

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1226, SUB 4

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application by Fairfield Water Company, )	
for Authority to Adjust and Increase )	ORDER ESTABLISHING
Rates for Water Utility Service in )	GENERAL RATE CASE AND
Fairfield Water System in Henderson )	SUSPENDING RATES
County, North Carolina )	

BY THE COMMISSION: On January 16, 2024, Fairfield Water Company (Applicant) filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to increase its rates for providing water utility service in Fairfield Water System in Henderson County, North Carolina. The Applicant provides water utility service to 12 customers (11 metered quadraplexes and 1 meter located at a church).

The present water utility rates have been in effect since October 23, 2019, pursuant to the Commission's Order in Docket No. W-1226, Sub 3.

On February 12, 2024, the Public Staff presented this matter at the Commission's Staff Conference. The Public Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order finding that the application constitutes a general rate case and suspending the proposed new rates pending investigation.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission accepts the recommendation of the Public Staff.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That this proceeding is declared a general rate case pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 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 ended December 31, 2022; 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 12th day of February, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tamika D. Conyers".

Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk

Commissioner William M. Brawley did not participate in this decision.