



**NORTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC STAFF
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

February 2, 2022

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

Re: Docket No. W-1250 Sub 8, Application by Saxapahaw Utility Company, Post Office Box 128, Saxapahaw, North Carolina 27340, for Authority to Increase Rates for Water Utility Service in the Village of Saxapahaw in Alamance County, North Carolina

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Attached for filing in the above-referenced matter are a Motion to Cancel Public Witness Hearing and Proposed Order Cancelling Public Witness Hearing.

By copy of this letter, I am forwarding a copy to all parties of record by electronic delivery.

Sincerely,

Electronically submitted
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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1250, SUB 8

Application by Saxapahaw Utility Company,)	
Post Office Box 128, Saxapahaw, North)	MOTION TO CANCEL
Carolina 27340, for Authority to Increase Its)	PUBLIC WITNESS
Rates and Charges for Water Utility Service in)	HEARING
the Village of Saxapahaw in Alamance County,)	
North Carolina)	

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission, by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and moves that the public witness hearing previously scheduled in this matter be canceled and in support thereof, states:

1. Saxapahaw Utility Company (Saxapahaw) filed an application with the Commission on October 18, 2021 seeking authority to increase its rates and charges for water utility service in the Village of Saxapahaw in Alamance County, North Carolina.
2. The Commission issued an Order on November 15, 2021 declaring a general rate case pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-137 and suspending the proposed rates for 270 days pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-134.
3. Another Order was issued by the Commission on December 22, 2021 scheduling a public witness hearing on the proposed rate increase for February 15, 2022. This Order also required Saxapahaw to provide notice of the proposed rate increase to customers no later than 20 days after the Order was issued. Saxapahaw was also directed to file with the Commission a Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, that notice of the proposed rate increase was provided to customers within 45 days of the Order. The Order also states that if significant protests were

not received on or before February 1, 2022, the public witness hearing may be cancelled.

4. On January 27, 2022, the Public Staff filed the Certificate of Service with the Commission on behalf of Saxapahaw. The Public Staff explained that it filed the Certificate of Service because Saxapahaw included the Certificate of Service in a data request response. The Certificate of Service was properly signed and notarized.
5. No customer protests have been received by the Public Staff and Saxapahaw properly provided notice to its customers.
6. The Public Staff is authorized to represent that Saxapahaw does not object to cancelling the public witness hearing.
7. A proposed order cancelling the public witness hearing and directing Saxapahaw to notify its customer of the cancellation is attached.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff prays:

1. That the public witness hearing scheduled for February 15, 2022 in Alamance County be cancelled;
2. That Saxapahaw be directed to notify its customers that the public witness hearing has been cancelled; and
3. For such other and further relief the Commission deems just and proper under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted, this the 2nd day of February, 2022.

PUBLIC STAFF
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Executive Director

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing upon each of the parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record by emailing them an electronic copy or by causing a paper copy of the same to be hand-delivered or deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to each.

This the 2nd day of February, 2022.

Electronically submitted

/s/John D. Little

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DOCKET NO. W-1250, SUB 8

Application by Saxapahaw Utility Company,)	
Post Office Box 128, Saxapahaw, North)	PROPOSED ORDER
Carolina 27340, for Authority to Increase Its)	CANCELING HEARING
Rates and Charges for Water Utility Service in)	AND REQUIRING
the Village of Saxapahaw in Alamance County,)	CUSTOMER NOTICE
North Carolina)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On October 18, 2021, Saxapahaw Utility Company (Saxapahaw) filed an Application to increase its rates and charges. An Order was issued by the Commission on November 15, 2021 declaring this proceeding a general rate case and suspending the proposed rates for up to 270 days. On December 22, 2021, the Commission entered an Order scheduling a public witness hearing for February 15, 2022. This Order also directed Saxapahaw to provide notice of the proposed rate increase and public witness hearing to customers no later than 20 days from the issuance of the December 22, 2021 Order and provide proof within 45 days from the issuance of the December 22, 2021 Order that notice was provided to customers. This hearing was subject to cancellation if no significant protests were received by February 1, 2022.

On January 22, 2022, the Public Staff filed the Certificate of Service on behalf of Saxapahaw showing that notice to customers of the proposed rate increase had been provided in accordance with the December 22, 2021 Order. The Public Staff explained that Saxapahaw mistakenly provided the Certificate of Service in data request responses. The Certificate of Service was properly signed and notarized.

The Public Staff filed a Motion to Cancel Public Witness Hearing on February 3, 2022. This Motion states the Certificate of Service attesting all customers received notice

of the rate increase and the public witness hearing was filed on January 27, 2022 and that no customer complaints were received. The Public Staff also represents in the Motion that Saxapahaw does not object to cancelling the public witness hearing.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission is of the opinion the hearing scheduled for February 15, 2022 should be canceled and notice to customers of the cancellation should be required.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED as follows:

1. That the public witness hearing previously scheduled for February 15, 2022 is cancelled.
2. That a copy of this Order be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by Saxapahaw Utility Company to all customers in the above-captioned service area no later than February 8, 2022, and that that Saxapahaw Utility Company submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service properly signed and notarized no later than February 15, 2022.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

This the ___ day of _____, 2022.

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 Order issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-1250, Sub 8, and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the ____ day of _____ 2022.

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-1250, Sub 8.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the ____ day of _____, 2022.

Notary Public

Address

My Commission Expires: _____
Date