design Group Inc.	14096	\$ 4,173.93	6/8/2022	Engineering	\$ 4,014.75	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	14097	\$ 68,203.18	6/8/2022	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 32,479.88
21 Design Group Inc.	13669	\$ 457.50	7/1/2022	Engineering	\$ 457.50	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	13670	\$ 500.00	7/1/2022	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 250.00
21 Design Group Inc.	14550	\$ 1,420.06	7/11/2022	Engineering	\$ 1,388.75	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	14551	\$ 720.06	7/11/2022	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 344.38
21 Design Group Inc.	15019	\$ 155.00	8/2/2022	Engineering	\$ 155.00	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	15502	\$ 700.00	9/12/2022	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 340.00
21 Design Group Inc.	15630	\$ 420.00	9/13/2022	Engineering	\$ -	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	16175	\$ 877.93	10/19/2022	Engineering	\$ -	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	16176	\$ 877.94	10/19/2022	Engineering	\$ -	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	16700	\$ 1,991.01	11/17/2022	Engineering	\$ 1,896.20	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	16701	\$ 1,991.01	11/17/2022	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 948.10
21 Design Group Inc.	17309	\$ 3,691.59	1/1/2023	Engineering	\$ 3,515.80	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	17310	\$ 3,691.59	1/1/2023	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 1,757.90
21 Design Group Inc.	17625	\$ 4,963.84	1/10/2023	Engineering	\$ 4,732.90	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	17626	\$ 4,847.59	1/10/2023	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 2,308.38
21 Design Group Inc.	18118	\$ 478.46	2/9/2023	Engineering	\$ 471.75	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	18119	\$ 200.96	2/9/2023	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 97.13
21 Design Group Inc.	18605	\$ 1,247.21	3/8/2023	Engineering	\$ -	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	18606	\$ 1,217.21	3/8/2023	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 579.63
21 Design Group Inc.	19240	\$ 3,037.62	4/5/2023	Engineering	\$ 2,894.40	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	19241	\$ 3,007.62	4/5/2023	Engineering	\$ -	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	19774	\$ 803.45	4/30/2023	Engineering	\$ -	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	19775	\$ 803.45	4/30/2023	Engineering	\$ -	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	20101	\$ 1,241.55	6/13/2023	Engineering	\$ -	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	20102	\$ 1,241.56	6/13/2023	Engineering	\$ -	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	20343	\$ 33.75	7/5/2023	Engineering	\$ 33.75	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	20344	\$ 33.75	7/5/2023	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 16.88
21 Design Group Inc.	20710	\$ 2,655.92	8/1/2023	Engineering	\$ -	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	20711	\$ 2,655.92	8/1/2023	Engineering	\$ -	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	21462	\$ 685.20	10/3/2023	Engineering	\$ 652.57	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	21463	\$ 685.21	10/3/2023	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 326.29
21 Design Group Inc.	21844	\$ 72.50	11/6/2023	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 36.25
21 Design Group Inc.	22339	\$ 294.09	12/5/2023	Engineering	\$ 280.09	\$ -
21 Design Group Inc.	22340	\$ 294.09	12/5/2023	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 140.05
Beckemeier LeMoine Law	75-024	\$ 56.00	12/31/2021	Legal	\$ 33.04	\$ 22.96
Beckemeier LeMoine Law	75-025	\$ 56.00	12/31/2021	Legal	\$ 33.04	\$ 22.96
Beckemeier LeMoine Law	75-028	\$ 118.00	12/31/2021	Legal	\$ 69.62	\$ 48.38
Beckemeier LeMoine Law	75-022	\$ 469.00	12/31/2021	Legal	\$ 276.71	\$ 192.29
Beckemeier LeMoine Law	75-020	\$ 587.00	12/31/2021	Legal	\$ 346.33	\$ 240.67
Beckemeier LeMoine Law	75-021	\$ 1,475.50	12/31/2021	Legal	\$ 870.55	\$ 604.96
Beckemeier LeMoine Law	75-034	\$ 1,663.00	12/31/2021	Legal	\$ 981.17	\$ 681.83
Beckemeier LeMoine Law	75-035	\$ 5,227.20	2/1/2022	Legal	\$ 3,084.05	\$ 2,143.15
Beckemeier LeMoine Law	75-036	\$ 820.80	3/1/2022	Legal	\$ 484.27	\$ 336.53
Beckemeier LeMoine Law	75-037	\$ 3,768.00	5/1/2022	Legal	\$ 2,223.12	\$ 1,544.88
Beckemeier LeMoine Law	75-038	\$ 5,035.20	6/1/2022	Legal	\$ 2,970.77	\$ 2,064.43
Beckemeier LeMoine Law	75-039	\$ 4,560.00	6/8/2022	Legal	\$ 2,690.40	\$ 1,869.60
Beckemeier LeMoine Law	75-040	\$ 3,800.00	6/30/2022	Legal	\$ 2,242.00	\$ 1,558.00
Beckemeier LeMoine Law	75-041	\$ 851.20	8/8/2022	Legal	\$ 502.21	\$ 348.99
Beckemeier LeMoine Law	75-042	\$ 60.80	8/31/2022	Legal	\$ 35.87	\$ 24.93
Beckemeier LeMoine Law	75-043	\$ 668.80	10/3/2022	Legal	\$ 394.59	\$ 274.21

Cox Direct Exhibit 5			Settlement			
Vendor	Inv #	Amount	Date	Category	Water	Sewer
Beckemeier LeMoine Law	75-044	\$ 60.80	11/9/2022	Legal	\$ 35.87	\$ 24.93
Beckemeier LeMoine Law	75-045	\$ 121.60	1/1/2023	Legal	\$ 71.74	\$ 49.86
Beckemeier LeMoine Law	75-046	\$ 3,445.80	1/4/2023	Legal	\$ 2,033.02	\$ 1,412.78
Beckemeier LeMoine Law	75-047	\$ 1,409.00	2/1/2023	Legal	\$ 831.31	\$ 577.69
Beckemeier LeMoine Law	75-049	\$ 864.00	4/1/2023	Legal	\$ 509.76	\$ 354.24
Beckemeier LeMoine Law	75-050	\$ 64.00	4/3/2023	Legal	\$ 37.76	\$ 26.24
Beckemeier LeMoine Law	75-052	\$ 64.00	6/1/2023	Legal	\$ 37.76	\$ 26.24
Beckemeier LeMoine Law	75-054	\$ 64.00	7/31/2023	Legal	\$ 37.76	\$ 26.24
Burns, Day & Presnell, P.A.	70885	\$ 391.95	12/31/2021	Legal	\$ 231.25	\$ 160.70
Burns, Day & Presnell, P.A.	70465	\$ 637.50	12/31/2021	Legal	\$ -	\$ -
Burns, Day & Presnell, P.A.	71446	\$ 708.34	12/31/2021	Legal	\$ -	\$ -
Burns, Day & Presnell, P.A.	71647	\$ 1,466.66	12/31/2021	Legal	\$ 865.33	\$ 601.33
Burns, Day & Presnell, P.A.	71928	\$ 1,772.68	12/31/2021	Legal	\$ -	\$ -
Burns, Day & Presnell, P.A.	69885	\$ 1,949.38	12/31/2021	Legal	\$ -	\$ -
Burns, Day & Presnell, P.A.	72395	\$ 233.75	3/25/2022	Legal	\$ 137.91	\$ 95.84
Burns, Day & Presnell, P.A.	72563	\$ 382.50	4/25/2022	Legal	\$ 225.68	\$ 156.83
Burns, Day & Presnell, P.A.	72613	\$ 595.00	5/13/2022	Legal	\$ 351.05	\$ 243.95
Burns, Day & Presnell, P.A.	72817	\$ 956.25	6/12/2022	Legal	\$ 564.19	\$ 392.06
Burns, Day & Presnell, P.A.	72941	\$ 361.25	6/30/2022	Legal	\$ 213.14	\$ 148.11
Burns, Day & Presnell, P.A.	72944	\$ 616.25	6/30/2022	Legal	\$ 363.59	\$ 252.66
Burns, Day & Presnell, P.A.	73397	\$ 42.50	9/30/2022	Legal	\$ 25.08	\$ 17.43
Burns, Day & Presnell, P.A.	73827	\$ 297.50	12/31/2022	Legal	\$ 175.53	\$ 121.98
Burns, Day & Presnell, P.A.	73980	\$ 361.25	1/31/2023	Legal	\$ 213.14	\$ 148.11
Burns, Day & Presnell, P.A.	74388	\$ 63.75	4/19/2023	Legal	\$ 37.61	\$ 26.14
Burns, Day & Presnell, P.A.	74719	\$ 127.50	6/1/2023	Legal	\$ 75.23	\$ 52.28
Burns, Day & Presnell, P.A.	74873	\$ 467.50	7/20/2023	Legal	\$ 275.83	\$ 191.68
Burns, Day & Presnell, P.A.	74993	\$ 106.25	8/14/2023	Legal	\$ 62.69	\$ 43.56
Burns, Day & Presnell, P.A.	75103	\$ 85.00	9/10/2023	Legal	\$ 50.15	\$ 34.85
Burns, Day & Presnell, P.A.	75379	\$ 233.75	10/17/2023	Legal	\$ 137.91	\$ 95.84
Burns, Day & Presnell, P.A.	75447	\$ 467.50	11/9/2023	Legal	\$ 275.83	\$ 191.68
Law Firm Carolinas	234715	\$ 143.75	12/31/2021	Legal	\$ 84.81	\$ 58.94
Law Firm Carolinas	238548	\$ 522.00	12/31/2021	Legal	\$ 307.98	\$ 214.02
Law Firm Carolinas	240967	\$ 1,561.33	12/31/2021	Legal	\$ -	\$ -
Law Firm Carolinas	239900	\$ 5,767.50	12/31/2021	Legal	\$ 3,402.83	\$ 2,364.68
Law Firm Carolinas	244380	\$ 343.75	1/19/2022	Legal	\$ 202.81	\$ 140.94
Law Firm Carolinas	245500	\$ 481.25	2/1/2022	Legal	\$ 283.94	\$ 197.31
Law Firm Carolinas	248667	\$ 687.50	4/30/2022	Legal	\$ 405.63	\$ 281.88
Law Firm Carolinas	247578	\$ 599.11	6/1/2022	Legal	\$ 353.47	\$ 245.64
Law Firm Carolinas	249559	\$ 1,416.75	6/3/2022	Legal	\$ 835.88	\$ 580.87
Law Firm Carolinas	252408	\$ 450.00	8/17/2022	Legal	\$ 265.50	\$ 184.50
Law Firm Carolinas	257276 NC	\$ 948.89	12/12/2022	Legal	\$ -	\$ -
Law Firm Carolinas	258615 NC	\$ 1,550.00	7/1/2023	Legal	\$ 914.50	\$ 635.50
McGill Associates, P.A.	19.00346-12874	\$ 88.00	12/31/2021	Engineering	\$ -	\$ -
McGill Associates, P.A.	19.00346-11137	\$ 589.00	12/31/2021	Engineering	\$ -	\$ -
McGill Associates, P.A.	19.00346-12570	\$ 1,194.50	12/31/2021	Engineering	\$ -	\$ -
McGill Associates, P.A.	19.00346-11733	\$ 2,015.00	12/31/2021	Engineering	\$ -	\$ -
McGill Associates, P.A.	19.00346-11425	\$ 10,283.25	12/31/2021	Engineering	\$ -	\$ -
The Beckemeier Law Firm LC	75-019	\$ 570.50	12/31/2021	Legal	\$ 336.60	\$ 233.91
TRC Environmental Corporation	NC-2023-001 588170	\$ 193.55	6/1/2023	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 96.78
Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP	30655661	\$ 6,236.45	12/1/2023	Legal	\$ 3,679.51	\$ 2,556.94
Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP	30661492	\$ 1,261.40	12/5/2023	Legal	\$ 744.23	\$ 517.17
Windley E. Henry	PS2023-20	\$ 1,235.94	11/6/2023	Legal	\$ 729.20	\$ 506.74
Windley E. Henry	PS2023-22	\$ 175.00	12/4/2023	Legal	\$ 103.25	\$ 71.75
Total		\$ 231,178.70	Engineering Subtotal		\$ 26,120.96	\$ 49,079.91
			Legal Subtotal		\$ 37,763.96	\$ 26,242.75
					\$ 63,884.92	\$ 75,322.66



**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of the foregoing has been served on all parties of record or their attorneys, or both, in accordance with Commission Rule R1-39, by United States Mail, first class or better; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 4th day March, 2024.

Electronically submitted  
/s/ James Bernier, Jr.  
Staff Attorney