

**STATE OF NORTH
CAROLINA UTILITIES
COMMISSION RALEIGH**

STAFF CONFERENCE AGENDA – September 6, 2022

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ELECTRIC

*CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT
SOLAR FACILITY*

Duke Energy Progress, LLC

1. Docket No. SP-38027, Sub 0 – Application of Silkie Holdings, LLC, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 60-MW solar photovoltaic facility in Richmond County, North Carolina and Registration Statement
(T. Williamson/Keyworth)

WATER AND WASTEWATER

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISION

Carolina Water Services, Inc.

2. Docket No. W-354, Sub 401 – Application for Authority to Amend Its Tariff to Increase Rates for Water Utility Service for the Increased Cost of Purchased Water from Charlotte Water in the Riverpointe Service Area in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina *(Bhatta/Feasel/Little)*
3. Docket No. W-354, Sub 402– Application for Authority to Amend Its Tariff to Increase Rates for Increased Cost of Purchased Sewer Utility Service from Two Rivers Utilities in the Kings Grant Service Area in Gaston County, North Carolina *(Bhatta/Feasel/Little)*
4. Docket No. W-354, Sub 404 – Application for Authority to Amend Its Tariff to Increase Rates for Water Utility Service for the Increased Cost of Purchased Water from City of Hendersonville in the High Vista Estates Service Area in Henderson County, North Carolina *(Bhatta/Feasel/Little)*
5. Docket No. W-354, Sub 405 – Application for Authority to Amend Its Tariff to Increase Rates for Water and Sewer Utility Services for the Increased Cost of Purchased Water and Sewer Services from Johnston County Department of Public Utilities in the White Oak Plantation, Lee Forest, Winston Plantation, and Winston Pointe Service Areas in Johnston County, North Carolina *(Bhatta/Feasel/Little)*

6. Docket No. W-354, Sub 407 – Application for Authority to Amend Its Tariff to Decrease Rates for Water Utility Service for the Decreased Cost of Purchased Water from the Fayetteville Public Works Commission in Tanglewood South and Eastgate in Cumberland County, North Carolina (*Houser/Feasel/Little*)
7. Docket No. W-354, Sub 408 – Application for Authority to Amend Its Tariff to Increase Rates for Water Utility Service for the Increased Cost of Purchased Water from the Town of Franklin in the Riverbend Service Area in Macon County, North Carolina (*Houser/Feasel/Little*)
8. Docket No. W-354, Sub 409 – Application for Authority to Amend Its Tariff to Increase Rates for Water Utility Service for the Increased Cost of Purchased Water from the Town of Southern Pines in the Whispering Pines Service Area in Moore County, North Carolina (*Houser/Feasel/Little*)
9. Docket No. W-354, Sub 410 – Application for Authority to Amend Its Tariff to Increase Rates for Sewer Utility Service for the Increased Cost of Purchased Sewer Service from the Metropolitan Sewerage District of Buncombe County in the Mt. Carmel Service Area in Buncombe County, North Carolina (*Houser/Feasel/Little*)

Dillsboro Water Utilities, Incorporated

10. Docket No. W-1327 Sub 2 – Application for Authority to Amend Its Tariff to Increase Rates for Water and Sewer Utility Service for the Increased Cost of Purchased Water and Sewer from the Tuckaseegee Water and Sewer Authority in Its Service Area in Jackson County, North Carolina (*Darden/Coleman/Little*)

The Public Staff recommends approval of the preceding agenda items as described above and reflected in proposed orders provided to the Commission Staff.

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On August 3, 2022, DEP filed a copy of electronic correspondence between DEP and a representative of the Applicant stating that DEP would waive the electric utility notice requirement in this one instance. Commission Rule R8-64(c)(1) requires that the application and public notice be provided to DEP on or before the date of the first publication of the public notice. The public notice of this application began on March 12, 2022; however, the Applicant did not send a copy of the Application and notice to DEP until March 22, 2022.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on September 6, 2022. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the Application and determined it to be in compliance with the requirements of N.C.G.S. § 62-110.1(a) and Commission Rule R8-64. The Public Staff further stated that the registration statement contains the certified attestations required by Commission Rule R8-66(b). Therefore, the Public Staff recommended approval of the certificate and registration for the facility.

After careful consideration, the Commission finds good cause to approve the application and issue the attached certificate for the proposed solar photovoltaic generating facility. The Commission further finds good cause, based upon the foregoing and the entire record in this proceeding, to accept registration of the facility as a new renewable energy facility. The Applicant shall annually file the information required by Commission Rule R8-66 on or before April 1 of each year and is required to participate in the NC-RETS REC tracking system (<http://www.ncrets.org>) in order to facilitate the issuance of renewable energy certificates.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the application of Silkie Holdings, LLC for a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be, and is hereby, approved.
2. That Appendix A shall constitute the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to Silkie Holdings, LLC for the 60-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic generating facility located near the intersection of Cognac Road and US Hwy 1, Rockingham, Richmond County, North Carolina.
3. That the registration statement filed by Silkie Holdings, LLC for its solar photovoltaic generating facility located in Richmond County, North Carolina as a new renewable energy facility, shall be, and is hereby, accepted.
4. That Silkie Holdings, LLC shall annually file the information required by Commission Rule R8-66 on or before April 1 of each year.
5. That Silkie Holdings, LLC shall renew this certificate by re-compliance with the requirements set forth in Commission Rule R8-64 if it does not begin construction within five years after the issuance of the certificate.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of September 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-38027, SUB 0

Silkie Holdings, LLC
1125 East Morehead Street, Suite 202
Charlotte, North Carolina 28204

is hereby issued this

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. § 62-110.1**

for a 60-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic generating facility

located

near the intersection of Cognac Road and US Hwy 1,
Rockingham, Richmond County, North Carolina,

subject to all orders, rules, regulations and conditions
as are now or may hereafter be lawfully made
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CWSNC also requested to refund each water customer of the Riverpointe service area with a one-time billing credit including interest for the overcollection of water usage charges from September 1, 2021, to September 1, 2022, a total of \$48,713. CWSNC requested to include interest of 7.14% per annum (the overall rate of return authorized in Docket No. W-354, Sub 384) in the amount of \$1,863, which resulted in a total refund amount due to customers of \$50,577. Because of the billing error and overcollection that went undetected by the Company for a year, the Public Staff recommended that the refund should include interest at 10% per annum pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-130(e), and consistent with the WSIC/SSIC procedure, in the amount of \$2,634, which amounts to a total refund due to customers of \$51,347.

CWSNC's current usage rate related to its bulk purchased water service from Charlotte Water became effective on August 16, 2021, upon issuance of the Commission's Order Approving Tariff Revision and Requiring Customer Notice in Docket No. W-354, Sub 394 that became effective on September 1, 2021. CWSNC stated that it did not become aware of the change described above until August 2022. CWSNC requested authority to decrease its water usage rate from \$7.07 to \$4.12 per 1,000 gallons to reflect the decrease in the cost of purchasing water from Charlotte Water. The monthly base facility charge for a <1" meter remains \$24.53. Under the new water usage rate, the average residential customer's monthly water bill will decrease by \$7.79, from \$43.20 to \$35.41 based on an average usage of 2,640 gallons.¹

The Public Staff presented this matter at the Commission's Staff Conference on September 6, 2022. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed Charlotte Water's rates and the Company's request and recommended that the Commission approve the tariff revision at the proposed rates for service rendered on and after the date of this Order and require customer notice and customer refund including 10% interest in the amount of \$51,347.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission finds that CWSNC should be allowed to pass through the costs associated with the decreased purchased water expense.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina is granted a revision to Appendix A-1 of its tariff for water utility service in the Riverpointe service area in Mecklenburg County in which it purchases and resells water from Charlotte Water, as set forth herein;
2. That the revised Appendix A-1 attached hereto is approved and deemed filed with the Commission pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-138. This Schedule of Rates shall become effective for service rendered on and after September 1, 2022;

¹ The average usage was determined based on 2021 consumption in Exhibit 16 of the testimony of Lindsay Q. Darden, filed on November 5, 2021, in Docket No. W-354, Sub 384.

3. That the Notice to Customers attached hereto as Appendix B shall be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by the Company to all its affected customers in the Riverpointe service area contemporaneously with the next billing of customers, and that the Company shall submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, no later than ten days after the date of the next billing; and

4. That Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina shall issue refunds, in the total amount recommended by the Public Staff, for the overcollection of water usage charges from September 1, 2021, to September 1, 2022, to each water customer of the Riverpointe service area by means of a one-time billing credit in its next billing period.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the _____ day of _____ 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

SCHEDULE OF RATES

for

CAROLINA WATER SERVICE, INC. OF NORTH CAROLINA

for providing water and sewer utility service

in

ALL OF ITS SERVICE AREAS IN NORTH CAROLINA

(excluding Fairfield Harbour Service Area, Treasure Cove, Register Place Estates, North Hills, Glen Arbor/North Bend, Bradfield Farms, Silverton, Woodland Farms, and Larkhaven Subdivisions, and Hawthorne at the Green Apartments

WATER RATES AND CHARGES

Monthly Metered Water Service (Residential and Commercial):

Base Facility Charge (based on meter size with zero usage)

< 1" meter	\$ 24.53
1" meter	\$ 61.33
1 1/2" meter	\$ 122.65
2" meter	\$ 196.24
3" meter	\$ 367.95
4" meter	\$ 613.25
6" meter	\$1,226.50
8" meter	\$1,962.40

Usage Charge:

A. Treated Water/1,000 gallons	\$ 11.71
B. Untreated Water/1,000 gallons (Brandywine Bay Irrigation Water)	\$ 5.99

C. Purchased Water for Resale, per 1,000 gallons:

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Bulk Provider</u>		
Carolina Forest	Montgomery County	\$	3.19
Eastgate	Fayetteville PWC	\$	5.46
Tanglewood South	Fayetteville PWC	\$	5.46
High Vista Estates	City of Hendersonville	\$	5.27
Riverbend	Town of Franklin	\$	8.40
Riverpointe	Charlotte Water	\$	4.12
Whispering Pines	Town of Southern Pines	\$	3.70
White Oak Plantation/ Lee Forest	Johnston County	\$	3.20
Winston Plantation	Johnston County	\$	3.20
Winston Pointe	Johnston County	\$	3.20
Willowbrook	Johnston County	\$	3.20
Woodrun	Montgomery County	\$	3.19
Yorktown	City of Winston Salem	\$	5.79
Zemosa Acres	City of Concord	\$	5.52
Carolina Trace	City of Sanford	\$	2.21

Commercial customers, including condominiums or other property owner associations who bill their members directly, shall have a separate account set up for each meter and each meter shall be billed separately based on the size of the meter and usage associated with the meter.

When because of the method of water line installation utilized by the developer or owner, it is impractical to meter each unit or other structure separately, the following will apply:

Sugar Mountain Service Area:

Where service to multiple units or other structures is provided through a single meter, the average usage for each unit or structure served by that meter will be calculated. Each unit or structure will be billed based upon that average usage plus the base monthly charge for a <1" meter.

Mount Mitchell Service Area:

Service will be billed based upon the Commission-approved monthly flat rate.

Monthly Flat Rate Service: (Billed in Arrears) \$ 68.71

Availability Rate: (Semiannual)

Applicable only to property owners in Carolina Forest
and Woodrun Subdivisions in Montgomery County \$ 29.60

Availability Rate: (Monthly)

Applicable only to property owners in Linville Ridge Subdivision	\$ 14.83
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Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed semiannually)

Applicable only to property owners in Fairfield Sapphire Valley Service Area	\$ 10.96
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Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed quarterly)

Applicable only to property owners in Connestee Falls	\$ 5.78
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<u>Meter Testing Fee:</u> ^{1/}	\$ 20.00
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Reconnection Charge: ^{2/}

If water service is cut off by utility for good cause	\$ 42.00
If water service is discontinued at customer's request	\$ 42.00

Reconnection Charge: ^{3/}(Flat-rate water customers)

If water service is cut off by utility for good cause	Actual Cost
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Management Fee: (in the following subdivisions only)

(Per connection)

Wolf Laurel	\$150.00
Covington Cross Subdivision (Phases 1 & 2)	\$100.00

Oversizing Fee: (in the following subdivision only)

(One-time charge per single-family equivalent) Winghurst	\$400.00
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Meter Fee:

For <1" meters	\$ 50.00
For meters 1" or larger	Actual Cost

Irrigation Meter Installation:

Actual Cost

SEWER RATES AND CHARGES

Monthly Metered Sewer Service:

A. Base Facility Charge:

Residential (zero usage) \$ 41.03

Commercial (based on meter size with zero usage)

< 1" meter	\$ 41.03
1" meter	\$ 102.58
1 1/2" meter	\$ 205.15
2" meter	\$ 328.24
3" meter	\$ 615.45
4" meter	\$1,025.75
6" meter	\$2,051.50
8" meter	\$3,282.40

B. Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons \$ 11.69

Commercial customers, including condominiums or other property owner associations who bill their members directly, shall have a separate account set up for each meter and each meter shall be billed separately based on the size of the meter and usage associated with the meter.

Monthly Metered Purchased Sewer Service:

Collection Charge (Residential and Commercial) \$ 28.72

Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons
(based on purchased water consumption)

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Bulk Provider</u>		
White Oak Plantation/ Lee Forest/Winston Pt.	Johnston County	\$	6.77
Kings Grant	Two Rivers Utilities	\$	4.61
College Park	Town of Dallas	\$	7.77

Monthly Flat Rate Service, per SFE or REU: \$ 85.12

Multi-residential customers who are served by a master meter shall be charged the flat rate per unit. \$ 85.12

Mt. Carmel Subdivision Service Area:

Monthly Base Facility Charge \$ 7.72

Monthly Collection Charge
(Residential and Commercial) \$ 28.72

Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons
(based on metered water from the water supplier) \$ 6.71

Regalwood and White Oak Estates Subdivision Service Area:

Monthly Flat Rate Sewer Service	
Residential Service	\$ 85.12
White Oak High School	\$2,525.23
Child Castle Daycare	\$ 323.73
Pantry	\$ 177.51

Fairfield Mountain/Apple Valley (a.k.a. Rumbling Bald) Service Area, and Highland Shores Subdivision:

Monthly Sewer Rates:

Residential	
Collection charge/dwelling unit	\$ 28.72
Treatment charge/dwelling unit	\$ 90.00
Total monthly flat rate/dwelling unit	<u>\$ 118.72</u>

Commercial and Other:

Minimum monthly collection and treatment charge	\$ 118.72
Monthly collection and treatment charge for customers who do not take water service	\$ 118.72
Treatment charge per dwelling unit	
Small (less than 2,500 gallons per month)	\$ 103.00
Medium (2,500 to 10,000 gallons per month)	\$ 182.00
Large (over 10,000 gallons per month)	\$ 286.00
Collection Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 13.93

The Ridges at Mountain Harbour:

Monthly Sewer Rates:

Collection charge (Residential and Commercial)	\$ 28.72
Treatment charge (Residential and Commercial)	
< 1" meter	\$ 16.95
2" meter	\$ 135.60

Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed semiannually)

Applicable only to property owners in Fairfield Sapphire Valley Service Area	\$ 11.05
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Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed quarterly)

Applicable only to property owners in Connestee Falls	\$ 6.23
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New Sewer Customer Charge: ^{4/} \$ 27.00

Reconnection Charge: ^{5/}

If sewer service is cut off by utility for good cause: Actual Cost

MISCELLANEOUS UTILITY MATTERS

<u>Charge for processing NSF Checks:</u>	\$ 25.00
<u>Bills Due:</u>	On billing date
<u>Bills Past Due:</u>	21 days after billing date
<u>Billing Frequency:</u>	Bills shall be rendered monthly in all service areas, except for Mt. Carmel, which will be billed bimonthly. Availability rates will be billed quarterly in advance for Connetsee Falls, semiannually in advance for Carolina Forest, Woodrun, and Fairfield Sapphire Valley, and monthly for Linville Ridge.
<u>Finance Charge for Late Payment:</u>	1% per month will be applied to the unpaid balance of all bills still past due 25 days after billing date.

Notes:

^{1/} If a customer requests a test of a water meter more frequently than once in a 24-month period, the Company will collect a \$20.00 service charge to defray the cost of the test. If the meter is found to register in excess of the prescribed accuracy limits, the meter testing charge will be waived. If the meter is found to register accurately or below prescribed accuracy limits, the charge shall be retained by the Company. Regardless of the test results, customers may request a meter test once in a 24-month period without charge.

^{2/} Customers who request to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection at the same address shall be charged the base facility charge for the service period they were disconnected.

^{3/} The utility shall itemize the estimated cost of disconnecting and reconnecting service and shall furnish this estimate to customer with cut-off notice.

^{4/} This charge shall be waived if customer is also a water customer within the same service area.

^{5/} The utility shall itemize the estimated cost of disconnecting and reconnecting service and shall furnish this estimate to customer with cut-off notice. This charge will be waived if customer also receives water service from Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina within the same service area. Customers who request to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection at the same address shall be charged the base facility charge for the service period they were disconnected.

Issued in Accordance with Authority Granted by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-354, Sub 401, on this the ____ day of September 2022.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 401
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Notice is given that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has granted Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC) a decrease in its water usage charge for customers in the Riverpointe service area in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

CWSNC filed a verified petition with the Commission pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to water customers in the Riverpointe service area in Mecklenburg County a decrease in the cost of purchasing water service from Charlotte Water and a refund to customers of Riverpointe service area with one time billing credit, including 10% interest per annum, to each customer for the overcollection of \$2.97 per 1,000 gallons of water usage from September 1, 2021 to September 1, 2022. Section 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) reviewed CWSNC's petition and recommended that CWSNC be allowed to decrease its water usage rate by \$2.95 per 1,000 gallons from \$7.07 to \$4.12 per 1,000 gallons effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Notice. The monthly base facility charge for <1" meter remains \$24.53.

The new water usage rate will decrease the average residential monthly bill by \$7.79, from \$43.20 to \$35.41 based on 2,640 gallons of usage.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of September 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, _____, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers the attached Notice to Customers issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-354, Sub 401 and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the ____ day of _____ 2022.

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-354, Sub 401.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the ____ day of _____ 2022.

Notary Public

Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: _____
Date

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will increase by \$0.81, from \$57.12 to \$57.93 based on an average usage of 3,665 gallons.¹

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) presented this matter at the Commission’s Staff Conference on August 29, 2022. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed Two Rivers Utilities’ rates and the Company’s request and recommended that the Commission approve the tariff revision at the proposed rates for service rendered on and after the date of this order and require customer notice.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission finds that CWSNC should be allowed to pass through the costs associated with the increased purchased sewer expense.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina is granted a revision to Appendix A-1 of its tariff for sewer utility service in the Kings Grant service area in Gaston County in which it purchases and resells sewer service from Two Rivers Utilities, as set forth herein;

2. That the revised Appendix A-1 attached hereto is approved and deemed filed with the Commission pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-138. This Schedule of Rates shall become effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Order; and

3. That the Notice to Customers attached hereto as Appendix B shall be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by the Company to all its affected customers in the Kings Grant service area contemporaneously with the next billing of customers, and that the Company shall submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, no later than ten days after the date of the next billing.

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Actual Cost

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Multi-residential customers who are served by a master meter shall be charged the flat rate per unit. \$ 85.12

Mt. Carmel Subdivision Service Area:

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(Residential and Commercial) \$ 28.72

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Child Castle Daycare	\$ 323.73
Pantry	\$ 177.51

Fairfield Mountain/Apple Valley (a.k.a. Rumbling Bald) Service Area, and Highland Shores Subdivision:

Monthly Sewer Rates:

Residential	
Collection charge/dwelling unit	\$ 28.72
Treatment charge/dwelling unit	\$ 90.00
Total monthly flat rate/dwelling unit	<u>\$ 118.72</u>

Commercial and Other:

Minimum monthly collection and treatment charge	\$ 118.72
Monthly collection and treatment charge for customers who do not take water service	\$ 118.72
Treatment charge per dwelling unit	
Small (less than 2,500 gallons per month)	\$ 103.00
Medium (2,500 to 10,000 gallons per month)	\$ 182.00
Large (over 10,000 gallons per month)	\$ 286.00
Collection Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 13.93

The Ridges at Mountain Harbour:

Monthly Sewer Rates:

Collection charge (Residential and Commercial)	\$ 28.72
Treatment charge (Residential and Commercial)	
< 1" meter	\$ 16.95
2" meter	\$ 135.60

Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed semiannually)

Applicable only to property owners in Fairfield Sapphire Valley Service Area	\$ 11.05
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Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed quarterly)

Applicable only to property owners in Connestee Falls	\$ 6.23
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New Sewer Customer Charge: ^{4/} \$ 27.00

Reconnection Charge: ^{5/}

If sewer service is cut off by utility for good cause: Actual Cost

MISCELLANEOUS UTILITY MATTERS

<u>Charge for processing NSF Checks:</u>	\$ 25.00
<u>Bills Due:</u>	On billing date
<u>Bills Past Due:</u>	21 days after billing date
<u>Billing Frequency:</u>	Bills shall be rendered monthly in all service areas, except for Mt. Carmel, which will be billed bimonthly. Availability rates will be billed quarterly in advance for Connetsee Falls, semiannually in advance for Carolina Forest, Woodrun, and Fairfield Sapphire Valley, and monthly for Linville Ridge.
<u>Finance Charge for Late Payment:</u>	1% per month will be applied to the unpaid balance of all bills still past due 25 days after billing date.

Notes:

^{1/} If a customer requests a test of a water meter more frequently than once in a 24-month period, the Company will collect a \$20.00 service charge to defray the cost of the test. If the meter is found to register in excess of the prescribed accuracy limits, the meter testing charge will be waived. If the meter is found to register accurately or below prescribed accuracy limits, the charge shall be retained by the Company. Regardless of the test results, customers may request a meter test once in a 24-month period without charge.

^{2/} Customers who request to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection at the same address shall be charged the base facility charge for the service period they were disconnected.

^{3/} The utility shall itemize the estimated cost of disconnecting and reconnecting service and shall furnish this estimate to customer with cut-off notice.

^{4/} This charge shall be waived if customer is also a water customer within the same service area.

^{5/} The utility shall itemize the estimated cost of disconnecting and reconnecting service and shall furnish this estimate to customer with cut-off notice. This charge will be waived if customer also receives water service from Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina within the same service area. Customers who request to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection at the same address shall be charged the base facility charge for the service period they were disconnected.

Issued in Accordance with Authority Granted by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-354, Sub 402, on this the ____ day of September 2022.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 402
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Notice is given that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) has granted Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC), an increase in its sewer usage charge for customers in the Kings Grant service area in Gaston County, North Carolina.

CWSNC filed a verified petition with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to sewer customers in the Kings Grant service area in Gaston County an increase in the cost of purchasing sewage treatment from Two Rivers Utilities. N.C.G.S. § 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) reviewed CWSNC's petition and recommended that CWSNC be allowed to increase its usage rate for sewer service by \$0.22 per 1,000 gallons, increasing the rate from \$4.39 to \$4.61 per 1,000 gallons effective for service rendered on and after the date of this notice. The monthly base facility charge for <1" meter remains \$41.03.

The new sewer usage rate will increase the average residential monthly bill by \$0.81, from \$57.12 to \$57.93 based on 3,665 gallons of usage.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of September 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, _____, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers the attached Notice to Customers issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-354, Sub 402 and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the ____ day of _____ 2022.

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-354, Sub 402.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the ____ day of _____ 2022.

Notary Public

Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: _____
Date

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increase by \$2.32, from \$44.36 to \$46.68 based on an average usage of 4,200 gallons.¹

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) presented this matter at the Commission’s Staff Conference on September 6, 2022. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the City of Hendersonville’s rates and the Company’s request and recommended that the Commission approve the tariff revision at the proposed rates for service rendered on and after the date of this order and require customer notice.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission finds that CWSNC should be allowed to pass through the costs associates with the increased purchased water expense.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina is granted a revision to Appendix A-1 of its tariff for water utility service in the High Vista Estates service area in Henderson County, in which it purchases and resells water from the City of Hendersonville, as set forth herein;

2. That the revised Appendix A-1 attached hereto is approved and deemed filed with the Commission pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-138. This Schedule of Rates shall become effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Order; and

3. That the Notice to Customers attached hereto as Appendix B shall be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by the Company to all its affected customers in the High Vista Estates service area contemporaneously with the next billing of customers, and that the Company shall submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, not later than ten days after the date of the next billing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the _____ day of _____ 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

¹ The average usage was determined based on 2021 consumption in Exhibit 16 of the testimony of Lindsay Q. Darden, filed on November 5, 2021, in Docket No. W-354, Sub 384.

SCHEDULE OF RATES

for

CAROLINA WATER SERVICE, INC. OF NORTH CAROLINA

for providing water and sewer utility service

in

ALL OF ITS SERVICE AREAS IN NORTH CAROLINA

(excluding Fairfield Harbour Service Area, Treasure Cove, Register Place Estates, North Hills, Glen Arbor/North Bend, Bradfield Farms, Silverton, Woodland Farms, and Larkhaven Subdivisions, and Hawthorne at the Green Apartments

WATER RATES AND CHARGES

Monthly Metered Water Service (Residential and Commercial):

Base Facility Charge (based on meter size with zero usage)

< 1" meter	\$ 24.53
1" meter	\$ 61.33
1 1/2" meter	\$ 122.65
2" meter	\$ 196.24
3" meter	\$ 367.95
4" meter	\$ 613.25
6" meter	\$1,226.50
8" meter	\$1,962.40

Usage Charge:

A. Treated Water/1,000 gallons	\$ 11.71
B. Untreated Water/1,000 gallons (Brandywine Bay Irrigation Water)	\$ 5.99

C. Purchased Water for Resale, per 1,000 gallons:

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Bulk Provider</u>		
Carolina Forest	Montgomery County	\$	3.19
Eastgate	Fayetteville PWC	\$	5.46
Tanglewood South	Fayetteville PWC	\$	5.46
High Vista Estates	City of Hendersonville	\$	5.27
Riverbend	Town of Franklin	\$	8.40
Riverpointe	Charlotte Water	\$	4.12
Whispering Pines	Town of Southern Pines	\$	3.70
White Oak Plantation/ Lee Forest	Johnston County	\$	3.20
Winston Plantation	Johnston County	\$	3.20
Winston Pointe	Johnston County	\$	3.20
Willowbrook	Johnston County	\$	3.20
Woodrun	Montgomery County	\$	3.19
Yorktown	City of Winston Salem	\$	5.79
Zemosa Acres	City of Concord	\$	5.52
Carolina Trace	City of Sanford	\$	2.21

Commercial customers, including condominiums or other property owner associations who bill their members directly, shall have a separate account set up for each meter and each meter shall be billed separately based on the size of the meter and usage associated with the meter.

When because of the method of water line installation utilized by the developer or owner, it is impractical to meter each unit or other structure separately, the following will apply:

Sugar Mountain Service Area:

Where service to multiple units or other structures is provided through a single meter, the average usage for each unit or structure served by that meter will be calculated. Each unit or structure will be billed based upon that average usage plus the base monthly charge for a <1" meter.

Mount Mitchell Service Area:

Service will be billed based upon the Commission-approved monthly flat rate.

Monthly Flat Rate Service: (Billed in Arrears) \$ 68.71

Availability Rate: (Semiannual)

Applicable only to property owners in Carolina Forest and Woodrun Subdivisions in Montgomery County \$ 29.60

Availability Rate: (Monthly)

Applicable only to property owners in Linville Ridge Subdivision	\$ 14.83
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Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed semiannually)

Applicable only to property owners in Fairfield Sapphire Valley Service Area	\$ 10.96
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Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed quarterly)

Applicable only to property owners in Connestee Falls	\$ 5.78
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<u>Meter Testing Fee:</u> ^{1/}	\$ 20.00
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<u>New Water Customer Charge:</u>	\$ 27.00
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Reconnection Charge: ^{2/}

If water service is cut off by utility for good cause	\$ 42.00
If water service is discontinued at customer's request	\$ 42.00

Reconnection Charge: ^{3/}(Flat-rate water customers)

If water service is cut off by utility for good cause	Actual Cost
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Management Fee: (in the following subdivisions only)

(Per connection)

Wolf Laurel	\$150.00
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Covington Cross Subdivision (Phases 1 & 2)	\$100.00
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Oversizing Fee: (in the following subdivision only)

(One-time charge per single-family equivalent) Winghurst	\$400.00
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Meter Fee:

For <1" meters	\$ 50.00
For meters 1" or larger	Actual Cost

Irrigation Meter Installation:

Actual Cost

SEWER RATES AND CHARGES

Monthly Metered Sewer Service:

A. Base Facility Charge:

Residential (zero usage)	\$ 41.03
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Commercial (based on meter size with zero usage)

< 1" meter	\$ 41.03
1" meter	\$ 102.58
1 1/2" meter	\$ 205.15
2" meter	\$ 328.24
3" meter	\$ 615.45
4" meter	\$1,025.75
6" meter	\$2,051.50
8" meter	\$3,282.40

B. Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 11.69
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Commercial customers, including condominiums or other property owner associations who bill their members directly, shall have a separate account set up for each meter and each meter shall be billed separately based on the size of the meter and usage associated with the meter.

Monthly Metered Purchased Sewer Service:

Collection Charge (Residential and Commercial)	\$ 28.72
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Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons
(based on purchased water consumption)

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Bulk Provider</u>		
White Oak Plantation/ Lee Forest/Winston Pt.	Johnston County	\$	6.77
Kings Grant	Two Rivers Utilities	\$	4.61
College Park	Town of Dallas	\$	7.77

Monthly Flat Rate Service, per SFE or REU: \$ 85.12

Multi-residential customers who are served by a master meter shall be charged the flat rate per unit. \$ 85.12

Mt. Carmel Subdivision Service Area:

Monthly Base Facility Charge \$ 7.72

Monthly Collection Charge
(Residential and Commercial) \$ 28.72

Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons
(based on metered water from the water supplier) \$ 6.71

Regalwood and White Oak Estates Subdivision Service Area:

Monthly Flat Rate Sewer Service

Residential Service	\$ 85.12
White Oak High School	\$2,525.23
Child Castle Daycare	\$ 323.73
Pantry	\$ 177.51

Fairfield Mountain/Apple Valley (a.k.a. Rumbling Bald) Service Area, and Highland Shores Subdivision:

Monthly Sewer Rates:

Residential	
Collection charge/dwelling unit	\$ 28.72
Treatment charge/dwelling unit	\$ 90.00
Total monthly flat rate/dwelling unit	<u>\$ 118.72</u>

Commercial and Other:

Minimum monthly collection and treatment charge	\$ 118.72
Monthly collection and treatment charge for customers who do not take water service	\$ 118.72
Treatment charge per dwelling unit	
Small (less than 2,500 gallons per month)	\$ 103.00
Medium (2,500 to 10,000 gallons per month)	\$ 182.00
Large (over 10,000 gallons per month)	\$ 286.00
Collection Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 13.93

The Ridges at Mountain Harbour:

Monthly Sewer Rates:

Collection charge (Residential and Commercial)	\$ 28.72
Treatment charge (Residential and Commercial)	
< 1" meter	\$ 16.95
2" meter	\$ 135.60

Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed semiannually)

Applicable only to property owners in Fairfield Sapphire Valley Service Area	\$ 11.05
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Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed quarterly)

Applicable only to property owners in Connestee Falls	\$ 6.23
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New Sewer Customer Charge: ^{4/} \$ 27.00

Reconnection Charge: ^{5/}

If sewer service is cut off by utility for good cause: Actual Cost

MISCELLANEOUS UTILITY MATTERS

<u>Charge for processing NSF Checks:</u>	\$ 25.00
<u>Bills Due:</u>	On billing date
<u>Bills Past Due:</u>	21 days after billing date
<u>Billing Frequency:</u>	Bills shall be rendered monthly in all service areas, except for Mt. Carmel, which will be billed bimonthly. Availability rates will be billed quarterly in advance for Connetsee Falls, semiannually in advance for Carolina Forest, Woodrun, and Fairfield Sapphire Valley, and monthly for Linville Ridge.
<u>Finance Charge for Late Payment:</u>	1% per month will be applied to the unpaid balance of all bills still past due 25 days after billing date.

Notes:

^{1/} If a customer requests a test of a water meter more frequently than once in a 24-month period, the Company will collect a \$20.00 service charge to defray the cost of the test. If the meter is found to register in excess of the prescribed accuracy limits, the meter testing charge will be waived. If the meter is found to register accurately or below prescribed accuracy limits, the charge shall be retained by the Company. Regardless of the test results, customers may request a meter test once in a 24-month period without charge.

^{2/} Customers who request to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection at the same address shall be charged the base facility charge for the service period they were disconnected.

^{3/} The utility shall itemize the estimated cost of disconnecting and reconnecting service and shall furnish this estimate to customer with cut-off notice.

^{4/} This charge shall be waived if customer is also a water customer within the same service area.

^{5/} The utility shall itemize the estimated cost of disconnecting and reconnecting service and shall furnish this estimate to customer with cut-off notice. This charge will be waived if customer also receives water service from Carolina Water Service within the same service area. Customers who request to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection at the same address shall be charged the base facility charge for the service period they were disconnected.

Issued in Accordance with Authority Granted by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-354, Sub 404, on this the ____ day of September 2022.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 404
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Notice is given that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) has granted Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC) an increase in its water usage charge for customers in the High Vista Estates service area in Henderson County, North Carolina.

CWSNC filed a verified petition with the Commission pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to water customers in the High Vista Estates service area in Henderson County an increase in the cost of purchasing water service from the City of Hendersonville. N.C.G.S. § 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

The Public Staff - North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) reviewed CWSNC's petition and recommended that CWSNC be allowed to increase its water usage rate by \$0.98 per 1,000 gallons from \$4.72 to \$5.27 per 1,000 gallons effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Notice. The monthly base facility charge for <1" meter remains \$24.53.

The new water usage rates will increase the average residential monthly water bill by \$2.32, from \$44.36 to \$46.68 based on 4,200 gallons of usage.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of _____ 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 405

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc. of)
North Carolina, 4944 Parkway Plaza)
Boulevard, Suite 375, Charlotte, North)
Carolina, 28217, for Authority to Amend Its)
Tariff to Increase Rates for Water and Sewer) ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
Utility Services for the Increased Cost of) REVISION AND REQUIRING
Purchased Water and Sewer Services from) CUSTOMER NOTICE
Johnston County Department of Public Utilities)
in the White Oak Plantation, Lee Forest,)
Winston Plantation, and Winston Pointe)
Service Areas in Johnston County,)
North Carolina)

BY THE COMMISSION: On July 21, 2022, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC or Company), filed a verified petition with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to its metered water customers in the White Oak Plantation, Lee Forest, Winston Plantation, and Winston Pointe service areas in Johnston County an increase in the cost of purchasing water service from Johnston County Department of Public Utilities (Johnston County) and to its sewer customers in the White Oak Plantation, Lee Forest, and Winston Pointe service areas in Johnston County an increase in the cost of purchasing sewer service from Johnston County. Section 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

CWSNC stated that, effective September 1, 2022, Johnston County will increase its usage charge for water service by \$0.18 per 1,000 gallons, increasing the rate from \$3.02 to \$3.20 per 1,000 gallons and will increase its usage charge for sewer treatment by \$0.32 per 1,000 gallons, increasing the rate from \$6.45 to \$6.77 per 1,000 gallons. CWSNC requested to increase its usage charge to its water customers in its White Oak Plantation, Lee Forest, Winston Plantation, and Winston Pointe service areas for service rendered on and after September 1, 2022, to pass along this increase in the cost of purchasing water service from Johnston County. CWSNC also requested to increase its bulk sewer usage charge to its sewer customers in its White Oak Plantation, Lee Forest, and Winston Pointe service areas for service rendered on and after September 1, 2022,

to pass along this increase in the cost of purchasing sewer treatment service from Johnston County.

CWSNC's current water usage rate related to its bulk purchased water and sewer treatment service from Johnston County became effective on September 1, 2021, upon issuance of the Commission's Order Approving Tariff Revision and Requiring Customer Notice in Docket No. W-354, Sub 395. CWSNC requested authority to increase its water usage rate from \$3.02 to \$3.20 per 1,000 gallons to reflect the increase in the cost of purchasing water from Johnston County. The monthly base facility charge for water for a <1" meter remains \$24.53. Under the new water usage rate, the average residential customer's monthly water bill will increase by \$0.75, from \$37.09 to \$37.84 based on an average usage of 4,160 gallons.

CWSNC also requested authority to increase its sewer treatment service rate from \$6.45 to \$6.77 per 1,000 gallons to reflect the increase in the cost of purchasing sewer treatment service from Johnston County. The monthly base facility charge for sewer treatment for a <1" meter remains \$41.03. Under the new sewer treatment service rate, the average residential customer's monthly sewer bill will increase by \$1.43, from \$70.02 to \$71.45 based on an average usage of 4,494 gallons. The average usage was determined based on 2021 consumption in Exhibit 18 of the testimony of Lindsay Q. Darden, filed on November 5, 2021, in Docket No. W-354, Sub 384.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) presented this matter at the Commission's Staff Conference on August 29, 2022. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed Johnston County's rates and the Company's request and recommended that the Commission approve the tariff revision at the proposed rates for service rendered on and after September 1, 2022, and require customer notice.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission finds that CWSNC should be allowed to pass through the costs associated with the increased purchased water and sewer treatment expenses.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina is granted a revision to Appendix A-1 of its tariff for water utility service in the White Oak Plantation, Lee Forest, Winston Plantation, and Winston Pointe service areas in Johnston County in which it purchases and resells water from Johnston County, as set forth herein;

2. That Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina is granted a revision to Appendix A-1 of its tariff for sewer utility service in the White Oak Plantation, Lee Forest, and Winston Pointe service areas in Johnston County in which it purchases and resells sewer treatment service from Johnston County, as set forth herein;

3. That the revised Appendix A-1 attached hereto is approved and deemed filed with the Commission pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-138. This Schedule of Rates shall become effective for service rendered on and after September 1, 2022; and

4. That the Notice to Customers attached hereto as Appendix B shall be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by the Company to all its affected customers in the White Oak Plantation, Lee Forest, Winston Plantation, and Winston Pointe service areas contemporaneously with the next billing of customers, and that the Company shall submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, no later than ten days after the date of the next billing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the _____ day of September 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

SCHEDULE OF RATES

for

CAROLINA WATER SERVICE, INC. OF NORTH CAROLINA

for providing water and sewer utility service

in

ALL OF ITS SERVICE AREAS IN NORTH CAROLINA

(excluding Fairfield Harbour Service Area, Treasure Cove, Register Place Estates, North Hills, Glen Arbor/North Bend, Bradfield Farms, Silverton, Woodland Farms, and Larkhaven Subdivisions, and Hawthorne at the Green Apartments

WATER RATES AND CHARGES

Monthly Metered Water Service (Residential and Commercial):

Base Facility Charge (based on meter size with zero usage)

< 1" meter	\$ 24.53
1" meter	\$ 61.33
1 1/2" meter	\$ 122.65
2" meter	\$ 196.24
3" meter	\$ 367.95
4" meter	\$ 613.25
6" meter	\$1,226.50
8" meter	\$1,962.40

Usage Charge:

A. Treated Water/1,000 gallons	\$ 11.71
B. Untreated Water/1,000 gallons (Brandywine Bay Irrigation Water)	\$ 5.99

C. Purchased Water for Resale, per 1,000 gallons:

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Bulk Provider</u>		
Carolina Forest	Montgomery County	\$	3.19
Eastgate	Fayetteville PWC	\$	5.46
Tanglewood South	Fayetteville PWC	\$	5.46
High Vista Estates	City of Hendersonville	\$	5.27
Riverbend	Town of Franklin	\$	8.40
Riverpointe	Charlotte Water	\$	4.12
Whispering Pines	Town of Southern Pines	\$	3.70
White Oak Plantation/ Lee Forest	Johnston County	\$	3.20
Winston Plantation	Johnston County	\$	3.20
Winston Pointe	Johnston County	\$	3.20
Willowbrook	Johnston County	\$	3.20
Woodrun	Montgomery County	\$	3.19
Yorktown	City of Winston Salem	\$	5.79
Zemosa Acres	City of Concord	\$	5.52
Carolina Trace	City of Sanford	\$	2.21

Commercial customers, including condominiums or other property owner associations who bill their members directly, shall have a separate account set up for each meter and each meter shall be billed separately based on the size of the meter and usage associated with the meter.

When because of the method of water line installation utilized by the developer or owner, it is impractical to meter each unit or other structure separately, the following will apply:

Sugar Mountain Service Area:

Where service to multiple units or other structures is provided through a single meter, the average usage for each unit or structure served by that meter will be calculated. Each unit or structure will be billed based upon that average usage plus the base monthly charge for a <1" meter.

Mount Mitchell Service Area:

Service will be billed based upon the Commission-approved monthly flat rate.

Monthly Flat Rate Service: (Billed in Arrears) \$ 68.71

Availability Rate: (Semiannual)

Applicable only to property owners in Carolina Forest
and Woodrun Subdivisions in Montgomery County \$ 29.60

Availability Rate: (Monthly)

Applicable only to property owners in Linville Ridge Subdivision	\$ 14.83
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Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed semiannually)

Applicable only to property owners in Fairfield Sapphire Valley Service Area	\$ 10.96
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Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed quarterly)

Applicable only to property owners in Connestee Falls	\$ 5.78
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<u>Meter Testing Fee:</u> ^{1/}	\$ 20.00
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<u>New Water Customer Charge:</u>	\$ 27.00
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Reconnection Charge: ^{2/}

If water service is cut off by utility for good cause	\$ 42.00
If water service is discontinued at customer's request	\$ 42.00

Reconnection Charge: ^{3/}(Flat-rate water customers)

If water service is cut off by utility for good cause	Actual Cost
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Management Fee: (in the following subdivisions only)

(Per connection)

Wolf Laurel	\$150.00
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Covington Cross Subdivision (Phases 1 & 2)	\$100.00
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Oversizing Fee: (in the following subdivision only)

(One-time charge per single-family equivalent) Winghurst	\$400.00
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Meter Fee:

For <1" meters	\$ 50.00
For meters 1" or larger	Actual Cost

Irrigation Meter Installation:

Actual Cost

SEWER RATES AND CHARGES

Monthly Metered Sewer Service:

A. Base Facility Charge:

Residential (zero usage)	\$ 41.03
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Commercial (based on meter size with zero usage)

< 1" meter	\$ 41.03
1" meter	\$ 102.58
1 1/2" meter	\$ 205.15
2" meter	\$ 328.24
3" meter	\$ 615.45
4" meter	\$1,025.75
6" meter	\$2,051.50
8" meter	\$3,282.40

B. Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 11.69
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Commercial customers, including condominiums or other property owner associations who bill their members directly, shall have a separate account set up for each meter and each meter shall be billed separately based on the size of the meter and usage associated with the meter.

Monthly Metered Purchased Sewer Service:

Collection Charge (Residential and Commercial)	\$ 28.72
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Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons
(based on purchased water consumption)

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Bulk Provider</u>		
White Oak Plantation/ Lee Forest/Winston Pt.	Johnston County	\$	6.77
Kings Grant	Two Rivers Utilities	\$	4.61
College Park	Town of Dallas	\$	7.77

Monthly Flat Rate Service, per SFE or REU: \$ 85.12

Multi-residential customers who are served by a master meter shall be charged the flat rate per unit. \$ 85.12

Mt. Carmel Subdivision Service Area:

Monthly Base Facility Charge \$ 7.72

Monthly Collection Charge
(Residential and Commercial) \$ 28.72

Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons
(based on metered water from the water supplier) \$ 6.71

Regalwood and White Oak Estates Subdivision Service Area:

Monthly Flat Rate Sewer Service

Residential Service	\$ 85.12
White Oak High School	\$2,525.23
Child Castle Daycare	\$ 323.73
Pantry	\$ 177.51

Fairfield Mountain/Apple Valley (a.k.a. Rumbling Bald) Service Area, and Highland Shores Subdivision:

Monthly Sewer Rates:

Residential	
Collection charge/dwelling unit	\$ 28.72
Treatment charge/dwelling unit	\$ 90.00
Total monthly flat rate/dwelling unit	<u>\$ 118.72</u>

Commercial and Other:

Minimum monthly collection and treatment charge	\$ 118.72
Monthly collection and treatment charge for customers who do not take water service	\$ 118.72
Treatment charge per dwelling unit	
Small (less than 2,500 gallons per month)	\$ 103.00
Medium (2,500 to 10,000 gallons per month)	\$ 182.00
Large (over 10,000 gallons per month)	\$ 286.00
Collection Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 13.93

The Ridges at Mountain Harbour:

Monthly Sewer Rates:

Collection charge (Residential and Commercial)	\$ 28.72
Treatment charge (Residential and Commercial)	
< 1" meter	\$ 16.95
2" meter	\$ 135.60

Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed semiannually)

Applicable only to property owners in Fairfield Sapphire Valley Service Area	\$ 11.05
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Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed quarterly)

Applicable only to property owners in Connestee Falls	\$ 6.23
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New Sewer Customer Charge: ^{4/} \$ 27.00

Reconnection Charge: ^{5/}

If sewer service is cut off by utility for good cause: Actual Cost

MISCELLANEOUS UTILITY MATTERS

<u>Charge for processing NSF Checks:</u>	\$ 25.00
<u>Bills Due:</u>	On billing date
<u>Bills Past Due:</u>	21 days after billing date
<u>Billing Frequency:</u>	Bills shall be rendered monthly in all service areas, except for Mt. Carmel, which will be billed bimonthly. Availability rates will be billed quarterly in advance for Connetsee Falls, semiannually in advance for Carolina Forest, Woodrun, and Fairfield Sapphire Valley, and monthly for Linville Ridge.
<u>Finance Charge for Late Payment:</u>	1% per month will be applied to the unpaid balance of all bills still past due 25 days after billing date.

Notes:

^{1/} If a customer requests a test of a water meter more frequently than once in a 24-month period, the Company will collect a \$20.00 service charge to defray the cost of the test. If the meter is found to register in excess of the prescribed accuracy limits, the meter testing charge will be waived. If the meter is found to register accurately or below prescribed accuracy limits, the charge shall be retained by the Company. Regardless of the test results, customers may request a meter test once in a 24-month period without charge.

^{2/} Customers who request to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection at the same address shall be charged the base facility charge for the service period they were disconnected.

^{3/} The utility shall itemize the estimated cost of disconnecting and reconnecting service and shall furnish this estimate to customer with cut-off notice.

^{4/} This charge shall be waived if customer is also a water customer within the same service area.

^{5/} The utility shall itemize the estimated cost of disconnecting and reconnecting service and shall furnish this estimate to customer with cut-off notice. This charge will be waived if customer also receives water service from Carolina Water Service within the same service area. Customers who request to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection at the same address shall be charged the base facility charge for the service period they were disconnected.

Issued in Accordance with Authority Granted by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-354, Sub 405, on this the ____ day of September 2022.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 405
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Notice is given that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) has granted Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC) an increase in its bulk water and/or sewer usage charge for customers in White Oak Plantation, Lee Forest, Winston Plantation, and Winston Pointe service areas in Johnston County, North Carolina.

CWSNC filed a verified petition with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to water and/or sewer customers in the White Oak Plantation, Lee Forest, Winston Plantation, and Winston Pointe service areas in Johnston County an increase in the cost of purchasing water and sewer service from Johnston County Department of Public Utilities (Johnston County). N.C.G.S. § 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) reviewed CWSNC's petition and recommended that CWSNC be allowed to increase its usage rate for water service by \$0.18 per 1,000 gallons, increasing the rate from \$3.02 to \$3.20 per 1,000 gallons effective for service rendered on and after September 1, 2022, and increase its sewer treatment service usage rate by \$0.32 per 1,000 gallons, increasing the rate from \$6.45 to \$6.77 per 1,000 gallons effective for service rendered on and after September 1, 2022.

The new rates will increase the average residential monthly water bill by 0.75, from \$37.09 to \$37.84 based on an average water usage of 4,160 gallons and increase the average residential monthly sewer bill by 1.43, from \$70.02 to \$71.45 based on an average usage of 4,494 gallons.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of September 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, _____, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers the attached Notice to Customers issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-354, Sub 405 and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the ____ day of _____ 2022.

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-354, Sub 405.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the ____ day of _____ 2022.

Notary Public

Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: _____
Date

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 407

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Carolina Water Service, Inc.)
of North Carolina, 4944 Parkway Plaza)
Boulevard, Suite 375, Charlotte, North)
Carolina, 28217, for Authority to Amend Its)
Tariff to Increase Rates for Water Utility)
Service for the Decreased Cost of Purchased)
Water from the Fayetteville Public Works)
Commission in the Tanglewood South and)
Eastgate Service Areas in Cumberland County,)
North Carolina)

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
REVISION AND REQUIRING
CUSTOMER NOTICE

BY THE COMMISSION: On July 21, 2022, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC or Company) filed a verified petition with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11 requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to its metered water customers in the Tanglewood South and Eastgate service areas in Cumberland County a decrease in the cost of purchasing water service from the Fayetteville Public Works Commission (PWC). N.C.G.S. § 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

CWSNC stated that, effective July 1, 2022, PWC decreased its usage charge for water service by \$0.09 per 1,000 gallons, decreasing the rate from \$5.55 to \$5.46 per 1,000 gallons. CWSNC requested to decrease its usage charge to its customers in the Tanglewood South and Eastgate service areas for service rendered on and after July 1, 2022, to pass along this decrease in the cost of purchasing water service from PWC.

CWSNC's current usage rate related to its bulk purchased water service from PWC became effective on April 8, 2022, upon issuance of the Commission's Order Granting Partial Rate Increase and Requiring Customer Notice in Docket No. W-354, Sub 384. CWSNC requested authority to decrease its water usage rate from \$5.55 to \$5.46 per 1,000 gallons to reflect the decrease in the cost of purchasing water service from PWC. The monthly base facility charge for a <1" meter remains \$24.53. Under the new water

usage rate, the average residential customer's monthly water bill will decrease by \$0.32, from \$44.17 to \$43.85 based on 3,539 gallons of usage¹.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) presented this matter at the Commission's Staff Conference on September 6, 2022. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the PWC's rates and the Company's request and recommended that the Commission approve the tariff revision at the proposed rates for service rendered on and after the date of this order and require customer notice.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission finds that CWSNC should be allowed to pass through the costs associated with the decreased purchased water expense.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina is granted a revision to Appendix A-1 of its tariff for water utility service in the Tanglewood South and Eastgate service areas in Cumberland County in which it purchases and resells water from the Fayetteville Public Works Commission, as set forth herein;

2. That the revised Appendix A-1 attached hereto is approved and deemed filed with the Commission pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-138. This Schedule of Rates shall become effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Order; and

3. That the Notice to Customers attached hereto as Appendix B shall be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by the Company to all its affected customers in the Tanglewood South and Eastgate service areas contemporaneously with the next billing of customers, and that the Company shall submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, no later than ten days after the date of the next billing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the _____ day of September 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

¹ The average usage was determined based on 2021 consumption in Exhibit 16 of the testimony of Lindsay Q. Darden, filed on November 5, 2021, in Docket No. W-354, Sub 384.

SCHEDULE OF RATES

for

CAROLINA WATER SERVICE, INC. OF NORTH CAROLINA

for providing water and sewer utility service

in

ALL OF ITS SERVICE AREAS IN NORTH CAROLINA

(excluding Fairfield Harbour Service Area, Treasure Cove, Register Place Estates, North Hills, Glen Arbor/North Bend, Bradfield Farms, Silverton, Woodland Farms, and Larkhaven Subdivisions, and Hawthorne at the Green Apartments

WATER RATES AND CHARGES

Monthly Metered Water Service (Residential and Commercial):

Base Facility Charge (based on meter size with zero usage)

< 1" meter	\$ 24.53
1" meter	\$ 61.33
1 1/2" meter	\$ 122.65
2" meter	\$ 196.24
3" meter	\$ 367.95
4" meter	\$ 613.25
6" meter	\$1,226.50
8" meter	\$1,962.40

Usage Charge:

A. Treated Water/1,000 gallons	\$ 11.71
B. Untreated Water/1,000 gallons (Brandywine Bay Irrigation Water)	\$ 5.99

C. Purchased Water for Resale, per 1,000 gallons:

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Bulk Provider</u>		
Carolina Forest	Montgomery County	\$	3.19
Eastgate	Fayetteville PWC	\$	5.46
Tanglewood South	Fayetteville PWC	\$	5.46
High Vista Estates	City of Hendersonville	\$	5.27
Riverbend	Town of Franklin	\$	8.40
Riverpointe	Charlotte Water	\$	4.12
Whispering Pines	Town of Southern Pines	\$	3.70
White Oak Plantation/ Lee Forest	Johnston County	\$	3.20
Winston Plantation	Johnston County	\$	3.20
Winston Pointe	Johnston County	\$	3.20
Willowbrook	Johnston County	\$	3.20
Woodrun	Montgomery County	\$	3.19
Yorktown	City of Winston Salem	\$	5.79
Zemosa Acres	City of Concord	\$	5.52
Carolina Trace	City of Sanford	\$	2.21

Commercial customers, including condominiums or other property owner associations who bill their members directly, shall have a separate account set up for each meter and each meter shall be billed separately based on the size of the meter and usage associated with the meter.

When because of the method of water line installation utilized by the developer or owner, it is impractical to meter each unit or other structure separately, the following will apply:

Sugar Mountain Service Area:

Where service to multiple units or other structures is provided through a single meter, the average usage for each unit or structure served by that meter will be calculated. Each unit or structure will be billed based upon that average usage plus the base monthly charge for a <1" meter.

Mount Mitchell Service Area:

Service will be billed based upon the Commission-approved monthly flat rate.

Monthly Flat Rate Service: (Billed in Arrears) \$ 68.71

Availability Rate: (Semiannual)

Applicable only to property owners in Carolina Forest
and Woodrun Subdivisions in Montgomery County \$ 29.60

Availability Rate: (Monthly)

Applicable only to property owners in Linville Ridge Subdivision	\$ 14.83
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Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed semiannually)

Applicable only to property owners in Fairfield Sapphire Valley Service Area	\$ 10.96
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Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed quarterly)

Applicable only to property owners in Connestee Falls	\$ 5.78
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<u>Meter Testing Fee:</u> ^{1/}	\$ 20.00
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<u>New Water Customer Charge:</u>	\$ 27.00
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Reconnection Charge: ^{2/}

If water service is cut off by utility for good cause	\$ 42.00
If water service is discontinued at customer's request	\$ 42.00

Reconnection Charge: ^{3/}(Flat-rate water customers)

If water service is cut off by utility for good cause	Actual Cost
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Management Fee: (in the following subdivisions only)

(Per connection)

Wolf Laurel	\$150.00
Covington Cross Subdivision (Phases 1 & 2)	\$100.00

Oversizing Fee: (in the following subdivision only)

(One-time charge per single-family equivalent) Winghurst	\$400.00
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Meter Fee:

For <1" meters	\$ 50.00
For meters 1" or larger	Actual Cost

Irrigation Meter Installation:

Actual Cost

SEWER RATES AND CHARGES

Monthly Metered Sewer Service:

A. Base Facility Charge:

Residential (zero usage)	\$ 41.03
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Commercial (based on meter size with zero usage)

< 1" meter	\$ 41.03
1" meter	\$ 102.58
1 1/2" meter	\$ 205.15
2" meter	\$ 328.24
3" meter	\$ 615.45
4" meter	\$1,025.75
6" meter	\$2,051.50
8" meter	\$3,282.40

B. Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 11.69
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Commercial customers, including condominiums or other property owner associations who bill their members directly, shall have a separate account set up for each meter and each meter shall be billed separately based on the size of the meter and usage associated with the meter.

Monthly Metered Purchased Sewer Service:

Collection Charge (Residential and Commercial)	\$ 28.72
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Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons
(based on purchased water consumption)

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Bulk Provider</u>		
White Oak Plantation/ Lee Forest/Winston Pt.	Johnston County	\$	6.77
Kings Grant	Two Rivers Utilities	\$	4.61
College Park	Town of Dallas	\$	7.77

Monthly Flat Rate Service, per SFE or REU: \$ 85.12

Multi-residential customers who are served by a master meter shall be charged the flat rate per unit. \$ 85.12

Mt. Carmel Subdivision Service Area:

Monthly Base Facility Charge \$ 7.72

Monthly Collection Charge
(Residential and Commercial) \$ 28.72

Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons
(based on metered water from the water supplier) \$ 6.71

Regalwood and White Oak Estates Subdivision Service Area:

Monthly Flat Rate Sewer Service

Residential Service	\$ 85.12
White Oak High School	\$2,525.23
Child Castle Daycare	\$ 323.73
Pantry	\$ 177.51

Fairfield Mountain/Apple Valley (a.k.a. Rumbling Bald) Service Area, and Highland Shores Subdivision:

Monthly Sewer Rates:

Residential	
Collection charge/dwelling unit	\$ 28.72
Treatment charge/dwelling unit	\$ 90.00
Total monthly flat rate/dwelling unit	<u>\$ 118.72</u>

Commercial and Other:

Minimum monthly collection and treatment charge	\$ 118.72
Monthly collection and treatment charge for customers who do not take water service	\$ 118.72
Treatment charge per dwelling unit	
Small (less than 2,500 gallons per month)	\$ 103.00
Medium (2,500 to 10,000 gallons per month)	\$ 182.00
Large (over 10,000 gallons per month)	\$ 286.00
Collection Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 13.93

The Ridges at Mountain Harbour:

Monthly Sewer Rates:

Collection charge (Residential and Commercial)	\$ 28.72
Treatment charge (Residential and Commercial)	
< 1" meter	\$ 16.95
2" meter	\$ 135.60

Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed semiannually)

Applicable only to property owners in Fairfield Sapphire Valley Service Area	\$ 11.05
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Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed quarterly)

Applicable only to property owners in Connestee Falls	\$ 6.23
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New Sewer Customer Charge: ^{4/} \$ 27.00

Reconnection Charge: ^{5/}

If sewer service is cut off by utility for good cause: Actual Cost

MISCELLANEOUS UTILITY MATTERS

<u>Charge for processing NSF Checks:</u>	\$ 25.00
<u>Bills Due:</u>	On billing date
<u>Bills Past Due:</u>	21 days after billing date
<u>Billing Frequency:</u>	Bills shall be rendered monthly in all service areas, except for Mt. Carmel, which will be billed bimonthly. Availability rates will be billed quarterly in advance for Connetsee Falls, semiannually in advance for Carolina Forest, Woodrun, and Fairfield Sapphire Valley, and monthly for Linville Ridge.
<u>Finance Charge for Late Payment:</u>	1% per month will be applied to the unpaid balance of all bills still past due 25 days after billing date.

Notes:

^{1/} If a customer requests a test of a water meter more frequently than once in a 24-month period, the Company will collect a \$20.00 service charge to defray the cost of the test. If the meter is found to register in excess of the prescribed accuracy limits, the meter testing charge will be waived. If the meter is found to register accurately or below prescribed accuracy limits, the charge shall be retained by the Company. Regardless of the test results, customers may request a meter test once in a 24-month period without charge.

^{2/} Customers who request to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection at the same address shall be charged the base facility charge for the service period they were disconnected.

^{3/} The utility shall itemize the estimated cost of disconnecting and reconnecting service and shall furnish this estimate to customer with cut-off notice.

^{4/} This charge shall be waived if customer is also a water customer within the same service area.

^{5/} The utility shall itemize the estimated cost of disconnecting and reconnecting service and shall furnish this estimate to customer with cut-off notice. This charge will be waived if customer also receives water service from Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina within the same service area. Customers who request to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection at the same address shall be charged the base facility charge for the service period they were disconnected.

Issued in Accordance with Authority Granted by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-354, Sub 407, on this the ____ day of September 2022.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 407
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Notice is given that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) has granted Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC) a decrease in its water usage charge for customers in the Tanglewood South and Eastgate service areas in Cumberland County, North Carolina.

CWSNC filed a verified petition with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to water customers in Tanglewood South and Eastgate in Cumberland County a decrease in the cost of purchasing water service from the Fayetteville Public Works Commission. N.C.G.S. § 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) reviewed CWSNC’s petition and recommended that CWSNC be allowed to decrease its water usage rate by \$0.09 per 1,000 gallons, decreasing the rate from \$5.55 to \$5.46 per 1,000 gallons effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Notice. The monthly base facility charge for a <1” meter remains \$24.53.

The new water usage rate will decrease the average residential monthly water bill by \$0.32, from \$44.17 to \$43.85 based on an average usage of 3,539 gallons.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of September 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, _____, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers the attached Notice to Customers issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-354, Sub 407 and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the ____ day of _____ 2022.

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-354, Sub 407.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the ____ day of _____ 2022.

Notary Public

Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: _____
Date

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 408

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application by Carolina Water Service, Inc.)	
of North Carolina, 4944 Parkway Plaza)	
Boulevard, Suite 375, Charlotte, North)	
Carolina, 28217, for Authority to Amend Its)	ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
Tariff to Increase Rates for Water Utility)	REVISION AND REQUIRING
Service for the Increased Cost of Purchased)	CUSTOMER NOTICE
Water from the Town of Franklin in the)	
Riverbend Service Area in Macon County,)	
North Carolina)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On July 21, 2022, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC or Company) filed a verified petition with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to its metered water customers in the Riverbend service area in Macon County an increase in the cost of purchasing water service from the Town of Franklin (Franklin). N.C.G.S. § 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

CWSNC stated that, effective July 1, 2022, Franklin increased its usage charge for water service by \$0.30 per 1,000 gallons, increasing the rate from \$8.10 to \$8.40 per 1,000 gallons. CWSNC requested to increase its usage charge to its customers in the Riverbend service area for service rendered on and after July 1, 2022, to pass along this increase in the cost of purchasing water service from Franklin.

CWSNC's current usage rate related to its bulk purchased water service from Franklin became effective on August 16, 2021, upon issuance of the Commission's Order Approving Tariff Revision and Requiring Customer Notice in Docket No. W-354, Sub 387. CWSNC requested authority to increase its water usage rate from \$8.10 to \$8.40 per 1,000 gallons to reflect the increase in the cost of purchasing water service from Franklin. The monthly base facility charge for a <1" meter remains \$24.53. Under the new water usage rate, the average residential customer's monthly water bill will increase by \$1.07, from \$53.44 to \$54.51 based on 3,569 gallons of usage¹.

¹ The average usage was determined based on 2021 consumption in Exhibit 12 of the testimony of Lindsay Q. Darden, filed on November 5, 2021, in Docket No. W-354, Sub 384

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) presented this matter at the Commission’s Staff Conference on September 6, 2022. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed Franklin’s rates and the Company’s request and recommended that the Commission approve the tariff revision at the proposed rates for service rendered on and after the date of this order and require customer notice.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission finds that CWSNC should be allowed to pass through the costs associated with the increased purchased water expense.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina is granted a revision to Appendix A-1 of its tariff for water utility service in the Riverbend service area in Macon County in which it purchases and resells water from the Town of Franklin, as set forth herein;

2. That the revised Appendix A-1 attached hereto is approved and is deemed filed with the Commission pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-138. This Schedule of Rates shall become effective for services rendered on and after the date of this Order; and

3. That the Notice to Customers attached hereto as Appendix B be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by the Company to all its affected customers in the Riverbend service area contemporaneously with the next billing of customers, and that the Company shall submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, no later than ten days after the date of the next billing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the _____ day of September 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

SCHEDULE OF RATES

for

CAROLINA WATER SERVICE, INC. OF NORTH CAROLINA

for providing water and sewer utility service

in

ALL OF ITS SERVICE AREAS IN NORTH CAROLINA

(excluding Fairfield Harbour Service Area, Treasure Cove, Register Place Estates, North Hills, Glen Arbor/North Bend, Bradfield Farms, Silverton, Woodland Farms, and Larkhaven Subdivisions, and Hawthorne at the Green Apartments

WATER RATES AND CHARGES

Monthly Metered Water Service (Residential and Commercial):

Base Facility Charge (based on meter size with zero usage)

< 1" meter	\$ 24.53
1" meter	\$ 61.33
1 1/2" meter	\$ 122.65
2" meter	\$ 196.24
3" meter	\$ 367.95
4" meter	\$ 613.25
6" meter	\$1,226.50
8" meter	\$1,962.40

Usage Charge:

A. Treated Water/1,000 gallons	\$ 11.71
B. Untreated Water/1,000 gallons (Brandywine Bay Irrigation Water)	\$ 5.99

C. Purchased Water for Resale, per 1,000 gallons:

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Bulk Provider</u>		
Carolina Forest	Montgomery County	\$	3.19
Eastgate	Fayetteville PWC	\$	5.46
Tanglewood South	Fayetteville PWC	\$	5.46
High Vista Estates	City of Hendersonville	\$	5.27
Riverbend	Town of Franklin	\$	8.40
Riverpointe	Charlotte Water	\$	4.12
Whispering Pines	Town of Southern Pines	\$	3.70
White Oak Plantation/ Lee Forest	Johnston County	\$	3.20
Winston Plantation	Johnston County	\$	3.20
Winston Pointe	Johnston County	\$	3.20
Willowbrook	Johnston County	\$	3.20
Woodrun	Montgomery County	\$	3.19
Yorktown	City of Winston Salem	\$	5.79
Zemosa Acres	City of Concord	\$	5.52
Carolina Trace	City of Sanford	\$	2.21

Commercial customers, including condominiums or other property owner associations who bill their members directly, shall have a separate account set up for each meter and each meter shall be billed separately based on the size of the meter and usage associated with the meter.

When because of the method of water line installation utilized by the developer or owner, it is impractical to meter each unit or other structure separately, the following will apply:

Sugar Mountain Service Area:

Where service to multiple units or other structures is provided through a single meter, the average usage for each unit or structure served by that meter will be calculated. Each unit or structure will be billed based upon that average usage plus the base monthly charge for a <1" meter.

Mount Mitchell Service Area:

Service will be billed based upon the Commission-approved monthly flat rate.

Monthly Flat Rate Service: (Billed in Arrears) \$ 68.71

Availability Rate: (Semiannual)

Applicable only to property owners in Carolina Forest
and Woodrun Subdivisions in Montgomery County \$ 29.60

Availability Rate: (Monthly)

Applicable only to property owners in Linville Ridge Subdivision	\$ 14.83
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Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed semiannually)

Applicable only to property owners in Fairfield Sapphire Valley Service Area	\$ 10.96
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Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed quarterly)

Applicable only to property owners in Connestee Falls	\$ 5.78
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<u>Meter Testing Fee:</u> ^{1/}	\$ 20.00
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<u>New Water Customer Charge:</u>	\$ 27.00
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Reconnection Charge: ^{2/}

If water service is cut off by utility for good cause	\$ 42.00
If water service is discontinued at customer's request	\$ 42.00

Reconnection Charge: ^{3/}(Flat-rate water customers)

If water service is cut off by utility for good cause	Actual Cost
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Management Fee: (in the following subdivisions only)

(Per connection)

Wolf Laurel	\$150.00
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Covington Cross Subdivision (Phases 1 & 2)	\$100.00
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Oversizing Fee: (in the following subdivision only)

(One-time charge per single-family equivalent) Winghurst	\$400.00
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Meter Fee:

For <1" meters	\$ 50.00
For meters 1" or larger	Actual Cost

Irrigation Meter Installation:

Actual Cost

SEWER RATES AND CHARGES

Monthly Metered Sewer Service:

A. Base Facility Charge:

Residential (zero usage)	\$ 41.03
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Commercial (based on meter size with zero usage)

< 1" meter	\$ 41.03
1" meter	\$ 102.58
1 1/2" meter	\$ 205.15
2" meter	\$ 328.24
3" meter	\$ 615.45
4" meter	\$1,025.75
6" meter	\$2,051.50
8" meter	\$3,282.40

B. Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 11.69
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Commercial customers, including condominiums or other property owner associations who bill their members directly, shall have a separate account set up for each meter and each meter shall be billed separately based on the size of the meter and usage associated with the meter.

Monthly Metered Purchased Sewer Service:

Collection Charge (Residential and Commercial)	\$ 28.72
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Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons
(based on purchased water consumption)

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Bulk Provider</u>		
White Oak Plantation/ Lee Forest/Winston Pt.	Johnston County	\$	6.77
Kings Grant	Two Rivers Utilities	\$	4.61
College Park	Town of Dallas	\$	7.77

Monthly Flat Rate Service, per SFE or REU: \$ 85.12

Multi-residential customers who are served by a master meter shall be charged the flat rate per unit. \$ 85.12

Mt. Carmel Subdivision Service Area:

Monthly Base Facility Charge \$ 7.72

Monthly Collection Charge
(Residential and Commercial) \$ 28.72

Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons
(based on metered water from the water supplier) \$ 6.71

Regalwood and White Oak Estates Subdivision Service Area:

Monthly Flat Rate Sewer Service

Residential Service	\$ 85.12
White Oak High School	\$2,525.23
Child Castle Daycare	\$ 323.73
Pantry	\$ 177.51

Fairfield Mountain/Apple Valley (a.k.a. Rumbling Bald) Service Area, and Highland Shores Subdivision:

Monthly Sewer Rates:

Residential	
Collection charge/dwelling unit	\$ 28.72
Treatment charge/dwelling unit	\$ 90.00
Total monthly flat rate/dwelling unit	<u>\$ 118.72</u>

Commercial and Other:

Minimum monthly collection and treatment charge	\$ 118.72
Monthly collection and treatment charge for customers who do not take water service	\$ 118.72
Treatment charge per dwelling unit	
Small (less than 2,500 gallons per month)	\$ 103.00
Medium (2,500 to 10,000 gallons per month)	\$ 182.00
Large (over 10,000 gallons per month)	\$ 286.00
Collection Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 13.93

The Ridges at Mountain Harbour:

Monthly Sewer Rates:

Collection charge (Residential and Commercial)	\$ 28.72
Treatment charge (Residential and Commercial)	
< 1" meter	\$ 16.95
2" meter	\$ 135.60

Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed semiannually)

Applicable only to property owners in Fairfield Sapphire Valley Service Area	\$ 11.05
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Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed quarterly)

Applicable only to property owners in Connestee Falls	\$ 6.23
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New Sewer Customer Charge: ^{4/} \$ 27.00

Reconnection Charge: ^{5/}

If sewer service is cut off by utility for good cause: Actual Cost

MISCELLANEOUS UTILITY MATTERS

<u>Charge for processing NSF Checks:</u>	\$ 25.00
<u>Bills Due:</u>	On billing date
<u>Bills Past Due:</u>	21 days after billing date
<u>Billing Frequency:</u>	Bills shall be rendered monthly in all service areas, except for Mt. Carmel, which will be billed bimonthly. Availability rates will be billed quarterly in advance for Connetsee Falls, semiannually in advance for Carolina Forest, Woodrun, and Fairfield Sapphire Valley, and monthly for Linville Ridge.
<u>Finance Charge for Late Payment:</u>	1% per month will be applied to the unpaid balance of all bills still past due 25 days after billing date.

Notes:

^{1/} If a customer requests a test of a water meter more frequently than once in a 24-month period, the Company will collect a \$20.00 service charge to defray the cost of the test. If the meter is found to register in excess of the prescribed accuracy limits, the meter testing charge will be waived. If the meter is found to register accurately or below prescribed accuracy limits, the charge shall be retained by the Company. Regardless of the test results, customers may request a meter test once in a 24-month period without charge.

^{2/} Customers who request to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection at the same address shall be charged the base facility charge for the service period they were disconnected.

^{3/} The utility shall itemize the estimated cost of disconnecting and reconnecting service and shall furnish this estimate to customer with cut-off notice.

^{4/} This charge shall be waived if customer is also a water customer within the same service area.

^{5/} The utility shall itemize the estimated cost of disconnecting and reconnecting service and shall furnish this estimate to customer with cut-off notice. This charge will be waived if customer also receives water service from Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina within the same service area. Customers who request to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection at the same address shall be charged the base facility charge for the service period they were disconnected.

Issued in Accordance with Authority Granted by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-354, Sub 408, on this the ____ day of September 2022.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 408
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Notice is given that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) has granted Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC) an increase in its water usage charge for customers in the Riverbend service area in Macon County, North Carolina.

CWSNC filed a verified petition with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to water customers in the Riverbend service area in Macon County an increase in the cost of purchasing water service from the Town of Franklin. N.C.G.S. § 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) reviewed CWSNC's petition and recommended that CWSNC be allowed to increase its water usage rate by \$0.30 per 1,000 gallons, increasing the rate from \$8.10 to \$8.40 per 1,000 gallons effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Notice. The monthly base facility charge for a <1" meter remains \$24.53.

The new water usage rate will increase the average residential monthly water bill by \$1.07, from \$53.44 to \$54.51 based on an average usage of 3,569 gallons.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of September 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, _____, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers the attached Notice to Customers issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-354, Sub 408 and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the ____ day of _____ 2022.

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-354, Sub 408.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the ____ day of _____ 2022.

Notary Public

Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: _____
Date

monthly water bill will increase by \$0.85, from \$41.00 to \$41.85 based on 4,680 gallons of usage.¹

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) presented this matter at the Commission’s Staff Conference on September 6, 2022. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the Town of Southern Pines’ rates and the Company’s request and recommended that the Commission approve the tariff revision at the proposed rates for service rendered on and after the date of this order and require customer notice.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission finds that CWSNC should be allowed to pass through the costs associated with the increased purchased water expense.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina is granted a revision to Appendix A-1 of its tariff for water utility service in the Whispering Pines service area in Moore County in which it purchases and resells water from the Town of Southern Pines, as set forth herein;

2. That the revised Appendix A-1 attached hereto is approved and deemed filed with the Commission pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-138. This Schedule of Rates shall become effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Order; and

3. That the Notice to Customers attached hereto as Appendix B shall be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by the Company to all its affected customers in the Whispering Pines service area contemporaneously with the next billing of customers, and that the Company shall submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, no later than ten days after the date of the next billing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the _____ day of September 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

¹ The average usage was determined based on 2021 consumption in Exhibit 16 of the testimony of Lindsay Q. Darden, filed on November 5, 2021, in Docket No. W-354, Sub 384

SCHEDULE OF RATES

for

CAROLINA WATER SERVICE, INC. OF NORTH CAROLINA

for providing water and sewer utility service

in

ALL OF ITS SERVICE AREAS IN NORTH CAROLINA

(excluding Fairfield Harbour Service Area, Treasure Cove, Register Place Estates, North Hills, Glen Arbor/North Bend, Bradfield Farms, Silverton, Woodland Farms, and Larkhaven Subdivisions, and Hawthorne at the Green Apartments

WATER RATES AND CHARGES

Monthly Metered Water Service (Residential and Commercial):

Base Facility Charge (based on meter size with zero usage)

< 1" meter	\$ 24.53
1" meter	\$ 61.33
1 1/2" meter	\$ 122.65
2" meter	\$ 196.24
3" meter	\$ 367.95
4" meter	\$ 613.25
6" meter	\$1,226.50
8" meter	\$1,962.40

Usage Charge:

A. Treated Water/1,000 gallons	\$ 11.71
B. Untreated Water/1,000 gallons (Brandywine Bay Irrigation Water)	\$ 5.99

C. Purchased Water for Resale, per 1,000 gallons:

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Bulk Provider</u>		
Carolina Forest	Montgomery County	\$	3.19
Eastgate	Fayetteville PWC	\$	5.46
Tanglewood South	Fayetteville PWC	\$	5.46
High Vista Estates	City of Hendersonville	\$	5.27
Riverbend	Town of Franklin	\$	8.40
Riverpointe	Charlotte Water	\$	4.12
Whispering Pines	Town of Southern Pines	\$	3.70
White Oak Plantation/ Lee Forest	Johnston County	\$	3.20
Winston Plantation	Johnston County	\$	3.20
Winston Pointe	Johnston County	\$	3.20
Willowbrook	Johnston County	\$	3.20
Woodrun	Montgomery County	\$	3.19
Yorktown	City of Winston Salem	\$	5.79
Zemosa Acres	City of Concord	\$	5.52
Carolina Trace	City of Sanford	\$	2.21

Commercial customers, including condominiums or other property owner associations who bill their members directly, shall have a separate account set up for each meter and each meter shall be billed separately based on the size of the meter and usage associated with the meter.

When because of the method of water line installation utilized by the developer or owner, it is impractical to meter each unit or other structure separately, the following will apply:

Sugar Mountain Service Area:

Where service to multiple units or other structures is provided through a single meter, the average usage for each unit or structure served by that meter will be calculated. Each unit or structure will be billed based upon that average usage plus the base monthly charge for a <1" meter.

Mount Mitchell Service Area:

Service will be billed based upon the Commission-approved monthly flat rate.

Monthly Flat Rate Service: (Billed in Arrears) \$ 68.71

Availability Rate: (Semiannual)

Applicable only to property owners in Carolina Forest
and Woodrun Subdivisions in Montgomery County \$ 29.60

Availability Rate: (Monthly)

Applicable only to property owners in Linville Ridge Subdivision	\$ 14.83
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Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed semiannually)

Applicable only to property owners in Fairfield Sapphire Valley Service Area	\$ 10.96
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Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed quarterly)

Applicable only to property owners in Connestee Falls	\$ 5.78
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<u>Meter Testing Fee:</u> ^{1/}	\$ 20.00
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<u>New Water Customer Charge:</u>	\$ 27.00
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Reconnection Charge: ^{2/}

If water service is cut off by utility for good cause	\$ 42.00
If water service is discontinued at customer's request	\$ 42.00

Reconnection Charge: ^{3/}(Flat-rate water customers)

If water service is cut off by utility for good cause	Actual Cost
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Management Fee: (in the following subdivisions only)

(Per connection)

Wolf Laurel	\$150.00
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Covington Cross Subdivision (Phases 1 & 2)	\$100.00
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Oversizing Fee: (in the following subdivision only)

(One-time charge per single-family equivalent) Winghurst	\$400.00
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Meter Fee:

For <1" meters	\$ 50.00
For meters 1" or larger	Actual Cost

Irrigation Meter Installation:

Actual Cost

SEWER RATES AND CHARGES

Monthly Metered Sewer Service:

A. Base Facility Charge:

Residential (zero usage)	\$ 41.03
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Commercial (based on meter size with zero usage)

< 1" meter	\$ 41.03
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B. Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 11.69
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Commercial customers, including condominiums or other property owner associations who bill their members directly, shall have a separate account set up for each meter and each meter shall be billed separately based on the size of the meter and usage associated with the meter.

Monthly Metered Purchased Sewer Service:

Collection Charge (Residential and Commercial)	\$ 28.72
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Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons
(based on purchased water consumption)

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Bulk Provider</u>		
White Oak Plantation/ Lee Forest/Winston Pt.	Johnston County	\$	6.77
Kings Grant	Two Rivers Utilities	\$	4.61
College Park	Town of Dallas	\$	7.77

Monthly Flat Rate Service, per SFE or REU: \$ 85.12

Multi-residential customers who are served by a master meter shall be charged the flat rate per unit. \$ 85.12

Mt. Carmel Subdivision Service Area:

Monthly Base Facility Charge \$ 7.72

Monthly Collection Charge
(Residential and Commercial) \$ 28.72

Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons
(based on metered water from the water supplier) \$ 6.71

Regalwood and White Oak Estates Subdivision Service Area:

Monthly Flat Rate Sewer Service

Residential Service	\$ 85.12
White Oak High School	\$2,525.23
Child Castle Daycare	\$ 323.73
Pantry	\$ 177.51

Fairfield Mountain/Apple Valley (a.k.a. Rumbling Bald) Service Area, and Highland Shores Subdivision:

Monthly Sewer Rates:

Residential	
Collection charge/dwelling unit	\$ 28.72
Treatment charge/dwelling unit	\$ 90.00
Total monthly flat rate/dwelling unit	<u>\$ 118.72</u>

Commercial and Other:

Minimum monthly collection and treatment charge	\$ 118.72
Monthly collection and treatment charge for customers who do not take water service	\$ 118.72
Treatment charge per dwelling unit	
Small (less than 2,500 gallons per month)	\$ 103.00
Medium (2,500 to 10,000 gallons per month)	\$ 182.00
Large (over 10,000 gallons per month)	\$ 286.00
Collection Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 13.93

The Ridges at Mountain Harbour:

Monthly Sewer Rates:

Collection charge (Residential and Commercial)	\$ 28.72
Treatment charge (Residential and Commercial)	
< 1" meter	\$ 16.95
2" meter	\$ 135.60

Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed semiannually)

Applicable only to property owners in Fairfield Sapphire Valley Service Area	\$ 11.05
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Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed quarterly)

Applicable only to property owners in Connestee Falls	\$ 6.23
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New Sewer Customer Charge: ^{4/} \$ 27.00

Reconnection Charge: ^{5/}

If sewer service is cut off by utility for good cause: Actual Cost

MISCELLANEOUS UTILITY MATTERS

<u>Charge for processing NSF Checks:</u>	\$ 25.00
<u>Bills Due:</u>	On billing date
<u>Bills Past Due:</u>	21 days after billing date
<u>Billing Frequency:</u>	Bills shall be rendered monthly in all service areas, except for Mt. Carmel, which will be billed bimonthly. Availability rates will be billed quarterly in advance for Connetsee Falls, semiannually in advance for Carolina Forest, Woodrun, and Fairfield Sapphire Valley, and monthly for Linville Ridge.
<u>Finance Charge for Late Payment:</u>	1% per month will be applied to the unpaid balance of all bills still past due 25 days after billing date.

Notes:

^{1/} If a customer requests a test of a water meter more frequently than once in a 24-month period, the Company will collect a \$20.00 service charge to defray the cost of the test. If the meter is found to register in excess of the prescribed accuracy limits, the meter testing charge will be waived. If the meter is found to register accurately or below prescribed accuracy limits, the charge shall be retained by the Company. Regardless of the test results, customers may request a meter test once in a 24-month period without charge.

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^{3/} The utility shall itemize the estimated cost of disconnecting and reconnecting service and shall furnish this estimate to customer with cut-off notice.

^{4/} This charge shall be waived if customer is also a water customer within the same service area.

^{5/} The utility shall itemize the estimated cost of disconnecting and reconnecting service and shall furnish this estimate to customer with cut-off notice. This charge will be waived if customer also receives water service from Carolina Water Service Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina within the same service area. Customers who request to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection at the same address shall be charged the base facility charge for the service period they were disconnected.

Issued in Accordance with Authority Granted by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-354, Sub 408, on this the ____ day of September 2022.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 409
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Notice is given that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) has granted Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC) an increase in its water usage charge to customers in the Whispering Pines service area in Moore County, North Carolina.

CWSNC filed a verified petition with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen.Stat. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to water customers in the Whispering Pines service area in Moore County an increase in the cost of purchasing water service from Town of Southern Pines. N.C.G.S. § 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) reviewed CWSNC's petition and recommended that CWSNC be allowed to increase its water usage rate by \$0.18 per 1,000 gallons, increasing the rate from \$3.52 to \$3.70 per 1,000 gallons effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Notice. The monthly base facility charge for a <1" meter remains \$24.53.

The new water usage rate will increase the average residential monthly bill by \$0.85, from \$41.00 to \$41.85 based on an average usage of 4,680 gallons.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of September 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, _____, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers the attached Notice to Customers issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-354, Sub 409 and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the ____ day of _____ 2022.

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-354, Sub 409.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the ____ day of _____ 2022.

Notary Public

Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: _____

Date

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the new sewer usage rate and base facility cost, the average residential customer's monthly sewer bill will increase by \$0.90, from \$58.12 to \$59.02 based on 3,365 gallons of usage.¹

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) presented this matter at the Commission's Staff Conference on September 6, 2022. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed MSD's rates and the Company's request and recommended that the Commission approve the tariff revision at the proposed rates for service rendered on and after the date of this order and require customer notice.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission finds that CWSNC should be allowed to pass through the costs associated with the increased purchased sewer expense.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina is granted a revision to Appendix A-1 of its tariff for sewer utility service in the Mt. Carmel service area in Buncombe County in which it purchases and resells sewer service from the Metropolitan Sewerage District of Buncombe County, as set forth herein;

2. That the revised Appendix A-1 attached hereto is approved and deemed filed with the Commission pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-138. This Schedule of Rates shall become effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Order; and

3. That the Notice to Customers attached hereto as Appendix B shall be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by the Company to all its affected customers in the Mt. Carmel service area contemporaneously with the next billing of customers, and that the Company shall submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, no later than ten days after the date of the next billing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the _____ day of September 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

¹ The average usage was determined based on 2021 consumption in Exhibit 13 of the testimony of Lindsay Q. Darden, filed on November 5, 2021, in Docket No. W-354, Sub 384.

SCHEDULE OF RATES

for

CAROLINA WATER SERVICE, INC. OF NORTH CAROLINA

for providing water and sewer utility service

in

ALL OF ITS SERVICE AREAS IN NORTH CAROLINA

(excluding Fairfield Harbour Service Area, Treasure Cove, Register Place Estates, North Hills, Glen Arbor/North Bend, Bradfield Farms, Silverton, Woodland Farms, and Larkhaven Subdivisions, and Hawthorne at the Green Apartments

WATER RATES AND CHARGES

Monthly Metered Water Service (Residential and Commercial):

Base Facility Charge (based on meter size with zero usage)

< 1" meter	\$ 24.53
1" meter	\$ 61.33
1 1/2" meter	\$ 122.65
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Sugar Mountain Service Area:

Where service to multiple units or other structures is provided through a single meter, the average usage for each unit or structure served by that meter will be calculated. Each unit or structure will be billed based upon that average usage plus the base monthly charge for a <1" meter.

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Service will be billed based upon the Commission-approved monthly flat rate.

Monthly Flat Rate Service: (Billed in Arrears) \$ 68.71

Availability Rate: (Semiannual)

Applicable only to property owners in Carolina Forest
and Woodrun Subdivisions in Montgomery County \$ 29.60

Availability Rate: (Monthly)

Applicable only to property owners in Linville Ridge Subdivision	\$ 14.83
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Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed semiannually)

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Actual Cost

SEWER RATES AND CHARGES

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Monthly Metered Purchased Sewer Service:

Collection Charge (Residential and Commercial)	\$ 28.72
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Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons
(based on purchased water consumption)

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Bulk Provider</u>		
White Oak Plantation/ Lee Forest/Winston Pt.	Johnston County	\$	6.77
Kings Grant	Two Rivers Utilities	\$	4.61
College Park	Town of Dallas	\$	7.77

Monthly Flat Rate Service, per SFE or REU: \$ 85.12

Multi-residential customers who are served by a master meter shall be charged the flat rate per unit. \$ 85.12

Mt. Carmel Subdivision Service Area:

Monthly Base Facility Charge \$ 7.72

Monthly Collection Charge
(Residential and Commercial) \$ 28.72

Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons
(based on metered water from the water supplier) \$ 6.71

Regalwood and White Oak Estates Subdivision Service Area:

Monthly Flat Rate Sewer Service

Residential Service	\$ 85.12
White Oak High School	\$2,525.23
Child Castle Daycare	\$ 323.73
Pantry	\$ 177.51

Fairfield Mountain/Apple Valley (a.k.a. Rumbling Bald) Service Area, and Highland Shores Subdivision:

Monthly Sewer Rates:

Residential	
Collection charge/dwelling unit	\$ 28.72
Treatment charge/dwelling unit	\$ 90.00
Total monthly flat rate/dwelling unit	<u>\$ 118.72</u>

Commercial and Other:

Minimum monthly collection and treatment charge	\$ 118.72
Monthly collection and treatment charge for customers who do not take water service	\$ 118.72
Treatment charge per dwelling unit	
Small (less than 2,500 gallons per month)	\$ 103.00
Medium (2,500 to 10,000 gallons per month)	\$ 182.00
Large (over 10,000 gallons per month)	\$ 286.00
Collection Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 13.93

The Ridges at Mountain Harbour:

Monthly Sewer Rates:

Collection charge (Residential and Commercial)	\$ 28.72
Treatment charge (Residential and Commercial)	
< 1" meter	\$ 16.95
2" meter	\$ 135.60

Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed semiannually)

Applicable only to property owners in Fairfield Sapphire Valley Service Area	\$ 11.05
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Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed quarterly)

Applicable only to property owners in Connestee Falls	\$ 6.23
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New Sewer Customer Charge: ^{4/} \$ 27.00

Reconnection Charge: ^{5/}

If sewer service is cut off by utility for good cause: Actual Cost

MISCELLANEOUS UTILITY MATTERS

<u>Charge for processing NSF Checks:</u>	\$ 25.00
<u>Bills Due:</u>	On billing date
<u>Bills Past Due:</u>	21 days after billing date
<u>Billing Frequency:</u>	Bills shall be rendered monthly in all service areas, except for Mt. Carmel, which will be billed bimonthly. Availability rates will be billed quarterly in advance for Connetsee Falls, semiannually in advance for Carolina Forest, Woodrun, and Fairfield Sapphire Valley, and monthly for Linville Ridge.
<u>Finance Charge for Late Payment:</u>	1% per month will be applied to the unpaid balance of all bills still past due 25 days after billing date.

Notes:

^{1/} If a customer requests a test of a water meter more frequently than once in a 24-month period, the Company will collect a \$20.00 service charge to defray the cost of the test. If the meter is found to register in excess of the prescribed accuracy limits, the meter testing charge will be waived. If the meter is found to register accurately or below prescribed accuracy limits, the charge shall be retained by the Company. Regardless of the test results, customers may request a meter test once in a 24-month period without charge.

^{2/} Customers who request to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection at the same address shall be charged the base facility charge for the service period they were disconnected.

^{3/} The utility shall itemize the estimated cost of disconnecting and reconnecting service and shall furnish this estimate to customer with cut-off notice.

^{4/} This charge shall be waived if customer is also a water customer within the same service area.

^{5/} The utility shall itemize the estimated cost of disconnecting and reconnecting service and shall furnish this estimate to customer with cut-off notice. This charge will be waived if customer also receives water service from Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina within the same service area. Customers who request to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection at the same address shall be charged the base facility charge for the service period they were disconnected.

Issued in Accordance with Authority Granted by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-354, Sub 410, on this the ____ day of September 2022.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 410
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Notice is given that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) has granted Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC) an increase in its sewer usage charge and base facility charge for customers in the Mt. Carmel service area in Buncombe County, North Carolina.

CWSNC filed a verified petition with the Commission pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to sewer customers in the Mt. Carmel service area in Buncombe County an increase in the cost of purchasing sewage treatment from the Metropolitan Sewerage District of Buncombe County (MSD). Section 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) reviewed CWSNC's petition and recommended that CWSNC be allowed to increase its water usage rate by \$0.20 per 1,000 gallons, increasing the rate from \$6.51 to \$6.71 per 1,000 gallons, and increase the monthly base facility charge by \$0.23 per sewer customer from \$7.49 to \$7.72, effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Notice.

The new water usage rate will increase the average residential monthly bill by \$0.90, from \$58.12 to \$59.02 based on an average usage of 3,365 gallons.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of September 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, _____, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers the attached Notice to Customers issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-354, Sub 410 and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the ____ day of _____ 2022.

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-354, Sub 410.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the ____ day of _____ 2022.

Notary Public

Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: _____
Date

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1327, SUB 2

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Dillsboro Water Utilities, Inc.,)
Post Office Box 166, Dillsboro, North Carolina)
28725, for Authority to Amend Its Tariff to)
Increase Rates for Water and Sewer Utility)
Services for the Increased Cost of Purchased)
Water and Sewer Services from Tuckaseegee)
Water and Sewer Authority in the BP/Subway,)
Holiday Inn Express, Microtel and Dillsboro)
Crossing Apartments Service Areas in)
Jackson County, North Carolina)

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
REVISION AND REQUIRING
CUSTOMER NOTICE

BY THE COMMISSION: On July 12, 2022, Dillsboro Water Utilities, Inc. (Dillsboro or Company) filed a letter with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to its water and sewer customers in the BP/Subway, Holiday Inn Express, Microtel and Dillsboro Crossing Apartments service areas in Jackson County an increase in the cost of purchasing water and sewer service from Tuckaseegee Water and Sewer Authority (TWSA). On July 22, 2022, Dillsboro filed a verification pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11. N.C.G.S. § 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

Dillsboro stated that, effective June 30, 2022, TWSA increased the following rates for water and sewer service: the minimum commercial charge by \$1.32, increasing the rate from \$22.04 to \$23.36; the usage charge for over 2,250 gallons of usage by \$0.20, increasing the rate from \$3.30 to \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons; the usage charge for over 50,000 gallons of usage by \$0.20, increasing the rate from \$3.41 to \$3.61 per 1,000 gallons; the usage charge for over 100,000 gallons of usage by \$0.23, increasing the rate from \$3.81 to \$4.04 per 1,000 gallons; and the system improvement charge by \$0.08, increasing the rate from \$1.29 to \$1.37 per 1,000 gallons. Dillsboro requested to increase its usage charge to its water and sewer customers in its BP/Subway, Holiday Inn Express, Microtel and Dillsboro Crossing Apartments service areas to pass along this increase in the cost of purchasing water and sewer service from TWSA.

Dillsboro's current water and sewer rates became effective on October 18, 2021, upon issuance of the Commission's Order Approving Tariff Revision and Requiring Customer Notice in Docket No. W-1327, Sub 1.

The Public Staff presented this matter at the Commission's Staff Conference on September 6, 2022. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed TWSA's rates and the Company's request and recommended that Dillsboro be allowed to increase its water usage rate by \$0.48 per 1,000 gallons, from \$4.48 to \$4.96 per 1,000 gallons; its sewer usage rate by \$1.17 per 1,000 gallons, from \$4.15 to \$5.32 per 1,000 gallons; and its flat rate charged to Dillsboro Crossing Apartments by \$46.41 per month, from \$897.69 to \$944.10 per month.

The Public Staff recommended that the tariff revision be approved as modified and indicated that Dillsboro agrees with the Public Staff's recommended rates.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission finds that Dillsboro should be allowed to pass through the costs associates with the increased purchased water and sewer expenses.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Dillsboro Water Utilities, Inc. is granted a tariff revision for water and sewer utility service in the BP/Subway, Holiday Inn Express, Microtel and Dillsboro Crossing Apartments service areas in Jackson County, North Carolina in which it purchases and resells water and sewer service from Tuckasegee Water and Sewer Authority, as set forth herein;

2. That the Schedule of Rates, attached as Appendix A, is hereby approved and is deemed filed with the Commission pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-138. This Schedule of Rates shall become effective for service rendered on or after the date of this Order; and

3. That the Notice to Customers attached hereto as Appendix B shall be mailed with sufficient postage, or hand delivered by Dillsboro Water Utilities, Inc., to all its affected customers in Dillsboro Water Utilities, Inc.'s service area contemporaneously with the next billing of customers, and that Dillsboro Water Utilities, Inc. shall submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, within 45 days of this Order.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the _____ day of September 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

SCHEDULE OF RATES

for

DILLSBORO WATER UTILITIES, INC.

for providing water and sewer utility service in

BP/SUBWAY

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

MICROTEL

DILLSBORO CROSSING APARTMENTS (sewer only)

Jackson County, North Carolina

Monthly Metered Rates for Water Service: (Commercial)

Base charge, zero usage

5/8" x 3/4" meter	\$ 54.20
1" meter	\$ 135.50
1 1/2" meter	\$ 271.00
2" meter	\$ 433.60
3" meter	\$ 813.00
4" meter	\$1,355.00
6" meter	\$2,710.00
Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 4.96

Monthly Metered Rate for Sewer Service:

Base charge per REU (1 REU = 120 gallons = 1 bathroom)	\$ 31.30
BP/Subway (4 REU's)	\$ 125.20
Holiday Inn Express (71 REU's)	\$2,222.30
Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 5.32

Monthly Flat Rate for Sewer Service:

Dillsboro Crossing Apartments (26 REUs) \$944.10

Reconnection Charges:

If water service cut off by utility for good cause \$ 15.00

If water service discontinued at customer's request \$ 15.00

Returned Check Charge: \$ 25.00

Bills Due: On billing date

Bills Past Due: 15 days after billing date

Billing Frequency: Shall be monthly for service in arrears

Finance Charge for Late Payment: 1% per month will be applied to the unpaid balance of all bills still past due 25 days after billing date.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. W-1327, SUB 2
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Notice is given that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) has granted Dillsboro Water Utilities, Inc. (Dillsboro) an increase in its water and/or sewer usage charge for customers in the BP/Subway, Holiday Inn Express, Microtel and Dillsboro Crossing Apartments service areas in Jackson County, North Carolina.

Dillsboro filed a letter and verified petition with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to water and/or sewer customers in the BP/Subway, Holiday Inn Express, Microtel and Dillsboro Crossing Apartments service areas in Jackson County an increase in the cost of purchasing water and sewer service from Tuckaseegee Water and Sewer Authority (TWSA). Section 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

The Public Staff reviewed TWSA's petition and recommended that Dillsboro be allowed to increase its water usage rate by \$0.48 per 1,000 gallons, from \$4.48 to \$4.96 per 1,000 gallons, its sewer usage rate by \$1.17 per 1,000 gallons, from \$4.15 to \$5.32 per 1,000 gallons, and its flat rate charged to Dillsboro Crossing Apartments by \$46.41 per month, from \$897.69 to \$944.10 per month.

The Commission approved the recommended rates effective for water and sewer service rendered on and after the date of this notice shown below:

Monthly Metered Rates for Water Service: (Commercial)

Base charge, zero usage

5/8" x 3/4" meter	\$ 54.20
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4" meter	\$1,355.00
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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of September 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, _____, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers the attached Notice to Customers issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-1327, Sub 2 and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the ____ day of _____ 2022.

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-1327, Sub 2.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the ____ day of _____ 2022.

Notary Public

Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: _____
Date