



**NORTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC STAFF
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

February 9, 2024

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

Re: Docket No. W-1343 Sub 1 – Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of Rates (Application) to provide sewer utility service to the Southern Shores Landing/Ginguite Mixed Use Subdivision in Dare County, North Carolina

Dear Ms. Dunston:

On January 10, 2024, GWWTP, LLC. (GWWTP) filed with the Commission an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of Rates (Application) to provide sewer utility service to the Southern Shores Landing/Ginguite Mixed Use Subdivision Dare County, North Carolina in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.

On January 26, 2024, the Public Staff filed a letter with the Commission indicating that this docket now includes all the information required for a complete application and that the Application is complete as of January 10, 2024.

On February 2, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Finding Application Complete and Requiring Public Staff to Provide Specific Application Data (Order). The Order required the Public Staff to provide the Commission, within five business days, certain application data as provided in the following five enumerated paragraphs.. In response thereto, the Public Staff provides as follows:

1. The number and type of customers to be served by GWWTP;

Southern Shores Landing has 38 residential customers. The Ginguite Mixed-Use area is in development and currently has no customers.

Executive Director
(919) 733-2435

Accounting
(919) 733-4279

Consumer Services
(919) 733-9277

Economic Research
(919) 733-2267

Energy
(919) 733-2267

Legal
(919) 733-6110

Transportation
(919) 733-7766

Water/Telephone
(919) 733-5610

2. The rates currently being charged to customers, including the docket number, if applicable, in which the current rates were approved by the Commission and the effective date(s) for the current rate;

Current Interim Rates: \$180 per SFE (SFE = 360 GPD) in EO Docket No. W-1139, Sub 4, effective January 12, 2024.

Previous Non-Interim Rates: \$55 per SFE (SFE = 360 GPD) in original CPCN Docket No. W-1139, Sub 0, effective August 13, 2003.

3. The proposed rates GWWTP seeks to charge if the Commission approves the issuance of a CPCN to GWWTP for the provision of sewer utility service to the Ginguite Woods subdivision;

GWWTP proposes to charge \$172.82 per REU (REU = 225 GPD)

4. If an increase in rates is proposed, provide the impact on the average monthly residential sewer bill under the proposed rates compared to current rates. For metered rates, indicate the average monthly usage used in your calculations; and

A decrease from the currently approved interim rate is proposed. The proposed rates would result in a monthly decrease of \$7.18 per REU from the interim rates, or a 4% decrease.

5. Briefly summarize any pertinent points from the application such as a description of any planned capital improvements, the related dollar amounts, the estimated total impact on annual revenue requirement, and the estimated impact on the average monthly residential sewer bill.

Planned capital improvements:

1. \$500,000 for back-end replacement of sewer plant
2. \$100,000 of additions and upgrades to be done after back-end replacement is completed due to age of the sewer plant

Estimated total impact on annual revenue: \$72,846

Estimated impact on the average monthly residential sewer bill: \$159.75 increase

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Electronically submitted
/s/ Davia Newell
Staff Attorney
Davia.Newell@psncuc.nc.gov