

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**STAFF CONFERENCE AGENDA
June 7, 2021**

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TO: Agenda – Commission Conference – June 7, 2021

FROM: PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission

C. COMMUNICATIONS

P1. FILING OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENTS BY FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CAROLINAS

EXPLANATION: The following interconnection agreement and amendments were filed for Commission approval between March 17, 2021, and March 18, 2021:

Frontier Communications of the Carolinas LLC

Docket No. P-1488, Sub 46 – Agreement with Onvoy, LLC, filed on March 17, 2021.

Docket No. P-1488, Sub 47 – Amendment filed on March 17, 2021, to an existing interconnection agreement with Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3), originally approved in Docket No. P-19, Sub 399, on April 25, 2001. The amendment adds terms, conditions, and requirements regarding the provision of local number portability to Interconnected VoIP Providers in accordance with the Local Number Portability Obligations mandated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in FCC 15-70, released June 22, 2015.

Docket No. P-1488, Sub 48 – Amendment filed on March 18, 2021, to an existing interconnection agreement with Bandwidth.com CLEC, LLC, originally approved in Docket No. P-19, Sub 521, on May 15, 2008. The amendment adds terms and conditions required to implement the new caller ID authentication standards mandated by the FCC in its Proposed Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in FCC 12-42, in WC Docket Nos. 17-97 and 20-67, released March 31, 2020 (known as the FCC STIR/SHAKEN Order)

These filings were made in compliance with Commission Rule R17-4(d) and Sections 252(e) and 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Act provides for the filing of such agreements and amendments with the state commission and approval or rejection by the state commission within 90 days after filing. On June 18, 1996, the Commission issued an Order in Docket No. P-100, Sub 133, allowing interim operation under negotiated agreements filed as public records prior to Commission approval of the agreements.

The Public Staff has reviewed the filings and recommends Commission approval.

RECOMMENDATION: (Proffitt/Coxton) That orders be issued approving the agreement and amendments effective on the date they were filed. The Public Staff has provided proposed orders to the Commission Staff.

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D. ELECTRIC

P1. APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT SOLAR FACILITY

EXPLANATION: The following application is for an amended certificate of public convenience and necessity for construction of a solar photovoltaic (PV) electric generating facility, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-64.

Duke Energy Carolinas:

- Docket No. SP-8761, Sub 0 – Application of West River Solar, LLC, for an amended certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 40-MW solar PV generating facility in Guilford County, North Carolina. An amendment is requested because (i) land has been added to the facility, (ii) the size of the project has been reduced from 50-MW to 40-MW, and (iii) control of the project changed on December 29, 2020.

The Public Staff has reviewed the application and determined that it complies with the requirements of N.C.G.S. § 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-64.

The original CPCN was issued on February 28, 2017, and expires five years thereafter if construction has not begun unless it is revoked, pursuant to Commission Rule R8-64(d)(1), or renewed, pursuant to Commission Rule R8-64(d)(2). The requested amendment will not extend, or otherwise alter, the term of the CPCN.

RECOMMENDATION: (Saillor) That the Commission issue an order approving the application and issuing the requested amended certificate for the facility. A proposed order has been provided to the Commission Staff.

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E. WATER

P1. DOCKET NO. W-4, SUB 22 – JOYCETON WATER WORKS, INC. – REQUEST FOR TARIFF REVISION

EXPLANATION: On April 26, 2021, Joyceton Water Works, Inc. (Applicant), filed a letter with the Commission seeking authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to its customers in Caldwell County, North Carolina, the increased cost of purchasing water from the City of Lenoir (City). On May 21, 2021, the Applicant filed a verified petition with the Commission, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11. The City bills its customers in arrears, and its new rates are effective July 1, 2021. The Applicant serves approximately 110 customers.

The Public Staff has reviewed the Applicant’s request and recommends approval of the following rates:

Monthly Metered Rates:	<u>Existing Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
First 3,000 gallons	\$10.51, minimum	\$10.63, minimum
Next 22,000 gallons	\$ 2.74/1,000 gallons	\$ 2.78/1,000 gallons
Next 475,000 gallons	\$ 2.55/1,000 gallons	\$ 2.59/1,000 gallons
Over 500,000 gallons	\$ 2.17/1,000 gallons	\$ 2.21/1,000 gallons

The new rates will increase the average residential monthly bill from \$11.88 to \$12.02, based on an average usage of 3,500 gallons.

EXHIBIT: A proposed order is attached as [Exhibit No. P-1](#).

RECOMMENDATION: (Darden/Morgan/Coxton) That an order be issued approving the tariff revision and requiring customer notice.

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DOCKET NO. W-4, SUB 22

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
Application by Joyceton Water Works, Inc., Post)	ORDER APPROVING
Office Box 347, Lenoir, North Carolina 28645, for)	TARIFF REVISION AND
Authority to Amend Its Tariff to Increase Rates for)	REQUIRING CUSTOMER
Providing Water Utility Service in Its Service Area in)	NOTICE
Caldwell County, North Carolina)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On April 26, 2021, Joyceton Water Works, Inc. (Applicant), filed a letter with the Commission seeking authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to its customers in Caldwell County, North Carolina, the increased cost of purchasing water from the City of Lenoir (City). On May 21, 2021, the Applicant filed a verified petition, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11, with the Commission. The City bills its customers in arrears and its new rates are effective July 1, 2021. The Applicant serves approximately 110 customers.

The Public Staff has reviewed the Applicant’s request and recommended that the Applicant be allowed to increase its minimum rate for the first 3,000 gallons by \$0.12 and its usage rates by \$0.04 per 1,000 gallons.

The new rates will increase the average residential monthly bill from \$11.88 to \$12.02, based on an average usage of 3,500 gallons.

The tariff revision will allow the Applicant to recover additional revenues that do not exceed the additional expenses.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission is of the opinion that the Applicant should be allowed to increase its minimum rate for the first 3,000 gallons by \$0.12 and its usage rates by \$0.04 per 1,000 gallons.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Joyceton Water Works, Inc., is authorized to increase its minimum rate for the first 3,000 gallons by \$0.12 and its usage rates by \$0.04 per 1,000 gallons;

2. That the Schedule of Rates, attached as Appendix A, is approved and deemed to be filed with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-138. That the Schedule of Rates shall become effective for bills rendered on and after July 1, 2021; and

3. That a copy of the Notice to Customers, attached as Appendix B, shall be included in the next billing to all customers affected by the tariff revision.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the _____ day of _____, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk

SCHEDULE OF RATES

for

JOYCETON WATER WORKS, INC.

for providing water utility service in

ITS SERVICE AREA

in Caldwell County, North Carolina

Metered Rates: (Residential and Nonresidential Service)

First 3,000 gallons	\$10.63, minimum
Next 22,000 gallons	\$ 2.78/1,000 gallons
Next 475,000 gallons	\$ 2.59/1,000 gallons
Over 500,000 gallons	\$ 2.21/1,000 gallons

Monthly Flat Rate: (Industrial Fire Protection)

First 100 sprinkler heads	\$0.50 each
Next 200 sprinkler heads	\$0.40 each
Next 300 sprinkler heads	\$0.35 each
Next 400 sprinkler heads	\$0.30 each
Next 1,000 sprinkler heads	\$0.20 each

Tap on Fee: (Connection Charge)

For 3/4" x 5/8"	\$350.00
Larger taps	Actual cost of construction

Reconnection Charge:

If water service cut off by utility for good cause	\$4.00
If water service discontinued at customer's request	\$2.00

Bills Due: On billing date

Bills Past Due: 15 days after billing date

Billing Frequency: Shall be monthly for service in arrears

Finance Charges for Late Payment: 1% per month will be applied to unpaid balance of all bills still past due 25 days after billing date.

Issued in Accordance with Authority Granted by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-4, Sub 22, on this ____ day of _____, 2021.

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**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. W-4, SUB 22
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has granted Joyceton Water Works, Inc. authority to increase its rates for water utility service provided in all of its service areas in Caldwell County, North Carolina, for the purpose of passing along the increased cost of purchasing water utility service from the City of Lenoir. The Commission has approved the following new rates effective for service provided on and after the date of this notice:

Metered Rates: (Residential and Nonresidential Service)

First 3,000 gallons	\$10.63, minimum
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The average monthly residential water bill will be \$12.02, based on an average usage of 3,500 gallons.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ___ day of _____, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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