



**NORTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC STAFF
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

February 9, 2024

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

Re: Docket No. W-1300, Sub 97 – Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of Rates to Provide Water Utility Services to Baker Farms in Franklin County

Dear Ms. Dunston:

On January 23, 2024, Old North State Water Company, Inc. (ONSWC) filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of Rates (Application) to provide water utility service to the Baker Farms subdivision in Franklin County, North Carolina in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110. On February 1, 2024, the Public Staff filed a letter with the Commission indicating that this docket includes all the information required for a complete application and that the Application is complete as of January 25, 2024.

On February 2, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Finding Application Complete and Requiring Public Staff to Provide Specific Application Data ordering the Public Staff to provide the Commission the information in the five enumerated paragraphs below. In response thereto, the Public Staff provides as follows:

1. The number and type of customers to be served by ONSWC:

ONSWC proposes to serve 147 residential water customers.

Executive Director
(919) 733-2435

Accounting
(919) 733-4279

Consumer Services
(919) 733-9277

Economic Research
(919) 733-2267

Energy
(919) 733-2267

Legal
(919) 733-6110

Transportation
(919) 733-7766

Water/Telephone
(919) 733-5610

2. The rates currently being charged to customers, including the docket number, if applicable, in which the current rates were approved by the Commission and the effective date for the current rate:

It is a newly developed service area, so there are no current rates.

3. The proposed rates and fees ONSWC seeks to charge if the Commission approves the issuance of a CPCN to ONSWC for the provision of water utility service to the Baker Farms subdivision in Franklin County, North Carolina:

ONSWC proposes to charge the same uniform water rates approved in Docket No. W-1300, Sub 60 on June 13, 2022. The monthly uniform residential water base charge is \$24.11, and the uniform residential usage charge is \$7.57 per 1,000 gallons.

ONSWC proposes to charge the fees shown in the table below.

Type of Fee	Amount
Tap Fee	\$500 per Residential Equivalent Unit (REU)
Meter Installation Fee	\$125
Reconnection Charge (service disconnection initiated by ONSWC)	\$30
Reconnection Charge (service disconnected at customer's request)	\$15
New Account Fee	\$20

4. If an increase in rates is proposed, provide the impact on the average monthly residential water bill under the proposed rates compared to current rates. For metered rates, indicate the average monthly usage used in your calculations:

ONSWC does not propose a rate increase. The rates charged will be the same uniform rates approved in Docket No. W-1300, Sub 60 on June 13, 2022.

5. Briefly summarize any pertinent points from the Application such as a description of any planned capital improvements, the related dollar amounts, the estimated total impact on annual revenue requirement, and the estimated impact on the average monthly residential water bill.

The Application proposes to serve a new service area in Franklin County, North Carolina. Per the Agreement between ONSWC and DR Horton – Terramor, LLC, ONSWC will purchase the water system from DR Horton – Terramor, LLC for \$500 per residential equivalent unit (REU) and the builder or person first requesting service at a particular lot will pay ONSWC the tap fee and meter installation fee

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shown in the table above. There are no planned improvements for this newly installed system and, as such, there is no impact on the annual revenue requirement.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Electronically submitted
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