

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1344, SUB 1

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of HISCO I, LLC, for)	ORDER FINDING CPCN
Certificate of Public Convenience and)	APPLICATION COMPLETE AND
Necessity for the Wastewater System)	REQUIRING THE PUBLIC STAFF
Serving Various Areas of Harkers Island)	TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC
in Carteret County, North Carolina, and)	APPLICATION DATA
for Approval of Rates)	

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On February 29, 2024, in Docket Nos. W-1297, Sub 17 and W-1344, Sub 1, HISCO I, LLC (HISCO I) filed an Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Wastewater System Serving Various Areas of Harkers Island in Carteret County, North Carolina, and for Approval of Rates (CPCN Application). HISCO East, LLC and HISCO I, LLC also filed a joint Application for Transfer of Public Utility Franchise and for Approval of Rates (Transfer Application) for the wastewater system in the same dockets.

On March 7, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Notice, which required the Public Staff to file and serve upon the Hisco I a notice regarding whether the CPCN Application is considered complete, and if incomplete, identifying any deficiencies in the CPCN Application.¹

On March 19, 2024, the Public Staff filed a Motion to Establish Docket Sub 0 for the Transfer Application and Docket Sub 1 for the CPCN Application. In the Motion, the Public Staff sought to have separate dockets established for the two applications: Docket No. W-1344, Sub 1 is designated as the docket for the CPCN Application, and Docket Nos. W-1344, Sub 0 and W-1297, Sub 17 established as the dockets for the Transfer Application.

Also on March 19, 2024, the Public Staff filed a letter outlining the deficiencies in the Application and indicating that the Public Staff considers the Application incomplete.

On March 20, 2024, HISCO I filed an amended Application.

On March 22, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Establishing Dockets, which established that Docket No. W-1344 Sub 1 shall remain the docket for the CPCN

¹ Because the Transfer Application was also filed in the same dockets as the CPCN Application, the Commission also directed the Public Staff to review the Transfer Application and provide its recommendation concerning the Transfer Application to the Commission.

Application, and directed that Docket No. W-1344, Sub 0 as the purchaser's docket for the Transfer Application, assigned Docket No. W-1247, Sub 17 as the companion seller's docket to Docket No. W-1344, Sub 0. The Commission ordered that all future filings related to the CPCN Application shall be filed in Docket No. W-1344, Sub 1.

On March 22, 2024, the Public Staff filed a letter with the Commission indicating that as of March 21, 2024, the CPCN Application includes all information required for a complete Application.

Based on the foregoing, the recommendation of the Public Staff regarding the CPCN Application, and the entire record in this proceeding, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to determine that the CPCN Application in this matter is complete, and that the Public Staff shall provide to the Commission, within five business days of the date of this Order, the following information regarding the CPCN Application:

1. The number and type of customers to be served by HISCO I;
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 for the current rates;
3. The proposed rates and fees HISCO I seeks to charge if the Commission approves the issuance of a CPCN to HISCO I for the provision of wastewater utility service to the various areas of Harkers Island in Carteret County, North Carolina;
4. If an increase in rates is proposed, provide the impact on the average monthly sewer bill under the proposed rates compared to current rates. For metered rates, indicate the average monthly usage used in your calculations; and
5. Briefly summarize any pertinent points from the CPCN 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 sewer bill.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 28th day of March, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk