

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1333, SUB 5

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application by Currituck Water and Sewer, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Water and Sewer Utility Service in Currituck County, North Carolina, and for Approval of Rates))))))	ORDER RESCHEDULING PUBLIC WITNESS HEARING AND REVISING DATES FOR REPORTS AND CUSTOMER NOTICE
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BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On August 16, 2023, Currituck Water and Sewer, LLC (Currituck) filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of Rates (Application) to provide water and sewer utility service to Carolina Village subdivision in Currituck County, North Carolina in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110. Currituck filed amendments to its Application on September 20, 2023, and November 14, 2023.

On February 14, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearings, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Customer Notice (Scheduling Order), which among other things, set this matter for a public witness hearing on May 20, 2024. The Scheduling Order also directs Currituck and the Public Staff to develop a Notice to Customers to be delivered to all affected customers and file the proposed Notice for approval by the Commission no later than five business days after the date of the Scheduling Order.

On February 16, 2024, Currituck filed a motion to reschedule the May 20, 2024 public witness hearing. In support of the motion, Currituck states that counsel for Currituck has a long-standing commitment to be out of the country on the date of the hearing. Currituck requested that the public witness hearing be rescheduled to June 3, 2024, or later. After filing the motion, Currituck inquired about whether the public witness hearing could be held earlier than May 20, 2024.

On February 19, 2024, the Public Staff filed a response to Currituck's motion. The Public Staff states that the deadline by which the Public Staff's prefiled direct testimony and exhibits must be filed is May 29, 2024. The Public Staff asserts that if the public witness hearing is rescheduled to a date that falls after this filing deadline, the Public Staff will lack the context necessary to fully evaluate Currituck's ability to own and operate the system in a manner that is consistent with the public interest.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to cancel the public witness hearing scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2024, and to reschedule said hearing for Thursday, May 9, 2024.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the public witness hearing previously scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2024, shall be, and is hereby, canceled;

2. That a public witness hearing shall be, and is hereby, scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2024, in the Currituck County Courthouse, 2801 Caratoke Highway, Courtroom A, Currituck, North Carolina 27929. *That the Commission may cancel the public witness hearing if no significant protests are received on or before Thursday, May 2, 2024;*

3. That Currituck is required to file a verified report addressing all customer service and service quality complaints expressed during the customer hearing held on Thursday, May 9, 2024, within 15 days of the conclusion of the customer hearing. The Public Staff shall, and other intervenors may, file a verified response and any comments to Currituck's report on or before Friday, June 7, 2024; and

4. That Currituck shall consult with the Public Staff to develop a Notice to Customers to be delivered to all affected customers and shall file the proposed Notice to Customers for approval by the Commission no later than five business days after the date of this Order.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 29th day of February, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Shonta Dunston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk