

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1034, SUB 13

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application by Water Resources, Inc., for Authority to Adjust and Increase Rates for Water Utility Service (Application) in Rocky River Plantation Subdivision in Cabarrus County and River Walk Subdivision in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina)))))))	ORDER ESTABLISHING GENERAL RATE CASE AND SUSPENDING RATES
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BY THE COMMISSION: On December 29, 2023, Water Resources, Inc. (Applicant) filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to increase its rates for providing water utility service in Rocky River Plantation Subdivision in Cabarrus County and River Walk Subdivision in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. On January 3, 2024, the Applicant filed an amended application. On January 22, 2024, the Applicant filed a letter with the Commission stating that the proposed effective date of the rates requested in its amended application should have been 30 days from the filing, which is February 2, 2024, instead of June 1, 2024. The Applicant provides water utility service to approximately 154 residential customers.

The present water utility rates have been in effect since November 21, 2018, pursuant to the Commission's Order in Docket No. W-1034, Sub 8.

On January 29, 2024, the Public Staff presented this matter at the Commission's Staff Conference. The Public Staff recommends that the Commission finds that the application constitutes a general rate case and suspend the proposed new rates pending investigation.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission accepts the recommendation of the Public Staff.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That this proceeding is declared a general rate case pursuant to N.C. Gen Stat. § 62-137;
2. That the proposed new rates are suspended for up to 270 days pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-134;

3. That the test year period is established as the 12-month period ending December 31, 2022; and

4. That the Commission shall issue an order establishing discovery guidelines, scheduling hearings, and requiring customer notice at a later date.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 30th day of January, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk