

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 497

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Reporting Requirements From Docket)
No. W-218, Sub 497 - Aqua North)
Carolina, Inc., 202 MacKenan Court,)
Cary, North Carolina 27511, for Authority)
to Adjust and Increase Rates for Water)
and Sewer Utility Service for All Areas in)
North Carolina

**PUBLIC STAFF COMMENTS
ON AQUA'S RESPONSE TO
ORDERING PARAGRAPH
NO. 24**

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION (Public Staff), by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and respectfully submits the following comments for Commission consideration.

BACKGROUND

On December 18, 2018, the Commission entered an Order Approving Partial Settlement Agreement and Stipulation, Granting Partial Rate Increase, and Requiring Customer Notice ("2018 Rate Case Order") in Docket No. W-218, Sub 497. Ordering Paragraph No. 24 of the 2018 Rate Case Order provided as follows:

That Aqua NC shall prepare amendments to its tariffs detailing its connection/ capacity fee practices and procedures on a subdivision-by-subdivision basis. Within 30 days following issuance of this Order, Aqua NC shall propose for Commission approval a proposed schedule in which it will include in its tariffs all connection fees included in its rates, as ordered by this ordering paragraph.

On May 17, 2019, Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua NC) filed its response that provided an amended tariff (Appendix A-3) detailing its connection/capacity fee practices and procedures on a subdivision-by-subdivision basis. In addition,

Aqua NC's response contained a general description of the Company's connection/capacity fee practices and procedures. On June 27, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Allowing Comments regarding Aqua NC's response. On July 19, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Granting Extension of Time to File Comments

The Public Staff has reviewed Aqua NC's response and hereby files an amended Schedule of Connection Fees, attached as Appendix A-3. Aqua is in agreement with the Public Staff's proposed amendments. The Public Staff and Aqua request that the Commission approve the proposed Schedule of Connection Fees attached in Appendix A-3.

The Public Staff and Aqua have contacted all other parties to the Sub 497 docket--- the Attorney General and pro se Intervenor Eric Galamb---to ask for their opinion on the matter. The undersigned is authorized to represent that they do not object to the filing.

Respectfully submitted, this the 27th day of August, 2019.

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Electronically submitted
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, William E. Grantmyre, hereby certifies that I served the foregoing Public Staff Supplemental Comments on Aqua North Carolina, Inc.'s AMR Affidavit Filing has been served on the attorneys for Aqua North Carolina, Inc., Jo Anne Sanford and Robert H. Bennink, Jr., Margaret Force and Teresa Townsend of the Attorney General's Office, and Eric Galamb, Intervenor, by electronic delivery upon agreement of the parties.

This the 27th day of August, 2019.

Electronically submitted
s/William E. Grantmyre

**AQUA NORTH CAROLINA, INC.
SCHEDULE OF CONNECTION FEES**

<u>SYSTEM NAME</u>	<u>CONNECTION FEE - WATER</u>	<u>CONNECTION FEE - SEWER</u>
Alan Acres	\$ 800.00	
Allendale	\$ 500.00	
Altice Estates	\$ 800.00	
Amy Acres	\$ 500.00	
Apple Grove	\$ 500.00	
Applegate	\$ 500.00	
Arbor Run	\$ 500.00	
Armfield, Phases 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4, 5	\$ 500.00	
Ashe Plantation	\$ 725.00	
Ashebrook Woods	\$ 500.00	
Ashton Park	\$ 500.00	
Auburndale	\$ 500.00	
Autumn Acres	\$ 800.00	
Avendale		\$3,500.00
Avocet, Phases 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 2, 3,4, 5	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Bakersfield	\$ 500.00	
Ballard Farm	\$ 500.00	
Ballentine Place	\$ 500.00	
Balls Creek	\$ 800.00	
Barkwood Lane	\$1,200.00	
Bayberry	\$ 800.00	
Beacon Hill	\$ 500.00	
Beacon Hills	\$ 800.00	
Beau Rivage	\$ 969.00	\$ 822.00
Beau Rivage Market Place Shopping Center	\$1,000.00	
Beechwood Cove	\$ 500.00	
Belews Landing	\$ 500.00	
Bella Port		\$2,500.00
Bells Crossing, Phases 1 ,2, 3, 4	\$1,000.00	
Bennett Place		\$1,000.00
Berklee Reserve	\$ 500.00	
Bethel Forest	\$ 500.00	
Betts Brook	\$ 500.00	
Beverly Acres	\$ 800.00	

<u>SYSTEM NAME</u>	<u>CONNECTION FEE - WATER</u>	<u>CONNECTION FEE - SEWER</u>
Bexley Place	\$ 500.00	
Birkhaven	\$ 500.00	
Blue Water Cove	\$ 500.00	
Bogue Watch		\$2,500.00
Bonaire	\$ 500.00	
Brafford Farms	\$ 800.00	
Briar Creek	\$ 500.00	
Brickfield	\$ 400.00	
Bridgeport	\$ 800.00	
Bridle Wood	\$ 500.00	
Brights Creek	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Brinley's Cove	\$ 500.00	
Brook Forest	\$ 800.00	
Buck Springs Plantation	\$1,000.00	
Carolina Marina		\$10,000.00
Cameron Point	\$ 500.00	
Candy Creek	\$ 500.00	
Cane Bay	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Cannonsgate		\$2,500.00
Canterbury Trails	\$ 500.00	
Capeside Village	\$ 750.00	\$1,000.00
Carmel Hills	\$ 800.00	
Carmel Park	\$ 800.00	
Cassimir Commons	\$ 750.00	\$1,000.00
Castle Bay	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Castlewood	\$ 800.00	
Catawba Shores	\$ 800.00	
Cedar Chase	\$ 500.00	
Cedar Creek	\$ 500.00	
Cedar Grove	\$ 800.00	
Cedar Valley	\$ 800.00	
Chapelwood Acres	\$ 800.00	
Charles Place at Arbor Run	\$ 500.00	
Chatham	\$ 500.00	
Clarendon Gardens (includes main extension)	\$1,125.00	
Cliftwood West	\$ 800.00	

<u>SYSTEM NAME</u>	<u>CONNECTION FEE - WATER</u>	<u>CONNECTION FEE - SEWER</u>
Clear Meadow	\$ 175.00	
Clubview Estates 1	\$ 800.00	
Collybrooke, Phases 1, 1A, 2	\$ 500.00	
Colvard Farms, Phase 9		\$ 500.00
Copperfield (Gaston)	\$ 800.00	
Coral Ridge	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00
Country Acres	\$ 800.00	
Country Acres MHP	\$ 800.00	
Country Crossing, Phases I, II, and III	\$ 750.00	
Country Crossing, Phases IV and V	\$ 670.50	
Country Knolls	\$ 800.00	
Country Meadows	\$ 800.00	
Country Valley Ext (Lots 7G, 8G, 9G, 12E, 13E, 14E, 15E, 16E, 17F)	\$2,500.00	
Country Woods	\$ 800.00	
Countryside	\$ 500.00	
Crabtree II	\$ 500.00	
Craig Gardens	\$ 800.00	
Creedmoor Village Shopping Center	\$ 500.00	
Creekside	\$ 500.00	
Creekside Shores	\$1,000.00	
Crestview (Rowan County)	\$ 500.00	
Crestview (Cabarrus County)	\$ 800.00	
Cross Creek	\$ 500.00	
Crutchfield Farms	\$ 500.00	
Dalewood/Monteray	\$ 800.00	
Deer Path	\$ 500.00	
Deerwood	\$ 500.00	
Dolphin Bay		\$1,000.00
Dorsett Downs	\$ 500.00	
Eagle Landing	\$ 500.00	
East Bank	\$ 750.00	\$1,000.00
East Chestnut	\$ 800.00	
East Gaston MHP	\$ 500.00	
Eastlake	\$ 850.00	\$1,000.00
Edgewood Acres I & II	\$ 800.00	
El Camino	\$ 800.00	

<u>SYSTEM NAME</u>	<u>CONNECTION FEE - WATER</u>	<u>CONNECTION FEE - SEWER</u>
Emerald Plantation		Actual Cost
Enoch Turner	\$ 500.00	
Epes Trucking	\$ 500.00	
Estates at Meadow Ridge	\$ 500.00	
Ethan's Gate	\$ 500.00	
Ethan's Glen	\$ 500.00	
Fairfax	\$ 800.00	
Fairview Park	\$ 800.00	
Fairview Wooded Acres	\$ 800.00	
Falls Creek	\$ 500.00	
Fallscrest	\$ 800.00	
Farmwood	\$ 800.00	
Ferguson Village	\$ 500.00	
Fleetwood Acres I	\$ 800.00	
Fleetwood Falls and Fleetwood Falls, Sect 15	\$ 500.00	
Fontain Village	\$ 800.00	
Forest Acres	\$ 800.00	
Forest Cove	\$ 800.00	
Forest Pines	\$ 500.00	
Forest Ridge	\$ 500.00	
Fountain Trace	\$ 800.00	
Fox Fire	\$ 800.00	
Fox Ridge	\$ 800.00	
Fox Run (Gaston)	\$ 800.00	
Foxbury	\$ 500.00	
Foxbury Meadows	\$ 500.00	
Freemont Park	\$ 500.00	
Gallagher Trails	\$ 800.00	
Gates at Ethan's Glen	\$ 500.00	
Glennburn (Sub 385)	\$1,500.00	
Glencroft (Catawba)	\$ 500.00	
Governors Club		\$4,500.00
Governors Forest		\$4,500.00
Governors Village		\$4,500.00
Grayson Park	\$ 500.00	
Graystone Forest	\$ 500.00	\$ 350.00

<u>SYSTEM NAME</u>	<u>CONNECTION FEE - WATER</u>	<u>CONNECTION FEE - SEWER</u>
Green Acres MHP	\$ 800.00	
Green Meadows	\$ 800.00	
Greenwood	\$ 500.00	
Hanover Downs	\$ 800.00	
Happy Valley	\$ 500.00	
Hartman Farms	\$ 500.00	
Hasentree, Phases 1-3, 4A, 4B, 4C, 5, 6A, 6B, 6C, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15A, 15B, 15E		\$2,500.00
Heartwood	\$ 500.00	
Heather Acres	\$ 800.00	
Heather Glen	\$ 200.00	
Heritage Farms	\$ 500.00	
Heritage West	\$ 500.00	
Herman Acres	\$ 800.00	
Hickory Creek (Houses on Basswood Way Only)	\$ 500.00	
Hickory Ridge	\$ 500.00	
Hidden Creek	\$ 500.00	
Hidden Hills	\$ 500.00	
Hidden Valley (Chatham County)	\$ 500.00	
Hidden Valley (Catawba County)	\$ 800.00	
High Grove, Phase 3	\$ 500.00	
High Meadows	\$ 725.00	
Hillsboro	\$ 500.00	
Hilltop	\$ 500.00	
Holiday Hills	\$ 500.00	
Hollywood Acres	\$ 800.00	
Homestead-Catawba	\$ 500.00	
Hoyles Creek	\$ 500.00	
Huntcliff	\$ 500.00	
Hunters Mark	\$ 500.00	
Hunters Ridge	\$ 500.00	
Hunting Ridge	\$ 500.00	
Huntley Glen Townhomes, Phase 2	\$ 700.00	
Huntwood	\$ 500.00	
Idlewild Park	\$ 800.00	
Ingram Estates	\$ 500.00	
Inlet Point Harbor	\$ 750.00	\$1,000.00

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Inlet Point Harbor Extension	\$1,000.00	
Inlet Watch	\$ 750.00	\$1,000.00
Inlet Watch-irrigation meters	\$ 300.00	
Interlaken	\$ 500.00	
Island Bridge Way	\$ 750.00	\$1,000.00
Jack's Landing	\$1,000.00	
Jamestowne	\$ 500.00	
Keltic Meadows	\$ 800.00	
Kendale Woods	\$ 940.00	
Kimberly Courts	\$ 500.00	
Kings Acres	\$ 500.00	
Knob Creek	\$ 500.00	
Knolls Phases I and II only	\$ 500.00	
Knollview	\$ 500.00	
Knollwood	\$1,500.00	
Knoxhaven	\$ 500.00	
Kynwood	\$ 500.00	
Lakeridge	\$ 500.00	
Lakewood	\$ 800.00	
Lamar Acres	\$ 800.00	
Lancer Acres	\$ 500.00	
Laurel Acres	\$ 500.00	
Laurel Woods	\$ 500.00	
Lazy S	\$ 800.00	
Lea Landing	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00
Lennox Woods	\$ 500.00	
Lighthouse Village	\$ 750.00	\$1,000.00
Linville Oaks	\$ 500.00	
Little River Run	\$ 800.00	
Long Shoals	\$ 800.00	
Love Point	\$ 500.00	
Lynmore	\$ 800.00	
MacGregor Downs	\$ 800.00	
Magnolia Place	\$ 850.00	\$1,000.00
Magnolia Springs	\$ 800.00	
Mallard Crossing	\$ 500.00	
Mallardhead	\$ 500.00	
Maplecrest	\$ 800.00	

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Mariners Pointe, Phase 1	\$ 450.00	
Mar-Lyn Forest	\$ 500.00	
Meadow Creek	\$ 500.00	
Meadow Ridge	\$ 500.00	
Meadow Run	\$ 500.00	
Meadowbrook	\$ 500.00	
Mill Creek Landing	\$1,000.00	
Mineral Springs	\$ 500.00	
Monticello Estates	\$ 500.00	
Montreaux f/k/a Montrose	\$ 500.00	
Moorlands Reserve	\$1,333.00	
Moratuck Manor	\$1,000.00	
Morningside Park	\$ 800.00	
Morris Grove	\$ 500.00	
Morristown	\$1,000.00	
Moss Haven	\$ 800.00	
Mount Vernon Crossing, Phase 3	\$ 500.00	
Mountain Creek	\$ 500.00	
Mountain Point	\$ 350.00	
Mountainbrook	\$ 800.00	
Murray Hills	\$ 800.00	
Myrtlewood	\$ 800.00	
Nantucket Village	\$ 500.00	
Nautical Green	\$ 750.00	\$1,000.00
Neuse Colony	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Neuse River Village	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
New Chartwell	\$ 500.00	
Normandy Glen	\$ 500.00	
Norwood Place	\$1,333.00	
Oak Harbor (excludes Knox Realty)	\$1,750.00	
Oak Hill	\$ 800.00	
Oakley Park	\$ 800.00	
Old Cape Cod	\$ 750.00	\$1,000.00
Old Providence	\$ 800.00	
Papillon, Phase 2	\$ 500.00	
Paradise Point	\$ 800.00	
Park South Station	\$ 700.00	
Parkway Crossing	\$ 700.00	
Parkwood	\$ 500.00	

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Peabody Forest	\$ 500.00	
Pearman Estates	\$ 500.00	
Pepper Ridge	\$ 500.00	
Pheasant Ridge	\$ 500.00	
Phillips Landing	\$ 800.00	
Piedmont Estates	\$ 500.00	
Pilot's Ridge, Lots 22 through 29	\$1,000.00	
Pine Knolls	\$ 500.00	
Pine Meadows	\$ 500.00	
Pineview	\$ 500.00	
Pinewood Acres	\$ 800.00	
Pleasant Gardens	\$ 500.00	
Polk's Landing	\$ 500.00	
Polk's Trail	\$ 500.00	
Ponderosa	\$ 500.00	
Providence Acres	\$ 800.00	
Providence North	\$ 500.00	
Quail Meadows	\$ 500.00	
Quail Oaks	\$ 500.00	
Quail's Nest	\$ 500.00	
Raintree	\$ 800.00	
Red Mountain	\$ 500.00	
Regency Village	\$ 500.00	
Richwood Acres	\$ 500.00	
Ridgecrest	\$ 500.00	
Ridgeview Park	\$ 800.00	
Ridgeway Courts	\$ 500.00	
Ridgewood	\$ 500.00	
River Oaks (Guilford County)	\$ 500.00	
River Oaks (New Hanover County)	\$ 750.00	
River Oaks, Phase 8 (New Hanover County)	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00
River Park	\$1,500.00	\$10.00 / gpd of capacity
River Point at Beau Rivage	\$ 969.00	\$ 822.00
River Ridge Run	\$ 500.00	
River Run	\$ 500.00	

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Riverside at Oak Ridge	\$ 500.00	
Riverton Place	\$ 800.00	
Riverview	\$ 500.00	
Riverwoods	\$ 800.00	
Robinfield	\$ 800.00	
Roland Place	\$ 750.00	\$1,000.00
Roland Place extension	\$1,000.00	
Rolling Hills	\$ 500.00	
Rolling Meadows	\$ 800.00	
Round Tree Ridge		\$2,500.00
Rustic Trials	\$ 800.00	
Saddlewood	\$ 800.00	
Sailors Lair	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00
Sanford's Creek	\$ 500.00	
Seabreeze	\$ 750.00	\$1,000.00
Seabreeze Sound Extension	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00
Seagate I	\$ 500.00	
Seagate IV	\$ 500.00	
Sedgley Abby	\$ 750.00	\$1,000.00
Shade Tree	\$ 500.00	
Shadow Oaks	\$ 500.00	
Shangri-la (Catawba)	\$ 800.00	
Shangri-la (Gaston)	\$ 800.00	
Shaw Hill Estates	\$ 500.00	
Sherwood Forest (Catawba County)	\$ 500.00	
Shiloh	\$ 500.00	
Shipwatch	\$ 750.00	\$1,000.00
Silverstone	\$ 800.00	
Skyland Drive	\$ 800.00	
Smoke Ridge	\$ 500.00	
Smokerise	\$ 500.00	
Snow Creek	\$ 500.00	
Sopanos Point	\$ 750.00	\$1,000.00
South Bourne	\$ 500.00	
South Forest	\$ 800.00	
South Fork (Catawba)	\$ 500.00	
South Fork (Gaston)	\$ 800.00	
South Hill	\$ 800.00	

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South Hill Estates	\$ 800.00	
South Point Landing	\$ 800.00	
Southampton	\$ 800.00	
Southgate	\$ 800.00	
Southwood (Wake)	\$ 800.00	
Spencer Road Acres	\$ 800.00	
Spinnaker Bay	\$ 800.00	
Spinnaker Pointe	\$1,000.00	
Spring Hill/Springdale	\$ 800.00	
Spring Shores	\$ 800.00	
Spring Valley	\$ 800.00	
Springdale (Guilford)	\$ 500.00	
Springfield Estates	\$ 500.00	
Springhaven (Wake)	\$ 800.00	
Sprinkle	\$ 500.00	
Stanleystone Estates	\$1,000.00	
Starland Park	\$ 800.00	
Sterlingshire	\$ 500.00	
Stonehouse Acres	\$1,000.00	
Stonebridge	\$ 500.00	
Stoneridge	\$ 500.00	
Stoney Brook	\$ 800.00	
Sturbridge Village	\$ 500.00	
Summerfield Farms	\$ 500.00	
Summerwind	\$ 500.00	
Sunset Bay (3 digit lot #s on Roundstone Road)	\$2,500.00	
Sunset Hills	\$ 800.00	
Sunset Park	\$ 800.00	
Swiss Pine Lake	\$ 800.00	
Tablerock	\$ 800.00	
Telfair Forrest	\$ 750.00	\$1,000.00
The Cape, Section A	\$ 750.00	\$1,000.00
The Cape, Section B	\$ 750.00	\$1,000.00
The Gardens at Flowers	\$ 850.00	\$1,000.00
The Reserve at Falls Lake, Phases 1, 2, 3	\$ 500.00	
The Sanctuary	\$ 750.00	\$1,000.00
The Village at Motts Landing, Phases 1&2	\$1,000.00	
The Vineyards	\$ 500.00	

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Thornton Ridge	\$ 400.00	
Tidelands on the River	\$1,000.00	
Timberlake	\$ 400.00	
Timberline	\$ 500.00	
Timberline Shores	\$1,000.00	
Tralee Place	\$1,000.00	
Triple Lakes	\$ 500.00	
Tuxedo	\$ 800.00	
Twelve Oaks	\$ 500.00	
Twelve Oaks Cadet Drive Extension	\$1,700.00	
Twin Creek	\$3,000.00	
Twin Oaks	\$ 500.00	
Valley Acres	\$ 500.00	
Valley Dale	\$ 500.00	
Village Woods	\$ 500.00	
Walker Estates	\$ 500.00	
Waterford		\$2,500.00
Watts	\$ 800.00	
Weatherstone	\$ 350.00	
Wellington	\$ 500.00	
Wesley Acres	\$ 800.00	
West View at River Oaks	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00
Westfall – 100 foot wide lots (47 lots)		\$2,750.00
Westfall – 80 foot wide lots (60 lots)		\$2,565.00
Westfall – 60 foot wide lots (69 lots)		\$2,250.00
Westfall – Estate Lots (64 lots)		\$3,150.00
Westfall – Amenities		\$2,000.00
Westside Hills	\$ 500.00	
Willard Run/San Siro	\$ 500.00	
Willow Creek		\$ 500.00
Willow Glen at Beau Rivage	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Willow Oaks	\$ 800.00	
Wilson Farm	\$ 500.00	
Wimbledon	\$1,500.00	
Winding Forest	\$ 500.00	
Windspray	\$ 750.00	\$1,000.00
Windswept, Phase 1	\$ 750.00	\$1,000.00

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Windswept, Phase 2 & 3		\$ 500.00
Windwood Acres	\$ 800.00	
Woodbridge	\$ 500.00	
Woodford (Hawks Ridge)	\$ 500.00	
Woodlake	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Woodlake – Irrigation Meter	\$ 300.00	
Woodland Hills	\$ 500.00	
Woodland Shores	\$1,000.00	
Woodlawn	\$ 800.00	
Woodleigh	\$ 800.00	
Wright Beaver	\$ 500.00	
Yorkwood Park	\$ 800.00	