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September 28, 2023

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
4325 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325

**Via Electronic Delivery**

Re: Application by Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Water Utility Service to the Carteret County Water System, and for Approval of Rates  
Docket No. W-354, Sub 399  
Proposed Customer Notice and Proposed Tariff

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Attached for filing please find a Proposed Tariff (Appendix A) and a Proposed Customer Notice (Appendix B), as required by the Order of the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“NCUC” or “Commission”), issued in this docket on August 29, 2023.

Rate Schedule (Appendix A). In Ordering Paragraph 3, at page 20, the Commission directed:

That at the earlier of 30 days of this Order or the closing of the sale of the System, CWSNC shall file for Commission approval a rate schedule that complies with this Order, said rates to apply for four years after the date of the closing, unless otherwise ordered by this Commission.

The due date for this filing is September 28, 2023, which is 30 days from the date of issuance of the Commission’s Order.

Customer Notice (Appendix B). Ordering Paragraph 8, at page 21, provides:

That CWSNC shall submit a proposed customer notice to the Commission for review and approval, and upon approval of the notice by the Commission, shall give appropriate notice of the approved rate increase by mailing the notice to each of the System customers during the billing cycle following the closing of the sale of the System.

I hereby certify that a copy of this filing has been served upon the formal parties to this docket.

As always, we thank you and your staff for your assistance; please feel free to contact me if there are questions or if additional information is required.

**Electronically Submitted**

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Inc. of North Carolina

c: Parties of Record

SCHEDULE OF RATES

for

CAROLINA WATER SERVICE, INC. OF NORTH CAROLINA

for providing water utility service

in

NORTH RIVER/MILL CREEK AND MERRIMON

WATER RATES AND CHARGES

Monthly Metered Water Service (Residential and Commercial):

Base Facility Charge (includes first 1,000 gallons of usage)

North River / Mill Creek:

3/4" meter	\$ 40.25
1" meter	\$ 55.60
2" meter	\$160.90
4" meter	\$497.25

Town of Beaufort (Eastman's Creek): \$ 40.25

Merrimon:

3/4" meter	\$ 23.40
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Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons (all systems): \$ 10.10  
(above first 1,000 gallons of usage)

Fire Hydrant Usage:

Hookup & Service Charge, per month: \$109.70

Mobilization to hydrant site and employee on site during tank fill.

Deposit	\$200.00
Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 12.80

Hydrant & Hydrant Meter Tampering

1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	\$250.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense (and Legal Action)	\$500.00

Damage Fee – Fire Hydrant \$2,500.00

Fire Line - Sprinkler Fee:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly Fee</u>
2"	\$ 40.25
4"	\$ 47.55
6"	\$109.70
8"	\$153.55

Tap Fees:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Tap Fee**</u>
3/4"	\$1,000.00
1"	\$1,150.00
2"	Cost + 10%
4"	Cost + 10%

\*\*Additional \$900.00 Tap Fee for any meter requiring road bore work.

Any meter 2 inch or larger will be charged cost of materials and installation, engineering fees, and an additional 10%.

Damage and Tampering Fees:

Tampering Fee – Meters	\$100.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense (and Legal Action)	\$500.00
Damage Fee – Meters	\$135.00
Damage Fee – MXU Remote Unit	\$135.00

Meter Testing Fee: <sup>1/</sup> \$ 20.00

Reconnection Charge: <sup>2/</sup>

If water service is cut off by utility for good cause	\$ 30.00
If water service is discontinued at customer's request	\$ 30.00

New Water Customer Charge: \$ 30.00

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 for service in arrears.
<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.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS  
DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 399  
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Notice is given that by Order dated August 29, 2023 (Order), the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) approved the transfer of ownership of the Carteret County water system to Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC or Company) and granted CWSNC a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to provide water utility service in the North River/Mill Creek and Merrimon service areas effective upon the date CWSNC provides the Commission notice of closing of the sales transaction. CWSNC's ownership of the water system will begin when the purchase is closed by CWSNC and Carteret County.

Under the CPCN granted to CWSNC, the Company is authorized to charge the water rates attached to this Notice to Customers effective for service rendered on and after the date of closing of the transfer of the Carteret County water utility system assets to CWSNC. CWSNC has agreed that rates charged to the customers of the Carteret County water system will remain at Carteret County's current water rates for a period of four years from the date the sale of the System is closed, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

Customers may review the complete Commission Order on the Commission's website ([www.ncuc.net](http://www.ncuc.net)), by clicking on Docket Search under the Dockets tab; then for Docket Number, entering "W-354 Sub 399", and clicking on Documents to locate the Order dated August 29, 2023. Please be sure to uncheck the box next to "Exclude closed dockets."

Customers may call CWSNC regarding service issues and billing questions at 1-800-525-7990.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk