

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 573

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc.,)	
202 MacKenan Court, Cary, North Carolina)	ORDER ESTABLISHING
27511, for Authority to Adjust and Increase)	GENERAL RATE CASE
Rates for Water and Sewer Utility Service in)	AND SUSPENDING RATES
All Its Service Areas in North Carolina and for)	
Approval of a Water and Sewer Investment)	
Plan)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On June 30, 2022, in Docket No. W-218, Sub 573, Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua) filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to adjust and increase its rates for providing water and sewer utility service in all of its service areas in North Carolina and for approval to establish and implement a Water and Sewer Investment Plan (WSIP) pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.1B and Commission Rule R1-17A. Aqua proposes new rates for a base year and the three rate years included in its WSIP. Aqua serves approximately 84,000 water customers and 21,000 sewer customers in 51 counties throughout the State of North Carolina.

Aqua's uniform water and sewer rates, Brookwood water rates, and Fairways water and sewer rates have been in effect since October 26, 2020, pursuant to the Commission's Order in Docket No. W-218, Sub 526.

The Commission finds that the application constitutes a general rate case and concludes 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.G.S. § 62-137;
2. That the proposed new rates are 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 December 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, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joann R. Snyder". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joann" being more prominent.

Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk