

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-390, SUB 13

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Request by Public Staff for Appointment)
of Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North)
Carolina as Emergency Operator of the)
Riverbend Estates Water System in)
Macon County, North Carolina)
	ORDER SCHEDULING
	RECONVENED SHOW
	CAUSE HEARING

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On May 9, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Show Cause Hearing in the above captioned matter. In the Show Cause Order the Commission ordered the following:

1. That a Show Cause Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Macon County Courthouse, 5 West Main Street, Franklin, North Carolina.
2. That REWS and Ronald L. Hardegree shall appear before the Commission on that date and at that time to provide evidence to rebut the prima facie conclusion reached by the Commission that, for all intents and purposes, REWS and/or Ronald L Hardegree abandoned its/his obligation to furnish water utility service to its customers without first securing the consent of the Commission as required by G.S. 62-118, that REWS has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of Commission Rule R7-3, and that these actions violate certain provisions of the Public Utilities Act, the Commission's rules, regulations and orders and the explicit and implicit terms and conditions included in the certificate of public convenience and necessity which the Commission awarded to REWS and/or Ronald L. Hardegree.
3. That REWS and Ronald L. Hardegree shall appear before the Commission on that date and at that time to show cause why it/he should not be subject to the sanctions provided by statute G.S. 62-310 *et al*, including monetary penalties for abandoning its/his obligation to provide water utility service in REWS' franchised territory without first securing the Commission's consent as required by G.S. 62-118 and/or for failing to comply with the terms and conditions of Commission Rule R7-3.

On the date and at the time set forth above, the Commission convened the show cause hearing and evidence was presented by the Public Staff. However, during the presentation of the Public Staff's evidence an electrical outage occurred which required that the hearing be recessed and reconvened at a later date.

After consultation with the parties, the Presiding Commissioner hereby finds and concludes that good cause exists to reconvene the show cause hearing in this matter.

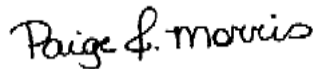
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the reconvened hearing for this matter shall be and is hereby scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Macon County Courthouse, 5 West Main Street, Franklin, North Carolina.
2. That the Public Staff, Riverbend Estates Water System (REWS) and Ronald L. Hardegree shall appear before the Commission on that date and at that time to provide evidence in this matter.
3. That the Chief Clerk shall serve a copy of this Order on Ronald Hardegree, REWS and Carolina Water Services, Inc. of North Carolina (CWS), the Emergency Operator by means of United States Mail, certified receipt requested.
4. That a copy of this Order Scheduling Reconvened Show Cause Hearing be mailed by first class mail with sufficient postage by CWS to all customers of REWS no later than 15 days after the date of this Order; and that CWS submit to the Commission a Certificate of Service properly signed and notarized not later than 21 days after the date of this Order.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 24th day of August, 2017.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paige J. Morris".

Paige J. Morris, Deputy Clerk