

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1343, SUB 1

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application by GWWTP, LLC for a	)	
Certificate of Public Convenience and	)	
Necessity to Provide Wastewater Utility	)	ORDER APPROVING
Service to Ginguite Woods Subdivision	)	CUSTOMER NOTICE
in Dare County, North Carolina and for	)	
Approval of Rates	)	

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On January 11, 2024, GWWTP, LLC (GWWTP) filed with the Commission an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) and for Approval of Rates (Application) seeking to provide wastewater utility service to the Southern Shores Landing/Ginguite Mixed Use Subdivision (Ginguite Woods) in Dare County, North Carolina.

On February 21, 2024, GWWTP filed a proposed Notice to Customers that was agreed upon by GWWTP and the Public Staff.

The Presiding Commissioner has reviewed the proposed Notice to Customers and finds good cause to approve issuance of the notice in the form attached hereto as Appendix A and requires service by mail or hand delivery on each of GWWTP's customers within 3 days of the date of this Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 23rd day of February, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk

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**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS**

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**BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given that GWWTP, LLC (GWWTP), Post Office Box 90, Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, 27948, filed an Application with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of Rates (Application) seeking authority to provide wastewater utility service to the Ginguite Woods Subdivision in Dare County, North Carolina, and approval of rates.

By Commission order issued on January 12, 2024, GWWTP was appointed as the emergency operator of the Ginguite Woods wastewater utility system effective January 1, 2024. As the emergency operator, GWWTP currently serves 38 residential customers in the Ginguite Woods subdivision. The Ginguite mixed-use area is in development and currently has no customers. The current interim rates for GWWTP were approved in Docket No. W-1139, Sub 4, effective January 12, 2024.

To date GWWTP has made approximately \$440,000 of capital upgrades and upon acquisition, plans to make an additional \$600,000 in capital improvements, including \$500,000 for back-end replacement of the sewer plant and \$100,000 in additions and updates to be done after back-end replacement is complete due to the age of the sewer plant. According to GWWTP, these improvements, as well as others, are necessary to ensure proper operation of the Ginguite Woods wastewater system and to provide safe and reliable service to customers. Such investments in the Ginguite Woods system will eventually result in a rate increase, which will be subject to Commission review and approval in a future rate case.

**EFFECT OF RATES:**

Upon acquisition of the Ginguite Woods system, GWWTP proposes to charge \$172.82 per SFE (SFE = 225 GPD). Based on a decrease from the currently approved interim rate, the proposed rate would result in a monthly decrease of \$7.18 per REU from the interim rates, or a 4% decrease.

The present and proposed rates are as follows:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<u>Monthly Sewer Utility Service:</u>		
Residential Flat Rate	\$180.00 per SFE	\$172.82 per SFE
<u>Connection Charge:</u>		\$3,500 per SFE
<u>Reconnection Charge:</u>		
If sewer utility service is cut off by utility:		\$15.00

## PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The Commission has scheduled the following hearings on the Application:

*Public witness hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2024, to be held in the Dare County Courthouse, 962 Marshall C Collins Drive, Courtroom B, Manteo, North Carolina, 27954. This hearing may be cancelled if no significant protests are received through the submission of consumer statements on or before Friday, March 8, 2024.*

The public witness hearing on Monday, March 18, 2024, will be solely for the purpose of receiving the testimony of customers in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g). The Commission reserves the right to limit testimony at the public witness hearing pursuant to Commission Rule R1-21(g)(5).

*Expert witness hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, and continuing as necessary until concluded. The hearing will be held in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The hearing scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2024, shall be conducted solely for the purpose of receiving testimony of GWWTP, LLC, the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff), and any other parties of record.*

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Consumer statements to the Public Staff should include the customer's name, contact information, and any information that the writer wishes to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter, and such statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. Consumer statements may also be faxed to (919) 715-6704.

Consumer statements may be submitted to the Commission via the web form at <https://www.ncuc.gov/contactus.html>. Consumer statements are not evidence unless those persons appear at a public witness hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their consumer statements.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent the consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Utilities Section, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001. Written statements may also be e-mailed to [utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov](mailto:utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov).

Persons desiring to intervene in this proceeding as formal parties of record should file a petition to intervene pursuant to Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19, not later than Monday, March 11, 2024. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699- 4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Friday, April 5, 2024.

Information regarding this proceeding can also be accessed from the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.gov](http://www.ncuc.gov) under Docket Number "W-1343 Sub 1."

This the 23rd day of February, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tamika D. Conyers". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, \_\_\_\_\_, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers copies of the attached Notice to Customers issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-1343, Sub 1, and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Utility Company

The above named Applicant, \_\_\_\_\_, personally appeared before me this day and, being first duly sworn, says that the required Notice to Customers was mailed or hand delivered to all affected customers, as required by the Commission Order dated \_\_\_\_\_ in Docket No. W-1343, Sub 1.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

(SEAL) My Commission Expires:

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Date