

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

STAFF CONFERENCE AGENDA

April 8, 2024

Commission Hearing Room 2115, 10:00 a.m.

ELECTRIC

ORDER APPROVING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

Dominion Energy North Carolina

1. Docket No. E-22, Sub 693 – Application for approval of residential efficient products marketplace program (*T. Williamson/Freeman*)

WATER AND WASTEWATER

ORDER GRANTING FRANCHISE AND APPROVING RATES

Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina

2. Docket No. W-354, Sub 428 – Application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide sewer utility service to Kimeplex Park in Carteret County, North Carolina, and approval of rates (*Bhatta/Morgan/Bernier*)

ORDER SCHEDULING HEARINGS, ESTABLISHING DISCOVERY GUIDELINES, AND REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE

HH Water, LLC

3. Docket No. W-1318, Sub 1 – Application for authority to adjust and increase rates for water utility service in High Hampton Service Area in Jackson County, North Carolina (*Bhatta/Cofield/Bernier/Culpepper*)

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

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 693

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application by Virginia Electric and Power)	
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North)	ORDER APPROVING
Carolina for Approval of the Residential)	PROGRAM
Efficient Products Marketplace Program)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On March 4, 2024, Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC or the Company), filed an application (Application) seeking approval of its Phase XI Residential Efficient Products Marketplace Program (Program) and requesting that the Program become effective in the second quarter of 2024. The Application states that the Program was filed in accordance with Commission Rule R8-68 and the Cost Recovery and Incentive Mechanism for new demand-side management (DSM) and energy-efficiency (EE) programs, as most recently approved by the Commission on March 22, 2022, in Docket No. E-22, Sub 464 (Mechanism).

In its Application, DENC states that the Program will provide residential customers with an incentive to install various energy efficiency measures. The Program incorporates key program measures from the Company’s Phase VII Residential Efficient Products Marketplace Program and introduces an updated measure set that removes lighting measures to maintain compliance with the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) legislation¹. The Application states that participation in the Program will reduce participants’ total energy bills as well as the amount of energy required throughout the year on the Company’s system and will provide capacity reductions during the Company’s peak demand periods.

The Company states that if approved, it will utilize a program implementation vendor to promote the Program on the Company’s website, social media outlets, bill inserts, and through in-store promotions. The vendor will utilize field representatives and retail employees in retail stores to promote sales of qualified products.

DENC states that the Program will have a dedicated website which will contain approved products for sale to customers.

¹ Due to EISA standard changes, LED lights are no longer part of the program design.

DENC is requesting recovery of a Program Performance Incentive and net lost revenues associated with the Program, to be determined in accordance with the provisions of the Mechanism.

The Application states that there are no capital costs associated with the Program and that the operating and maintenance costs associated with the Program include administrative costs, implementation costs, and operating and maintenance costs. The Company proposes that these costs be funded by deferral and cost recovery through the Company's annual DSM/EE cost-recovery riders, Rider C and Rider CE, consistent with Commission Rule R8-69 and the Mechanism.

Customers electing to opt out of the DSM/EE Riders pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9(f) cannot participate in the Program.

The Company performed cost-benefit analysis testing for the Program, and three of the four industry-standard cost-benefit tests (Participant, Utility Cost, Total Resource Cost (TRC)) indicated that the Program is likely to be cost effective, while the Program did not appear cost effective under the Ratepayer Impact Measure (RIM).

DENC states that it has contracted with an evaluation, measurement, and verification (EM&V) consultant, DNV Energy Insights USA Inc. (DNV), to develop, execute, and report the EM&V results for the Company's approved DSM/EE programs, and that DENC will work with DNV to develop a comprehensive, system-level EM&V plan for the Program to be filed in the Company's 2024 EM&V Report.

The Company noted that on August 4, 2023, a program analogous to the Program was approved by the Virginia State Corporation Commission in Case No. PUR-2022-00210, which will be deployed in Virginia during the first quarter of 2024. If approved by the Commission, the Program will be deployed in North Carolina during the second quarter of 2024.

The Public Staff presented this matter at the Commission's Regular Staff Conference on April 8, 2024. The Public Staff stated that based on its investigation and review of the Application, it recommended that the Commission approve the Residential Efficient Products Marketplace Program for implementation in the second quarter of 2024 in North Carolina, find that the Program meets the requirements of a "new" DSM/EE program consistent with Rule R8-68, find that all costs incurred by the Company associated with the Program will be eligible for consideration for cost recovery through the Company's annual DSM/EE Riders filed in accordance with Rule R8-69 and the Mechanism, and authorize the Company to receive utility incentives associated with implementation of the Program through the Company's annual DSM/EE Riders in accordance with Rule R8-69 and the Mechanism. The Public Staff recommended that the Commission issue its proposed order concerning the Company's Application.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission is of the opinion that the proposed Program should be approved.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1. That DENC's Residential Efficient Products Marketplace Program is hereby approved;

2. That DENC's Residential Efficient Products Marketplace Program is eligible for recovery of program costs and incentives, in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69;

3. That the proposed utility incentives be included in the Company's annual DSM/EE rider in accordance with Commission Rule R8-69;

4. That the Commission shall determine the appropriate ratemaking treatment for DENC's Residential Efficient Products Marketplace Program, including program costs and utility incentives, in the Company's respective annual cost recovery riders, in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69; and

5. That DENC shall file a tariff within ten days of the date of this Order that includes the effective date of the Residential Efficient Products Marketplace Program.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of April, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 428

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application by Carolina Water Service, Inc.)
of North Carolina, 5821 Fairview Road,)
Suite 401, Charlotte, North Carolina, 28209,)
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and)
Necessity to Provide Sewer Utility Service)
for Kimeplex Park Service Area in Carteret)
County, North Carolina)
	PROPOSED ORDER
	GRANTING FRANCHISE AND
	APPROVING RATES

BY THE COMMISSION: On October 3, 2023, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC) filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (Application) to provide sewer service to Kimeplex Park at 788 Highway 24 in Newport, Carteret County, North Carolina, and for approval of rates. On December 13, 2023, CWSNC filed supplemental documentation in response to a deficiency letter filed by the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff). On December 15, 2024, the Public Staff filed a letter with the Commission indicating that this docket included all the information required for a complete application. On December 20, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Finding Application Complete and Requiring the Public Staff to Provide Specific Application Data, which the Public Staff provided on December 28, 2023. On February 12, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing and Establishing Discovery Guidelines (Scheduling Order).

On March 19, 2024, a Joint Motion to Cancel Evidentiary Hearing and Rescind the Requirement for Prefiled Testimony was filed by CWSNC and the Public Staff (collectively, the Parties).

On April ____, 2024, the Commission issued an order canceling the requirement for prefiled witness testimony and the expert witness hearing.

The Public Staff presented this matter at the Commission’s Regular Staff Conference on April 8, 2024. The Public Staff recommended that the Commission issue an order granting the franchise and approving the proposed rates.

Based upon the verified Application and the entire record in this matter, the Commission makes the following

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. CWSNC presently holds water franchises serving approximately 34,000 customers and wastewater franchises serving approximately 21,000 customers in North Carolina. CWSNC's record of service is satisfactory.

2. CWSNC presently does not serve any customers in Kimeplex Park and eventually plans to serve one connection (a 20-unit multi-use development, including an industrial office and a storage facility), which is the equivalent of seven Residential Equivalent Units (REUs) at 360 gallons per day (GPD) per REU. The service area is shown on the plans filed with the Application.

3. The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Division of Water Resources, Water Quality Regional Operations Section issued two wastewater collection system extension permit numbers WQ0044085 dated February 7, 2023, and WQ0044108 Modification dated March 7, 2024, for Kimeplex Park. Per the DEQ permits, wastewater from the development will flow into the existing Brandywine Bay Lift Station #3 and will be treated at the existing Brandywine Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant.

4. CWSNC entered into a Sewer Agreement dated May 3, 2023, with PowerHouse Division of Kimeplex (Developer), under which the Developer is installing the necessary wastewater system to convey the wastewater from the development to the Brandywine Bay Lift Station #3 so the collected wastewater can be treated at the existing Brandywine Bay wastewater treatment plant. CWSNC is requesting that the Developer pay a total service connection and capacity fee of \$118,920.00, which will be paid as follows: (1) first payment of \$30,000 due at submission of signed developer agreement, which allows the developer to proceed with installation of wastewater system components from the development to the Brandywine Bay Lift Station #3; (2) second payment of \$30,000 due at issuance of service for the development; (3) third payment of \$30,000 due six months after issuance of sewer service; and (4) final payment of \$28,920 due 12 months after the issuance of sewer service or when the occupancy of development reaches 80%, whichever comes first.

5. CWSNC has filed all exhibits required with the Application.

6. CWSNC has the technical, managerial, and financial capacity to provide sewer utility service in this franchise location.

7. CWSNC proposes to charge its current uniform statewide sewer service rates approved by the Commission on May 12, 2023, in Docket No. W-354, Sub 400.

8. The Public Staff recommended that CWSNC be required to post a \$25,000 bond for Kimeplex Park. CWSNC currently has \$4,270,000 of bonds posted with the Commission. Of this amount, \$4,105,000 of bond surety is assigned to specific subdivisions and \$165,000 of bond surety is unassigned.

CONCLUSIONS

Based on the foregoing and the recommendations of the Public Staff, the Commission concludes that \$25,000 of CWSNC's unassigned bond surety should be assigned to Kimeplex Park, the new franchise should be granted, the service connection and capacity fee should be approved, and the requested rates should be approved.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That \$25,000 of CWSNC's unassigned surety bond is assigned to Kimeplex Park, in Carteret County, North Carolina. The remaining unassigned bond surety shall be \$140,000;
2. That CWSNC is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide sewer utility service to Kimeplex Park in Carteret County, North Carolina;
3. That Appendix A, attached hereto, constitutes the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity;
4. That CWSNC's current sewer service rates (as reflected in the Schedule of Rates - Appendix B attached hereto) approved by Order issued May 12, 2023, in Docket No. W-354, Sub 400, are approved for sewer utility service in Kimeplex Park in Carteret County, North Carolina.
5. That the service connection and capacity fee of \$118,920 (includes a distinct plant modification fee/sewer impact fee of \$46.00 per GPD) for sewer utility service is approved for Kimeplex Park;
6. That CWSNC shall follow applicable state and federal laws and Commission guidance with respect to income tax gross-up on contributions in aid of construction per orders issued in Docket No. W-100, Sub 57;
7. That, to the extent not previously filed in the docket, CWSNC shall file, within 14 days of their availability, all completed exhibits to the Agreement with the Developer including, but not limited to deeds, easements, warranties, bills of sale, and written certifications of cost; and
8. That, to the extent not previously filed in the docket, CWSNC shall file, within 14 days of their availability, copies of documents showing that CWSNC has acquired ownership or control of all components of the system and the land on which it is

situated, including, but not limited to, bills of sale, and properly recorded deeds and easements.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the _____ day of April, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 428

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

CAROLINA WATER SERVICE, INC. OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

is granted this

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

to provide sewer utility service

at

KIMEPLEX PARK

Carteret County, North Carolina,

subject to any orders, rules, regulations,
and conditions now or hereafter lawfully made
by the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the _____ day of April, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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DOCKET NO. W-1318, SUB 1

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application by HH Water, LLC, 3104 Blue Lake Drive, Suite 200, Vestivia Hills, Alabama 35243, for Authority to Adjust and Increase Rates for Water Utility Service in High Hampton Service Area in Jackson County, North Carolina)	ORDER SCHEDULING HEARINGS, ESTABLISHING DISCOVERY GUIDELINES, AND REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE

BY THE COMMISSION: On January 26, 2024, HH Water, LLC (Applicant), filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to increase its rates for providing water utility service in the High Hampton service area in Jackson County, North Carolina. The Applicant provides water utility service to 276 customers. On February 2, 2024, Applicant filed an amended application (Application).

On February 19, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Establishing General Rate Case and Suspending Rates, which declared this proceeding to be a general rate case and suspended the proposed new rates for up to 270 days pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 62-137 and 134, respectively.

The present water utility rates have been in effect since September 11, 2017, pursuant to the Commission’s Order in Docket Nos. W-1318, Sub 0, and M-100, Sub 138, which implemented rate changes to reflect changes in the tax laws. The present and proposed rates are as follows:

<u>Monthly Flat Water Rates:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Residential service	\$ 20.94	\$97.86
High Hampton Inn and Country Club	\$1,504.13	\$10,326.05

Note: Facilities owned and operated by High Hampton Inn and Country Club include the hotel, hotel kitchen and dining facilities, rental cottages, recreation facilities, snack areas, daycare facility, retail shops, maintenance areas, and offices.

Reconnection Charge:

If service cut off for good cause: \$14.28 \$14.28

If service discontinued at customer request: \$14.28 \$14.28

Customers who request to be reconnected within nine months of a requested disconnection, will be assessed normal water rates for the period of disconnection.

Tap-on Fees: \$0 \$4,500 per REU

The proposed rates would increase the flat rate water monthly bill for residential water service by \$76.92 per month, or 367.34%. The present flat rate monthly bill for residential water is \$20.94, and would be \$97.86 under the proposed rates. The proposed rates would increase the flat rate water monthly bill for commercial water service by \$8,821.92 per month, or 586.51%. The present flat rate monthly bill for commercial water is \$1,504.13, and would be \$10,326.05 under the proposed rates.

Based upon the foregoing, and the recommendation of the Public Staff, the Commission hereby establishes the procedural schedule set forth below, including filing requirements of Applicant, the Public Staff, and other intervenors, and requires that Applicant provide public notice to all customers affected by the Application, including the applied for rates and the scheduled hearings.

The guidelines regarding discovery in this docket, subject to modification for good cause shown, are as follows:

1. Any deposition which a party desires to take shall be taken before the deadline for filing of the Public Staff and intervenor testimony. Notice of deposition shall be served on all parties at least seven days prior to the taking of the deposition. Notice of deposition and all other discovery notices, requests, and motions shall be served on the appropriate parties by hand delivery or facsimile, or by electronic delivery if the receiving party has agreed to receipt by electronic delivery.

2. Any motion for subpoena of a witness to appear at the expert witness hearing shall be filed with the Commission before the deadline for the filing of the Public Staff and intervenor testimony, shall be served by hand delivery or facsimile to the person sought to be subpoenaed at or before the time of filing with the Commission, and shall make a reasonable showing that the evidence of such person will be material and relevant to an issue in the proceeding. See N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-62. Unless an objection is filed, the Chief Clerk shall issue the requested subpoena 24 hours after such motion is filed.

3. Formal discovery requests related to the Application and Applicant's prefiled direct testimony shall be served on Applicant not later than 14 calendar days prior to the deadline for filing of the Public Staff and intervenor testimony. The party served

shall have up to ten calendar days to file with the Commission objections to discovery requests on an item-by-item basis.

4. Formal discovery requests of the Public Staff or intervenors shall be served not later than two business days after such testimony is filed. The party served shall have up to three business days to file with the Commission objections to the discovery requests on an item-by-item basis, but in no event shall objections be filed later than five business days after that party's testimony is filed.

5. Formal discovery requests related to prefiled rebuttal testimony shall be served on Applicant not later than two business days after such testimony is filed. The party served shall have up to three business days to file with the Commission objections to the discovery requests on an item-by-item basis, but in no event shall objections be filed later than five business days after rebuttal testimony was filed. Discovery related to rebuttal testimony shall be limited to new material introduced in such rebuttal testimony and will be carefully scrutinized upon objection that such discovery should have been sought during the initial period of discovery.

6. Discovery requests need not be filed with the Commission when served; however, any party filing objections shall attach a copy of the relevant discovery request to the objections. Each discovery request, or part thereof, to which no objection is filed shall be answered by the time objections are due, subject to other agreement of the affected parties or other order of the Commission. Upon the filing of objections, the party seeking discovery shall have two calendar days to file a motion to compel with the Commission, and the party objecting to discovery shall have one calendar day thereafter to file a response. All objections, motions to compel, and responses shall be served on the other affected party at or before the time of filing with the Commission.

7. A party shall not be granted an extension of time to pursue discovery because of that party's late intervention or other delay in initiating discovery.

The Commission recognizes that in the past most discoveries have been conducted in an informal manner without the need for Commission involvement or enforcement, and that such has been generally successful. The above guidelines are without prejudice to the parties conducting informal discovery or exchanging information by agreement at any time with the understanding that such will not be enforceable by the Commission if outside the guidelines.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That a hearing for the purpose of receiving public witness testimony on the Application shall be, and is hereby, scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. on _____, _____, in the Jackson County Court House, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, NC 28779; *the Commission may cancel the public witness hearing if no significant protests are received through the submission of consumer statements on or before _____, _____;*

2. That the public witness hearing will be conducted solely for the purpose of receiving the testimony of customers in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g). The Commission reserves the right to limit testimony at the public witness hearing pursuant to Commission Rule R1-21(g)(5);

3. That Applicant is required to file a verified report addressing all customer service and service quality complaints expressed during the customer hearing held on _____, _____, 2024, within 15 days of the conclusion of the customer hearing. The Public Staff shall, and other intervenors may file a verified response and any comments to Applicant's report on or before _____, _____;

4. That a hearing for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony on the Application is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. on _____, _____, and continuing as necessary until conclusion. The hearing will be held in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603;

5. That the parties shall comply with the discovery guidelines established herein and shall work in a cooperative manner as to discovery;

6. That petitions to intervene in this proceeding shall be filed pursuant to Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 not later than _____, _____;

7. That Applicant's prefiled direct testimony and exhibits shall be filed on or before _____, _____;

8. That the Public Staff and other intervenors prefiled direct testimony and exhibits of shall be filed on or before _____, _____;

9. That Applicant's prefiled rebuttal testimony and exhibits, if any, shall be filed on or before _____, _____;

10. That an officer or representative from Applicant is required to appear before the Commission at the time and place of the expert witness hearings to testify concerning any of the information contained in the Application;

11. That any parties filing supporting exhibits in PDF format shall provide the Commission Staff electronic versions of the exhibits filed in native Excel format via email at NCUCexhibits@ncuc.net, including all of the supporting tabs and formulas, within three days of the filing of such exhibits (or within three days of the issuance of this order if already filed with the Commission); and that any parties filing exhibits and workpapers that include tables of numbers and calculations shall provide the Public Staff and any other party upon request an electronic version of all such exhibits and workpapers, with formulas intact;

12. That Applicant shall consult with all other parties and file, no later than _____, _____, a list of witnesses to be called at the expert witness

hearing, the order of witnesses, and each party's estimated time for cross-examination. If the parties cannot agree, the remaining parties shall, no later than noon on _____, _____, make a filing indicating their points of disagreement with Applicant's filing; and

13. That Applicant shall consult with the Public Staff to develop a Notice to Customers to be delivered to all affected customers and shall file the proposed Notice to Customers for approval by the Commission no later than four business days after the date of this Order.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of _____, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1318, SUB 1

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that HH Water, LLC (Applicant or HH Water), 3104 Blue Lake Drive, Suite 200, Vestivia Hills, Alabama 35243 filed for Authority to Increase Water Utility Service Rates in the High Hampton service area in Jackson County, North Carolina.

EFFECT OF RATES:

The present water rates for HH Water were approved in Docket No. W-1318, Sub 0, and M-100, Sub 138, and have been in effect since September 11, 2017. The present and proposed rates are as follows:

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PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The Commission has scheduled the following hearings on the Application:

Customer hearing beginning at [Time] on [Day of the Week], [Date], to be held at the Jackson County Courthouse, Courtroom [Courtroom number], 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, NC 28779; *the Commission may cancel the public witness hearing if no significant protests are received through the submission of consumer statements (as discussed below) on or before [Day of the Week], [Date]. **Customers will not receive written notice if the public witness hearing is cancelled based on the lack of significant protest. Therefore, before attending the public hearing, please check the list of Upcoming Events on the Commission's homepage at www.ncuc.gov to determine whether the public hearing has been cancelled. Also, any order cancelling the public hearing and other information regarding this proceeding can be accessed using the Docket Search function on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov under Docket Numbers "W-1318 Sub 1" or using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/HHWATERDocket>***

The customer hearing on [Day of the Week], [Date]. will be solely for the purpose of receiving the testimony of customers in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g). The Commission reserves the right to limit testimony at the customer hearing.

Expert witness hearing beginning at [Time] on [Day of Week], [Date], and continuing as necessary until its conclusion. The hearing will be held in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The hearing scheduled for [Day of the Week], [Date], shall be conducted solely for the purpose of receiving testimony of Fairfield Water, the Public Staff, and any other parties of record.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Consumer statements to the Public Staff should include the customer's name, contact information, and any information that the writer wishes to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter, and such statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. Consumer statements may also be faxed to (919) 715-6704.

Consumer statements may be submitted to the Commission via the web form at <https://www.ncuc.net/contactus.html>. *Consumer statements are not evidence unless those persons appear at a customer hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their consumer statements.*

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent the consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be

addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Utilities Section, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001. Written statements may also be e-mailed to utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov.

Persons desiring to intervene in this proceeding as formal parties of record should file a petition to intervene pursuant to Commission Rules R1-5, R1-7, and R1-19, on or before [Day of Week], [Date]. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witness to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before [Date]. Information regarding this proceeding can also be accessed from the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net under Docket Number "W-1318 Sub 1."

This the ____ day of _____, 2024.

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-1318 Sub 1, and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the ____ day of _____, 2024.

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-1318, Sub 1.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the ____ day of _____, 2024.

Notary Public

Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: _____
Date

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