

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1300, SUB 71

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application by Old North State Water	)	
Company, LLC, 4700 Homewood Court,	)	
Suite 108, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609,	)	ORDER APPROVING
for Authority to Amend its Tariff to Increase	)	TARIFF REVISION
Wastewater Connection Fees in its	)	
Briar Chapel Subdivision Service Area in	)	
Chatham County, North Carolina	)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On March 8, 2021, Old North State Water Company, LLC, (ONSWC) filed a petition with the Commission seeking to amend its tariff for the purpose of increasing its wastewater connection fee for its Briar Chapel subdivision service area in Chatham County, North Carolina.

ONSWC's current wastewater connection fee is \$1,500 per residential equivalent unit (REU). ONSWC's proposed wastewater connection fee is \$4,000 per REU. ONSWC's current wastewater connection fee was approved in Docket Nos. W-1300, Sub 9 and W-1230, Sub 1, in the Commission's Recommended Order Approving Transfer, Granting Franchise, Approving Rates, and Requiring Customer Notice dated April 20, 2015<sup>1</sup>.

The Briar Chapel subdivision currently has 2,119 residential customers and 21 commercial customers. For the full build-out of the Briar Chapel subdivision, there will be approximately 414 additional commercial customers and 180 new residential customers.

ONSWC is currently increasing the capacity of the existing Briar Chapel wastewater treatment plant from 250,000 gallons per day (GPD) to 500,000 GPD. The expansion of the plant is anticipated to be completed in December 2021. The primary reason for the increased wastewater connection fee is to aid in recovery of the cost of the facility expansion and to provide service for new development.

On March 19, 2021, the Briar Chapel customer group StopChathamNorth, consisting of a large number of current Briar Chapel residential customers, filed an email with the Commission in support of ONSWC's proposed \$4,000 per REU connection fee.

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<sup>1</sup> Also on April 20, 2015, in Docket Nos. W-1300, Sub 9 and W-1230, Sub 1, the Commission issued an Order Allowing Recommended Order to Become Effective and Final. The April 20, 2015 Recommended Order approved the transfer of the wastewater utility assets and the franchise to provide wastewater service in the Briar Chapel Subdivision (including the Herndon Woods Subdivision) in Chatham County, North Carolina, from Briar Chapel Utilities, LLC, to ONSWC and continued the \$1,500 per REU wastewater connection fee established for Briar Chapel Utilities, LLC, in Docket No. W-1230, Sub 0, per Commission Order issued on December 8, 2009.

StopChathamNorth stated that the new development driving the wastewater treatment plant expansion should help offset the capital costs of this upgrade with an increase in the connection fees to \$4,000 per REU.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) presented this matter at the Commission’s Staff Conference on April 19, 2021, and recommends approval of the connection fee increase from \$1,500 to \$4,000 per REU.

Based upon the foregoing and the recommendation of the Public Staff, the Commission concludes that ONSWC should be allowed to increase its wastewater connection fee from \$1,500 to \$4,000 per REU for its Briar Chapel service area.

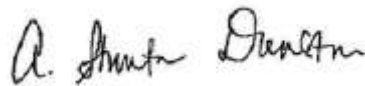
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Old North State Water Company, LLC, is granted a tariff revision to increase its wastewater connection fee from \$1,500 to \$4,000 per REU in the Briar Chapel service area; and
2. That the Schedule of Rates, attached hereto, as Appendix A is approved and deemed filed with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-138.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 19th day of April, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



A. Shonta Dunston, Deputy Clerk

SCHEDULE OF RATES

for

OLD NORTH STATE WATER COMPANY, LLC

for providing wastewater utility service in

BRIAR CHAPEL SUBDIVISION SERVICE AREA  
(including HERNDON WOODS SUBDIVISION)

Chatham County, North Carolina

<u>Monthly Flat Rate for Sewer Service:</u>	\$ 42.30 per REU <sup>1/</sup>
<u>Connection Fee:</u>	\$ 4,000 per REU
<u>Reconnection Charges:</u>	
If sewer service is cut off by utility for good cause	\$ 15.00
<u>Returned Check Charge:</u>	\$ 20.00
<u>Bills Due:</u>	On billing date
<u>Bills Past Due:</u>	15 days after billing date
<u>Billing Frequency:</u>	Shall be monthly for service in arrears
<u>Finance Charges for Late Payment:</u>	1% per month will be applied to the unpaid balance of all bills still past due 15 days after billing date.

<sup>1/</sup> REU is one Residential Equivalent Unit