STAFF CONFERENCE AGENDA August 21, 2023 Commission Hearing Room 2115, 10:00 a.m.

ELECTRIC

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC

 Docket No. SP-9416, Sub 1 – Amended Application of BioGas Corp, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 6.2-MW Poultry Biomass Facility in Union County, North Carolina (Lucas/Keyworth)

Duke Energy Progress, LLC

ORDER APPROVING TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND ACCEPTING REGISTRATION STATEMENT

2. <u>Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1328 and SP-8765, Sub 0</u> – Joint Request for Approval to Transfer Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, for Construction of an 80-MW Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating Facility, from Gideon Solar, LLC to Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), and Requesting Acceptance of DEP's Registration Statement (*Lucas/Keyworth*)

WATER AND WASTEWATER

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISION AND REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE

Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc.

 Docket No. W-1274, Sub 11 – Verified Petition to Amend Its Tariff to Increase Rates for Water and Sewer Utility Service for the Increased Cost of Purchased Water and Sewer Service from the Town of Waynesville in Lake Junaluska Assembly in Haywood County, North Carolina (Darden/Morgan/Bernier/Newell)

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISION AND REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE

Chatham Utilities, Inc.

4. <u>Docket No. W-1240 Sub 17</u> – Verified Petition to Amend Its Tariff to Increase Rates for Water and Sewer Utility Service for the Increased Cost of Purchased Water and Sewer Service from the Town of Cary in Chatham Estates Manufactured Housing Community in Wake County, North Carolina (Bhatta/Feasel/Bernier/Newell)

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISION AND REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE

Aqua North Carolina, Inc.

5. <u>Docket No. W-218 Sub 599</u> – Verified Petition to Amend Its Tariff to Increase Rates for Water Utility Service for the Increased Cost of Purchased Water from the Town of Pittsboro in Chapel Ridge, Laurel Ridge and The Parks at Meadowview in Chatham County, North Carolina (*Bhatta/Feasel/Jost*)

COMMUNICATIONS

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS

Brightspeed of North Carolina, LLC

6. <u>Docket No. P-10, Sub 893</u> – Amendment to the interconnection agreement with Time Warner Cable Information Services (North Carolina), LLC, approved by the Commission on September 26, 2016 (Wade/Coxton)

Brightspeed of Central North Carolina, LLC

- 7. <u>Docket No. P-35, Sub 136</u> Amendment to the interconnection agreement with Time Warner Cable Information Services (North Carolina), LLC, approved by the Commission on September 26, 2016 (Wade/Coxton)
- 8. <u>Docket No. P-35, Sub 144</u> Amendment to the interconnection agreement with Charter Fiberlink NC-CCO, LLC, approved by the Commission on February 21, 2018 (Wade/Coxton)

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

DOCKET NO. SP-9416, SUB 1

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application of BioGas Corp., for a Certificate of)	
Public Convenience and Necessity to)	ORDER ISSUING AMENDED
Construct a 6.2-MW Poultry Biomass Facility in)	CERTIFICATE
Union County North Carolina	

BY THE COMMISSION: On February 21, 2018, the Commission issued an order granting BioGas Corp. (Applicant) a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1 for construction of a 6.2-MWAC poultry biomass generating facility to be located at the intersection of Acme Drive and Ammunition Road, Monroe, Union County, North Carolina.

On July 15, 2023, the Applicant filed an amendment to increase the generating capacity to 7.2 MW.

On July 17, 2023, the Applicant filed confidential information to support its request for an amendment.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on August 21, 2023. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the amendment and determined it to be in compliance with the requirements of N.C.G.S. § 62-110.1(a) and Commission Rule R8-64. Therefore, the Public Staff recommended that the Commission issue an amended CPCN to the Applicant.

After careful consideration, the Commission finds good cause to approve the application and issue the attached amended certificate for the poultry biomass generating facility.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

- 1. That the application of BioGas Corp. for an amended 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 BioGas Corp. for the 7.2-MW_{AC} poultry biomass generating facility to be located at the intersection of Acme Drive and Ammunition Road, Monroe, Union County, North Carolina; and

3. That the amended certificate of public convenience and necessity shall expire five years following the date of the issuance of the original or renewal Order if construction has not begun unless it is revoked pursuant to Commission Rule R8-64(d)(1).

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of August, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

APPENDIX A

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. SP-9416, SUB 1

BioGas Corp. 8601 Six Forks Road, Suite 400 Raleigh, North Carolina 27615

is hereby issued this

AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY PURSUANT TO N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1

for a 7.2-MWAC poultry biomass generating facility

located at

the intersection of Acme Drive and Ammunition Road, Monroe, Union County, North Carolina,

subject to all orders, rules, regulations, and conditions as are now or may hereafter be lawfully made by the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of August, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. SP-8765, Sub 0)
In the Matter of))
Application of Gideon Solar, LLC, for a)
Certificate of Public Convenience and)
Necessity to Construct an 80-MW Solar Facility	ORDER TRANSFERRING
in Nash County, North Carolina	CONVENIENCE AND
Docket No. E-2, Sub 1328) CONVENIENCE AND) NECESSITY AND) REGISTRATION
In the Matter of) REGISTRATION)
Verified Joint Notice and Request of Duke	,)
Energy Progress, LLC, and Birdseye	,)
Renewable Energy, LLC, for Approval to)
Transfer Certificate of Public Convenience and)
Necessity)

BY THE COMMISSION: On April 18, 2017, in Docket No. SP-8765, Sub 0, the Commission issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) to Gideon Solar, LLC (Gideon Solar), for construction of an 80-MWAC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located along Taylors Gin Road, north of Duke Road in Castalia, Nash County, North Carolina (Solar Facility). In addition, the Commission accepted registration of the facility as a new renewable energy facility and noted that Gideon Solar intended to sell the electricity to Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP).

On March 31, 2021, Gideon Solar filed a change of upstream ownership and contact information, noting that upstream ownership of the Solar Facility had changed from Cypress Creek Renewables to Birdseye Projects, LLC (Birdseye).

On March 11, 2022, Gideon Solar filed a request to renew the CPCN for five years pursuant to Commission Rule R8-64(d)(2) and to amend its CPCN with a change in the overall site plan of the proposed facility.

On June 20, 2022, in Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1297, and E-7, Sub 1268, DEP and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, filed a request for proposals for the 2022 Solar Procurement Program (RFP). On July 22, 2022, Birdseye (on behalf of Gideon Solar) bid the Solar Facility project in response to the RFP.

On September 13, 2022, the Commission issued its Order Issuing an Amended and Renewed Certificate of Gideon Solar's CPCN for the Solar Facility.

On November 28, 2022, the Solar Facility was selected as an early winning bid. The RFP required early winners to have no contingent or dependent network upgrades with any other generator that had not executed an Interconnection Agreement; have no potential Affected System upgrades in the Phase 1 Power Flow Study; and be in the most competitive quartile of projects. Gideon Solar was the only early winner in the 2022 Solar Procurement.

On May 11, 2023, DEP and Birdseye executed an Asset Purchase Agreement for the Solar Facility and related assets stating that, if the transfer is approved by the Commission, DEP will assume responsibility for all remaining engineering, procurement, and construction for the Solar Facility, subject to Birdseye's post-closing obligations.

On August 1, 2023, DEP and Birdseye (on behalf of Gideon Solar) filed a Verified Joint Notice and Request for Approval to Transfer Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (Joint Transfer Request) in the above-captioned dockets, notifying the Commission of Birdseye's intent to transfer the CPCN and associated rights and assets of the Solar Facility to DEP and requesting that the Commission: (1) approve the planned transfer of the CPCN and the associated rights and assets of the Solar Facility to DEP; (2) reissue the CPCN issued to Gideon Solar for the Solar Facility to DEP contingent on the closing of the Asset Purchase Agreement executed on May 11, 2023, by Birdseye and DEP (APA); (3) cancel the registration statement as a new renewable energy facility accepted in Docket No. SP-8765, Sub 0, upon approval of the transfer; and (4) accept the application to register a new renewable facility filed by DEP.

The Public Staff presented this matter at the Commission's Regular Staff Conference on August 21, 2023. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the Joint Transfer Request and recommended approval.

Based on the foregoing and the recommendation of the Public Staff, the Commission finds good cause to transfer the CPCN for the Solar Facility to DEP; issue a new CPCN to DEP; cancel the CPCN issued to Gideon Solar; cancel Gideon Solar's registration statement as a new renewable energy facility accepted in Docket No. SP-8765, Sub 0; accept DEP's registration statement as a new renewable energy facility; and close Docket No. SP-8765, Sub 0, effective as of the closing of the APA.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

- 1. That the planned transfer of the certificate of public convenience and necessity for the 80-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic generating facility to be located along Taylors Gin Road, north of Duke Road in Castalia, Nash County, North Carolina, and the associated rights and assets of the facility, to Duke Energy Progress, LLC, shall be, and is hereby, granted contingent on the closing of the Asset Purchase Agreement executed by Birdseye and DEP on May 11, 2023;
- 2. That Appendix A shall constitute the certificate of public convenience and necessity reflecting the transfer of the facility to Duke Energy Progress, LLC, effective as of the closing of the Asset Purchase Agreement executed by Birdseye and DEP on May 11, 2023;

- 3. That the registration statement as a new renewable energy facility accepted in Docket No. SP-8765, Sub 0, shall be cancelled;
- 4. That the application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, to register the facility as a new renewable energy facility be accepted;
- 5. That Duke Energy Progress, LLC, file a letter with the Commission in the above captioned dockets once DEP has closed the APA; and
- 6. That the Chief Clerk shall close Docket No. SP-8765, Sub 0, once DEP has filed the letter referenced in ordering paragraph 5.

This the _____ day of _______, 2023

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

APPENDIX A

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1328

Duke Energy Progress, LLC 410 South Wilmington Street Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

is hereby issued this

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY PURSUANT TO N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1

for an 80-MWAC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

to be located

along Taylors Gin Road, north of Duke Road in Castalia, Nash County, North Carolina,

subject to all orders, rules, regulations, and conditions as are now or may hereafter be lawfully made by the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

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This the day of	
	NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. W-1274, SUB 11

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Lake Junaluska Assembly,
Incorporated, 19 Sleepy Hollow Drive,
Waynesville, North Carolina, 28785, for
Authority to Amend Its Tariff to Increase Rates)
for Providing Water and Sewer Utility Service)
for the Increased Cost of Purchased Water and)
Sewer from the Town of Waynesville in Its)
Service Area in Haywood County, North)
Carolina

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISION AND REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE

BY THE COMMISSION: On July 27, 2023, Lake Junaluska Assembly, Incorporated (LJA) filed a letter 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 water and sewer customers in its Lake Junaluska Assembly service area in Haywood County an increase in the cost of purchasing bulk water and sewer treatment service from the Town of Waynesville (Waynesville). On August 7, 2023, LJA filed the required verification. 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) has reviewed the current rates for water service. LJA has two usage charges for water service for: (1) customers who receive both metered water and sewer service; and (2) customers who receive metered water service only. Waynesville charges LJA its bulk water and sewer usage rates for all water purchased by LJA. For LJA's metered water-only customers, the water usage charge includes the additional component of the bulk sewer usage charge from Waynesville. The Public Staff's water rate calculations account for the current regulatory fee of 0.1475%. The Public Staff recommends that LJA be allowed to increase its usage charge for metered water service by \$0.19 per 100 cubic feet (ccf), increasing the rate from \$2.69 per ccf to \$2.88 per ccf, and increase its usage charge for metered water only by \$0.10 from \$6.55 per ccf to \$6.65 per ccf.

LJA provides sewer service to both metered sewer customers and flat rate sewer customers. An increase in only the usage charge would have no effect on flat rate customers, leaving metered customers to bear the full impact of the increase in the cost of sewer treatment. Therefore, the Public Staff used the rate design approved in LJA's certificate of public convenience and necessity in Docket No. W-1274, Sub 7, as reflected in the Testimony of Gina Y. Casselberry, Casselberry Exhibit No. 11, filed on December 20, 2019, and adjusted the rates to reflect an increase of \$19,456 in revenue for purchased sewer treatment. The Public Staff's sewer revenue increase accounts for the current regulatory fee of 0.1475%.

LJA's current rates and the Public Staff's recommended rates for sewer service are shown below:

Monthly Metered Sewer Service: (Residential and Commercial)

	Present Rates	Public Staff Recommend Rates
Base facility charge (zero usage)		
3/4" meter	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00
1" meter	\$ 42.50	\$ 42.50
2" meter	\$ 136.00	\$ 136.00
3" meter	\$ 255.00	\$ 255.00
4" meter	\$ 425.00	\$ 425.00
Usage charge, per 100 cubic feet	\$ 5.95	\$ 6.39
Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 7.95	\$ 8.54

Monthly Flat Rate Sewer Service (Residential and Commercial)

	Present Rates	Public Staff Recommend Rates
Sewer Only		
Residential (3/4" meter)	\$ 33.00	\$ 34.25
Commercial (3/4" meter)	\$ 33.00	\$ 34.25
Restaurant	\$ 264.00	\$ 274.00
Mobile Home Park	\$ 495.00	\$ 513.75

The new rates will increase the average metered residential monthly water and sewer bill by \$1.75, from \$60.03 to \$61.78 based on an average usage of 2.78 per ccf (not including \$16.28 for the water and sewer capital improvement assessment). The average usage was determined in the Testimony of Gina Y. Casselberry, Casselberry Exhibit No. 10, filed on December 20, 2019, in Docket No. W-1274, Sub 7.

This matter was presented at the Commission's Regular Staff Conference on August 21, 2023. The Public Staff stated that LJA agrees with the Public Staff's recommended rates. The Public Staff further stated it had reviewed LJA's request and recommended that the tariff revision be approved.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission is of the opinion that the tariff revision should be approved.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

- 1. That Lake Junaluska Assembly, Incorporated is granted a tariff revision for water and sewer utility service in Lake Junaluska Assembly service area in Haywood County, North Carolina, as set forth herein;
- 2. That the Schedule of Rates, attached as Appendix A, 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 service rendered on and after the date of this Order;
- 3. That a copy of the Notice to Customers, attached hereto as Appendix B, be mailed with sufficient postage, or hand delivered by Lake Junaluska Assembly, to all its affected customers in Lake Junaluska Assembly's service area contemporaneously with the next billing of customers; and
- 4. That Lake Junaluska Assembly shall file with the Commission the attached Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, within 45 days of this Order.

This the	day of	, 2023.
		NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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SCHEDULE OF RATES

For

LAKE JUNALUSKA ASSEMBLY, INCORPORATED

for providing water and sewer service

in

LAKE JUNALUSKA ASSEMBLY SERVICE AREA Haywood County, North Carolina

WATER RATES AND CHARGES

MONTHLY METERED SERVICE: (Residential and Commercial)

Base Facilities Charge (zero usage)		Assessment
3/4" meter	\$ 19.01	\$ 8.14
1" meter	\$ 47.53	\$ 20.35
2" meter	\$ 152.08	\$ 65.12
3" meter	\$ 285.15	\$ 122.10
4" meter	\$ 475.25	\$ 203.50
Usage Charge, per 100 cubic feet	\$	2.88
Usage Charge, per 1000 gallons	\$	3.85
Water only: (Residential and Commercial)		
Base Facilities Charge (zero usage)		Assessment
3/4" meter	\$ 19.01	\$ 8.14
1" meter	\$ 47.53	\$ 20.35
Usage Charge, per 100 cubic feet	\$	6.65
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SEWER RATES AND CHARGES

MONTHLY METERED SERVICE: (Residential and Commercial)

Base Facilities Charge (zero usage)		Assessment
3/4" meter	\$ 17.00	\$ 8.14
1" meter	\$ 42.50	\$ 20.35
2" meter	\$ 136.00	\$ 65.12
3" meter	\$ 255.00	\$ 122.10
4" meter	\$ 425.00	\$ 203.50

Usage Charge, per 100 cubic feet \$ 6.39 Usage Charge, per 1000 gallons \$ 8.54

MONTHLY FLAT RATE: (Residential and Commercial)

<u>Sewer only</u> :			Assessment
-	Residential (3/4 inch meter)	\$ 34.25	\$ 8.14
	Commercial (3/4 inch meter)	\$ 34.25	\$ 8.14
	Restaurant	\$ 274.00	\$ 65.12
	Mobile Home Park	\$ 513.75	\$ 122.10

Reconnection Charges:

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

Connection Charge:

Water	\$600
Sewer	\$600

Bills Due: On billing date

Bills Past Due: 25 days after billing date

Billing frequency: Shall be monthly for service in arrears

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Finance Charge For Late Payment:

1% per month will be applied to the unpaid balance of all bills still past due 25 days after the billing date

Issued in Accordance with Authority by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-1274, Sub 11, on this the ____ day of _____, 2023.

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS DOCKET NO. W-1274, SUB 11 BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Notice is given that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) has granted Lake Junaluska Assembly, Incorporated (Applicant), an increase in its sewer rates in its Lake Junaluska Assembly (LJA) service area in Haywood County, North Carolina.

The Applicant filed a letter 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 its LJA service area in Haywood County an increase in the cost of purchasing water and sewer treatment from the Town of Waynesville. N.C.G.S. § 62-133.11 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 the current rates for water service and recommends that LJA be allowed to increase its usage charge for metered water service by \$0.19 per 100 cubic feet (ccf), increasing the rate from \$2.69 per ccf to \$2.88 per ccf, and increase its usage charge for metered water only by \$0.10 from \$6.55 per ccf to \$6.65 per ccf.

The Public Staff reviewed the current rates for sewer treatment and recommends the rates for sewer service shown below:

Monthly Metered Sewer Service: (Residential and Commercial)

	Present	Public Staff
	Rates	Recommend Rates
Base facility charge (zero usage)		
3/4" meter	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00
1" meter	\$ 42.50	\$ 42.50
2" meter	\$ 136.00	\$ 136.00
3" meter	\$ 255.00	\$ 255.00
4" meter	\$ 425.00	\$ 425.00
Usage charge, per 100 cubic feet	\$ 5.95	\$ 6.39
Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 7.95	\$ 8.54
Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons		:

Monthly Flat Rate Sewer Service: (Residential and Commercial)

	Present Rates	Public Staff Recommend Rates
Sewer Only		
Residential (3/4" meter)	\$ 33.00	\$ 34.25
Commercial (3/4" meter)	\$ 33.00	\$ 34.25
Restaurant	\$ 264.00	\$ 274.00
Mobile Home Park	\$ 495.00	\$ 513.75

The new rates will increase the average residential monthly bill from \$60.03 to \$61.78 based on an average usage of 2.78 per ccf (not including \$16.48 for the water and sewer capital improvement assessment).

ISSUED BY	Y ORDER OF TH	E COMMISSION.
This the	day of	, 2023.
		NORTH CAROLINA LITH ITIES COMMISSION

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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postage o	r hand delivered to all	affected cus	tomers the attached Noti	ce to Customers
issued by t	the North Carolina Utilit	ties Commiss	ion in Docket No. W-1274	Sub 11, and the
Notice was	s mailed or hand delive	ered by the da	te specified in the Order.	
This	s the day of		, 2023.	
		Ву:	Signature	
			Name of Utility C	Company
Notice to 0	appeared before meth	nis day and, b	eing first duly sworn, says ered to all affected custor in Docket No. V	that the required
Witness m	ny hand and notarial se	al, this the	day of	
			Notary Public	
			Printed Name	
(SEAL)	My Commission Ex	cpires:	Date	

DOCKET NO. W-1240, SUB 17

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application by Chatham Utilities, Inc., Post)	
Office Box 2369, Swansboro, North Carolina)	
28584-2369, for Authority to Amend Its Tariff to)	ORDER APPROVING
Increase Rates for Water and Sewer Utility)	TARIFF REVISION
Service for the Increased Cost of Purchased)	AND REQUIRING
Water and Sewer from the Town of Cary in)	CUSTOMER NOTICE
Chatham Estates Manufactured Housing)	
Community in Wake County North Carolina)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On July 24, 2023, Chatham Utilities, Inc. (Chatham) filed a verified petition with the North Carolina Utilities Commission's (Commission) pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to its customers in Chatham Estates Manufactured Housing Community in Wake County, North Carolina, the increases in costs of purchasing water and sewer services from the Town of Cary (Town).

Effective July 1, 2023, the Town increased its rates to Chatham from \$5.53 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.72 per 1,000 gallons for water usage and from \$10.55 per 1,000 gallons to \$10.91 per 1,000 gallons for sewer usage. The Town increased the base charge from \$116.55 to \$117.05 for water service and from \$116.55 to \$117.05 for sewer service.

Chatham's current rates have been in effect since August 12, 2019, when they were approved by the Commission in its Order Approving Tariff Revision and Requiring Customer Notice issued in Docket No. W-1240, Sub 16.

Chatham consented to the correction of its filed base charge for metered sewer rates from \$9.84 to \$9.86 and requests that it be allowed to increase its rates as shown below:

Metered Water Rates:	<u>Present</u>	Recommended
Base Charge, zero usage	\$ 13.56	\$ 13.56
Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 6.84	\$ 7.03

Metered Sewer Rates:	<u>Present</u>	Recommended
Base Charge, zero usage	\$ 9.86	\$ 9.86
Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 10.49	\$ 10.85

Under the new rates, which includes the current regulatory fee of 0.1475%, the average residential customer's monthly water and sewer bill will increase by \$1.88, from \$82.34 to \$84.22 based upon 3,400 gallons usage.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) presented this matter at the Commission's Regular Staff Conference on August 21, 2023. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed Chatham's request and recommended that the Commission approve the tariff revision at the proposed rates and require customer notice.

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

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

- 1. That Chatham Utilities, Inc. is granted a tariff revision as set forth herein.
- 2. That the Schedule of Rates, attached hereto as Appendix A, 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 service rendered on and after the date of this Order.
- 3. That a copy of this Order, including Appendix A, shall be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by the Applicant to all its customers in Chatham Estates Manufactured Housing Community contemporaneously with the next billing of customers; and that the Chatham shall submit the attached Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, no later than 10 days after the date of the next billing of customers.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the day of August, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

SCHEDULE OF RATES

for

CHATHAM UTILITIES, INC.

for providing water and sewer utility service in

CHATHAM ESTATES MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITY

Wake County, North Carolina

Metered Water Rates:

Base Charge, zero usage	\$13.56
Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 7.03

Metered Sewer Rates:

Base Charge, zero usage	\$ 9.86
Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$10.85

Reconnection Charge:

If water service cut off by utility for good cause: \$14.35 If sewer service cut off by utility for good cause: \$14.35

Returned Check Charge: \$23.91

Bills Due: On billing date

Bills Past Due: 15 days after billing date

<u>Billing Frequency</u>: Shall be monthly for service in arrears

Finance Charges for Late Payment: 1% per month will be applied to the unpaid

balance of all bills still past due 25 days after

billing date.

Issued in Accordance with Authority	Granted I	by the North	Carolina Utilities	Commission in
Docket No. W-1240, Sub 17 on this	the	_ day of	2023.	

APPENDIX B

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Ι, _			, ma	ailed with sufficient
postage o	r hand delivered	to all affected o	customers the Order is	sued by the North
Carolina U	Itilities Commission	in Docket No. W	/-1240, Sub 17, and suc	h Order was mailed
or hand de	elivered by the date	specified in the	Order.	
This	s the day of		, 2023.	
		Ву: _		
			Signatu	re
		_	Name of Utility	Company
The	e above named	Applicant,		,
personally	appeared before n	ne this day and, t	peing first duly sworn, sa	ays that the required
copy of the	e Commission Ord	er was mailed o	r hand delivered to all	affected customers,
as require	d by the Commiss	sion Order dated	l	in Docket No. W-
1240 Sub	17.			
Wit	ness my hand and	notarial seal, this	s the day of	, 2023.
		_	Notary F	Public
		_	Printed	Name
(SEAL)	My Commission	n Expires:		

DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 599

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc., 202
MacKenan Court, Cary, North Carolina 27511,
for Authority to Amend Its Tariff to Increase
Rates for Water Utility Service for the
Increased Cost of Purchased Water from the
Town of Pittsboro in Chapel Ridge, Laurel
Ridge, and The Parks at Meadowview Service
Areas in Chatham County, North Carolina

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISION AND REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE

BY THE COMMISSION: On June 23, 2023, Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua or Company) filed a verified request 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 Chapel Ridge, Laurel Ridge, and The Parks at Meadowview service areas in Chatham County an increase in the cost of purchasing bulk water service from the Town of Pittsboro (Pittsboro). 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.

Aqua stated that, effective July 1, 2023, Pittsboro increased its bulk water usage rate above the contract minimum of 500,000 gallons per month by \$0.59 per 1,000 gallons, from \$23.69 per 1,000 gallons to \$24.28 per 1,000 gallons. Aqua requested to increase the usage charge applicable to these customers for service rendered on or after July 1, 2023, to pass along this increase in the cost of purchasing bulk water service from Pittsboro.

Aqua's current water usage rate related to its bulk purchased water service from Pittsboro became effective on July 27, 2022, upon issuance of the Commission's Order Approving Tariff Revision and Requiring Customer Notice in Docket No. W-218, Sub 577. After taking into account the effect of Pittsboro's minimum charge and the regulatory fee in effect at the time, Aqua requested authority to increase its water usage rate from \$23.72 to \$24.31 per 1,000 gallons to reflect the increase in the cost of purchasing bulk water service from Pittsboro.

On July 1, 2023, the Regulatory Fee Percentage Rate increased to 0.1475% for state fiscal year 2023-2024. Applying the current regulatory fee to the requested water

usage rate increase results in a water usage rate of \$24.32 per 1,000 gallons. The current monthly base facility charge for a <1" meter is \$21.10 pursuant to the Commission's Order Approving Motion on Wastewater Rate Design and Approving Schedules of Rates, Schedules of Connection Fees, and Customer Notices issued in Docket No. W-218, Sub 573 on July 31, 2023. Under the new water usage rate, the average residential customer's monthly water bill will increase by \$3.00, from \$139.70 to \$142.70, based on 5,000 gallons of usage.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) presented this matter at the Commission's Regular Staff Conference on August 21, 2023. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed Pittsboro's rates and the Company's request and recommended that the Commission approve the tariff revision at the proposed rates and apply the current regulatory fee for service rendered on and after the date of this order and require customer notice.

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

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

- 1. That Aqua North Carolina, Inc. is granted a revision to Appendix A-2 of its tariff for water utility service in Chapel Ridge, Laurel Ridge, and The Parks at Meadowview service areas in Chatham County in which it purchases and resells water from the Town of Pittsboro as set forth herein;
- 2. That the revised Appendix A-2 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 Aqua to all its affected customers in Chapel Ridge, Laurel Ridge, and The Parks at Meadowview 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 August, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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AQUA NORTH CAROLINA, INC. BULK PURCHASED WATER SYSTEM USAGE RATES

Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons where water purchased for resale

Service Area	Water Provider	Usage Charge/ 1,000 gallons
Aqua North Carolina Service Are Twin Creeks	City of Asheville	\$ 4.96
Heather Glen and Highland	City of Belmont	\$14.40
Southpoint Landing	City of Belmont	\$14.40
Park South	City of Charlotte	\$ 2.19
Parkway Crossing	City of Charlotte	\$ 2.19
Springhill / Springdale	City of Concord	\$ 5.42
Hoopers Valley	City of Hendersonville	\$ 4.83
Crystal Creek	City of Hendersonville	\$ 4.83
Rambling Ridge	City of Hendersonville	\$ 4.83
Brookwood	City of Hickory (outside city)	\$ 3.25
Heritage Farms	City of Hickory (inside city)	\$ 3.25
Cedarwood Estates	City of Hickory (inside city)	\$ 3.25
Hill-N-Dale	City of Lincolnton	\$ 9.21
East Shores	City of Morganton	\$ 2.51
Greenfield	City of Mount Airy	\$ 6.69
Bett's Brook	City of Newton	\$ 3.29
Crestwood	Davidson Water, Inc.	\$ 4.76
Lancer Acres	Davidson Water, Inc.	\$ 4.76
Beard Acres	Davidson Water, Inc.	\$ 4.76
Woodlake Development	Harnett County	\$ 2.78
Beechwood Cove	Chatham County	\$ 7.04
Chatham	Chatham County	\$ 7.04
Cole Park Plaza Shopping Center	Chatham County	\$ 9.98
Hidden Valley	Chatham County	\$ 7.04
Polks Landing	Chatham County	\$ 7.04
Chapel Ridge	Town of Pittsboro	\$24.32
Laurel Ridge	Town of Pittsboro	\$24.32
The Parks at Meadowview	Town of Pittsboro	\$24.32
River Hill Heights	Iredell Water Corp.	\$ 3.61

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		Usage Charge/
Service Area	Water Provider	1,000 gallons
Bedford at Flowers Plantation	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Bennett Place	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Chatham	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Copper Ridge	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Cottages at Evergreen	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Cottonfield Village	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Creekside Place	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Eastlake at Flowers Plantation	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Evergreen	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Flowers Crest	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Flowers Shopping Center	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Forge Creek	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Forrest at Flowers	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Longleaf	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Magnolia	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Magnolia Place/Village	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Mill Creek North	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Mill Creek West	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Neuse Colony	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
North Farm	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
North Farm Cottages	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
North Village	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Parkway Center/Village	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Parkway Townes	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Peachtree	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Pineville Club	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Pineville East	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Pineville East Cottages/Palmetto Pl.	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Pineville East Estates	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Pineville West	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Plantation Park	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Plantation Pointe	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
Poplar Woods	Johnston County	\$ 3.21
River Dell East	Johnston County	\$ 3.21

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		Usage Charge/			
Service Area	Water Provider	<u>1,000 gallons</u>			
River Dell Townes	Johnston County	\$ 3.21			
Riverdell Elementary School	Johnston County	\$ 3.21			
Ross Landing	Johnston County	\$ 3.21			
South Plantation	Johnston County	\$ 3.21			
South Quarter	Johnston County	\$ 3.21			
Southgate	Johnston County	\$ 3.21			
Summerset Place	Johnston County	\$ 3.21			
Sun Ridge Farms	Johnston County	\$ 3.21			
Sweetgrass	Johnston County	\$ 3.21			
The Crossing at Flowers Plantation	Johnston County	\$ 3.21			
The Gardens at Flowers Plantation	Johnston County	\$ 3.21			
The Meadows	Johnston County	\$ 3.21			
The Nine	Johnston County	\$ 3.21			
The Woodlands	Johnston County	\$ 3.21			
Trillium	Johnston County	\$ 3.21			
Village at Flowers Plantation	Johnston County	\$ 3.21			
Walker Woods	Johnston County	\$ 3.21			
Watson's Mill	Johnston County	\$ 3.21			
West Ashley	Johnston County	\$ 3.21			
Whitfield at Flowers Plantation	Johnston County	\$ 3.21			
Wilders Woods and Extension	Johnston County	\$ 3.21			
Holly Hills	Town of Forest City	\$ 5.63			
Pear Meadows	Town of Fuquay-Varina	\$ 5.18			
Swiss Pine Lake	Town of Spruce Pine	\$ 5.96			
Brookwood/Lagrange Service Areas					
Kelly Hills	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54			
Bretton Woods	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54			
Raintree	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54			
Colony Village	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54			
Windsong	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54			
Porter Place	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54			
Thornwood	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54			
County Walk	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54			
Lands Down West	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54			

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		<u>Usage Charge/</u>
Service Area	Water Provider	1,000 gallons
S & L Estates	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Tarleton Plantation	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Springdale	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Ridge Manor	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Forest Lake	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Arden Forest	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Wendemere	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Jena-Shane	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Stoney Point	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 3.54
Woodland Run	Town of Linden	\$ 5.23

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AQUA NORTH CAROLINA, INC. PURCHASED SEWER RATES

Aqua North Carolina Service Areas

Monthly Metered Service where bulk service purchased from Charlotte (Park South Station, Parkway Crossing, Huntley Glen, and The Enclave at City Park residential and commercial):

Base facility charge, zero usage (based on meter size)

Same as commercial charges listed on Appendix A-1, Page 5

Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons

\$ 6.45

<u>Hawthorne at the Greene Apartments, Woodland Farm (Rocky Ridge), and Beaver Farms Subdivision – Mecklenburg County</u>: (See Docket No. W-899, Sub 37 and Docket No. W-218, Subs 357, 517, and 526)

Base facilities charge (to be collected and delivered to Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina¹ for treatment of the wastewater), per month

\$ 47.94 per REU ²

Each apartment building at Hawthorne at the Greene Apartments (formerly Vista Park Apartments) will be considered 92.42% occupied on an ongoing basis for billing purposes as soon as the certificate of occupancy is issued for the apartment building.

Collection service/commodity charge (based on City of Charlotte's master meter reading), per 1,000 gallons

\$ 6.75

Issued in Accordance with Authority Granted by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-218, Sub 599, on this the ____ day of August, 2023.

¹ On August 17, 2016, in Docket Nos. W-1044, Sub 24, et al., the North Carolina Utilities Commission issued an Order Approving Merger. In accordance with the Order, and pursuant to the Articles of Merger filed with the North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State on August 30, 2016, Bradfield Farms Water Company was merged into Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina effective August 30, 2016.

² Residential Equivalent Unit

APPENDIX B

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 599 BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Notice is given that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) has granted Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua or Company), an increase in its water usage rate for customers in Chapel Ridge, Laurel Ridge, and The Parks at Meadowview in Chatham County, North Carolina.

Aqua 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 Chapel Ridge, Laurel Ridge, and The Parks at Meadowview service areas an increase in the cost of purchasing water service from the Town of Pittsboro. 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 reviewed Aqua's petition and recommended that Aqua be allowed to increase its water usage rate by \$0.60 per 1,000 gallons from \$23.72 to \$24.32 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 is \$21.10 pursuant to the Commission's order issued in Docket No. W-218, Sub 573 on July 31, 2023.

The new water usage rate will increase the average residential monthly water bill by \$3.00, from \$139.70 to \$142.70 based on 5,000 gallons of usage.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of August, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Notice was	s mailed or hand delivered by th	e date specified in the Order.
This	s the day of	, 2023.
	Ву:	Signature
		Name of Utility Company
	appeared before me this day ar	d, being first duly sworn, says that the required
by the	Commission Order dated	in Docket No.
W-218, Sul	b 599.	
Witn	ness my hand and notarial sea	al, this the day of,
2023.		
		Notary Public
		Printed Name
(SEAL)	My Commission Expires:	

DOCKET NO. P-10, SUB 893

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Interconnection Agreement between)	
Brightspeed of North Carolina, LLC, and Time)	ORDER APPROVING
Warner Cable Information Services (North)	AMENDMENT
Carolina), LLC)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On June 12, 2023, Brightspeed of North Carolina, LLC, formerly Central Telephone Company d/b/a CenturyLink, and Time Warner Cable Information Services (North Carolina), LLC (collectively, the Parties), filed, for Commission approval, an amendment to their existing interconnection agreement approved by the Commission on September 26, 2016, while Brightspeed of North Carolina, LLC, was operating as Central Telephone Company d/b/a CenturyLink.

The amendment modifies certain terms and conditions of the agreement between the Parties. The agreement, as amended, supersedes all previous agreements between the Parties.

The filing was made in compliance with Commission Rule R17-4(d) and Sections 252(e) and 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Commission considered the amendment at its Regular Staff Conference on August 21, 2023. The Public Staff recommended that the amendment be approved, and the Commission approved the recommendation.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the amendment, filed on June 12, 2023, to the existing agreement between the Parties is hereby approved effective on the date of filing.

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DOCKET NO. P-35, SUB 136

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Interconnection Agreement between Brightspeed of Central North Carolina, LLC, and Time Warner Cable Information Services (North Carolina), LLC) ORDER APPROVING) AMENDMENT)
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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the	day of August, 2023.
	NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. P-35, SUB 144

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Interconnection Agreement Brightspeed of Central North and Charter Fiberlink NC-Co	n Carolina, LLC,))	ORDER APPROV AMENDMENT	′ING	
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A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

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