



**NORTH CAROLINA  
PUBLIC STAFF  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

September 27, 2023

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

Re: Docket No. W-1263, Sub 4 – General Rate Increase Application

Dear Ms. Dunston:

The Public Staff has reviewed the Application for Authority to Adjust and Increase Rates for Water and Wastewater Utility Service filed by JPC Utilities, LLC on September 6, 2023, and recommends that the Commission approve the Public Staff's Proposed Order Establishing a General Rate Case and Suspending Rates. Due to the time sensitive nature of this Application, the Public Staff requests that the Commission issue an order as soon as possible in lieu of the Public Staff presenting the recommendation for approval at the next regular Staff Conference.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to all parties of record.

Sincerely,

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

DOCKET NO. W-1263, SUB 4

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application by JPC Utilities, LLC, Post	)
Office Box 345, Oak Ridge, North Carolina	)
27310, for Authority to Adjust and Increase	)
Rates for Water and Wastewater Utility	)
Service in its Service Areas in Guilford	)
County, North Carolina	)
	ORDER ESTABLISHING
	GENERAL RATE CASE AND
	SUSPENDING RATES

BY THE COMMISSION: On September 6, 2023, JPC Utilities, LLC (Applicant) filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to increase its rates for providing water and wastewater utility service in its service areas in Guilford County, North Carolina. The Applicant provides water utility service to approximately 68 metered customers and wastewater utility service to approximately 57 metered customers. This is the first time the Applicant has come before the Commission requesting an adjustment and increase in its rates.

The Applicant was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity by Commission Order issued on May 30, 2008, in Docket No. W-1263, Sub 0. The present water and wastewater utility rates have been in effect since February 13, 2015, pursuant to the Commission's Order in Docket Nos. W-1263, Sub 1, and M-100, Sub 138, which implemented rate changes to reflect changes in the tax laws.

The Commission finds that the application constitutes a general rate case and concludes that the proposed new rates should be suspended pending investigation.

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. Gen. Stat. § 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk