

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 384

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc. of)
North Carolina, 4944 Parkway Plaza) ORDER ESTABLISHING
Boulevard, Suite 375, Charlotte, North) GENERAL RATE CASE AND
Carolina 28217 for Authority to Adjust and) SUSPENDING RATES
Increase Rates for Water and Sewer Utility)
Service in All Service Areas in North Carolina)

BY THE COMMISSION: On July 2, 2021, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC) filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to increase its rates for providing water and sewer utility service in all of its service areas in North Carolina. CWSNC serves approximately 34,229 water customers and 20,995 sewer customers in 38 counties throughout the State of North Carolina.

CWSNC's uniform water and sewer rates, and Bradfield Farms/Fairfield Harbour/Treasure Cove water and sewer rates have been in effect since March 31, 2020, pursuant to the Commission's Order in Docket No. W-354, Sub 364.

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

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

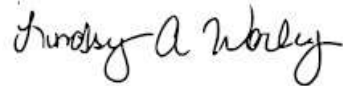
1. That this proceeding is declared a general rate case pursuant to N.C. Gen Stat. § 62-137;
2. That the proposed new rates are hereby suspended for up to 270 days pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-134;
3. That the test year period is established as the 12-month period ending March 31, 2021; and

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 26th day of July, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Lindsey A. Worley, Acting Deputy Clerk

Commissioner Jeffrey A. Hughes did not participate in this decision.