

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1297, SUB 17
DOCKET NO. W-1344, SUB 0
DOCKET NO. W-1344, SUB 1

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Joint Application of HISCO I, LLC, and)
HISCO East, LLC, for Approval of Transfer)
of Certificates of Public Convenience and)
Necessity for the Wastewater System)
Serving Harkers Island in Carteret County,)
North Carolina and for Approval of Rates)
	ORDER ESTABLISHING
	DOCKETS

BY THE CHAIR: On February 29, 2024, in Docket Nos. W-1297, Sub 17 and W-1344, Sub 1, HISCO East, LLC (HISCO East), and HISCO I, LLC (HISCO I), filed with the Commission a joint Application for Transfer of Public Utility Franchise and for Approval of Rates (Transfer Application) for the wastewater system serving various areas on Harkers Island in Carteret County, North Carolina. On March 4, 2024, HISCO I filed with the Commission an Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) and for Approval of Rates (CPCN Application) in the same dockets as the Transfer Application.

The Transfer Application seeks to transfer all of HISCO East's assets and existing franchises for approved service areas to HISCO I. After completion of the transfer sought in the Transfer Application, HISCO I seeks approval, through its CPCN Application, of a new franchise to provide wastewater utility service to areas that are currently served by HISCO East without a CPCN issued by the Commission.

On March 19, 2024, the Public Staff filed a Motion to Establish Docket Sub 0 for the Transfer Application and Docket Sub 1 for the CPCN Application. In the Motion, the Public Staff seeks to have separate dockets established for the two applications: Docket Nos. W-1344, Sub 0 and W-1297, Sub 17 established as the dockets for the Transfer Application, and Docket No. W-1344, Sub 1 as the docket for the CPCN Application. The Public Staff notes in its motion that a determination on the Transfer Application must occur before a determination can be made on the CPCN Application. The Public Staff further notes that HISCO I supports its motion.

Based on the foregoing, the motion of the Public Staff, and the entire record in this proceeding, the Chair finds good cause to direct the Chief Clerk to establish Docket No. W-1344, Sub 0 as the purchaser's docket for the Transfer Application, and Docket No. W-1344, Sub 1 for the CPCN Application.

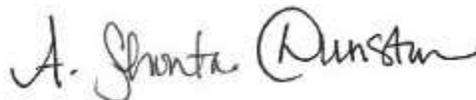
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the Chief Clerk is directed to establish Docket No. W-1344, Sub 0 as the purchaser's docket for the Transfer Application;
2. That the Chief Clerk is directed to copy the confidential and public filings labeled: "Application for Transfer of Public Utility Franchise and Approval of Rates of HISCO I in Carteret County from HISCO East, LLC in Carteret County" filed on February 29, 2024, "Additional Application Exhibits" filed on March 4, 2024, the Public Staff's Letter filed March 18, 2024, and this Order into Docket No. W-1344, Sub 0;
3. That the Chief Clerk is directed to assign Docket No. W-1297, Sub 17 as the companion seller's docket to Docket No. W-1344, Sub 0;
4. That Docket No. W-1344, Sub 1 shall remain the docket for the CPCN Application;
5. That the Chief Clerk is directed to remove Docket No. W-1297, Sub 17 as a companion docket to Docket No. W-1344, Sub 1;
6. That the Chief Clerk is directed to move the Public Staff letter of March 19, 2023, regarding "Docket No. W-1344, Sub 1 – Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of Rates to Provide Sewer Utility Service to Currently Served Cape Pointe Village Subdivision, Additional Phases of the National Park Service, Harkers Island RV Park, and a Few Single-Family Homes" from Docket No. W-1344, Sub 1 to Docket No. W-1344, Sub 0;
7. That all future filings related to the Transfer Application shall be filed in Docket Nos. W-1297, Sub 17 and W-1344, Sub 0; and
8. That all future filings related to the CPCN Application shall be filed in Docket No. W-1344, Sub 1.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 22nd day of March, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk