

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 356

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application by Carolina Water Service,)	
Inc., of North Carolina, for Authority to)	
Adjust and Increase Rates for Water and)	ORDER DENYING
Sewer Utility Service in All Service Areas)	PETITION TO INTERVENE
of North Carolina Except Corolla Light and)	WITHOUT PREJUDICE
Monteray Shores Service Areas and Elk)	
River Development)	

BY THE CHAIRMAN: On March 31, 2017, Carolina Water Service, Inc., of North Carolina (Applicant or CWSNC) filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to increase rates for water and sewer utility service in all of its service areas in North Carolina except Corolla Light and Monteray Shores service areas and Elk River Developments. On, June 2, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing and Requiring Customer Notice (the Order). The Order, among other things, scheduled public hearings for the purpose of receiving customer testimony on July 25, 2017, in Asheville, North Carolina, on July 26, 2017 in Boone, North Carolina, on August 1, 2017, in Charlotte, North Carolina, on August 22, 2017 in New Bern, North Carolina, on August 23, 2017 in Wilmington, North Carolina and on August 28, 2017, in Raleigh, North Carolina. The Order also scheduled an evidentiary hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony from the applicant, the Public Staff and any other parties of record on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, in the Commission hearing Room in Raleigh, North Carolina. Additionally, the Order stated that customers that are not able to attend any of the first six public hearings could present customer testimony at the Raleigh evidentiary hearing.

On July 13, 2017, William R. Colyer, in his capacity as the Board Secretary of the Bradfield Farms Homeowners Association (HOA), filed a letter (Petition) requesting that the Commission allow the HOA to intervene in the docket. Commission Rule R1-5 and G.S. 84-2.1 *et seq* require that an attorney licensed by the state of North Carolina must sign pleadings that are filed in a formal matter pending in the Commission. The Petition was not signed or verified by a licensed attorney.

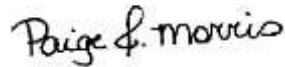
On July 27, 2017, Commission staff contacted Mr. Colyer by email to inform him that the Petition must be signed and verified by a licensed attorney before it could be considered by the Commission. As of the date of this Order, the Petition has not been revised to comply with Commission Rules. Therefore, the July 13, 2017 petition to intervene in this docket filed by Mr. Colyer on behalf of the HOA is hereby denied without prejudice.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 10th day of August, 2017.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paige J. Morris".

Paige J. Morris, Deputy Clerk