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Docket

W-1049, Sub 25 and W-1328, Sub 2

Message

We live in White Oak Village, a 55+ residential community in Hendersonville, NC. In reading the 8-page letter from the State of North Carolina Utilities Commission, dated 2/5/2024, and living in one of the 11 communities whose water and sewer services will be transferred to Red Bird Utility Operating Company, we are very concerned about future rate increases promised so that Red Bird can recover \$1,235,000 in expenses laid out for capital improvements. In doing a Google search, it appears as though White Oak Village is the ONLY 55+ community among the group of residential communities named. The median home sale price in White Oak Village is \$253,750. The median home sale price in High Vista, for example, is \$664,642. As most of White Oak Village residents are in their 70s and 80s, some living on limited incomes, assessing our residents (with a rate increase) for Red Bird's recuperation of expenses at the same percentage as the residents of High Vista (or any other luxury home community) would be ignobly unfair. We would appreciate it if the Commission would address this issue (protest) with Red Bird. We will be present at the Public Witness Hearing on February 29.