

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**STAFF CONFERENCE AGENDA
JULY 9, 2018**

COMMISSION STAFF

NO AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC STAFF

D. ELECTRIC

P1. APPLICATIONS FOR AMENDED CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT SOLAR FACILITIES

EXPLANATION: The following applications seeking amended certificates of public convenience and necessity pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1 for construction of solar photovoltaic electric generating facilities were filed pursuant to Commission Rule R8-64.

Dominion Energy North Carolina:

- Docket No. SP-2665, Sub 36 – Application of Fresh Air Energy II, LLC, for an amended Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 10-MW Solar Photovoltaic Facility in Martin County, North Carolina (registration statement previously issued)
- Docket No. SP-11426, Sub 0 – Application of Wildcat Road Solar, LLC, for an amended Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 5-MW Solar Photovoltaic Facility in Martin County, North Carolina (no registration statement)

The Public Staff has reviewed the applications and determined that they comply with the requirements of G.S. 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-64.

RECOMMENDATION: (Lucas/Thomas) That the Commission issue orders approving the amended applications and issuing the requested certificates. Proposed orders have been provided to the Commission Staff.

E. WATER

P1. DOCKET NO. W-755, SUB 10 – GGCC UTILITY, INC. – APPLICATION FOR RATE INCREASE

EXPLANATION: On June 21, 2018, GGCC Utility, Inc. (Applicant), filed an application seeking authority to increase its rates for water and sewer utility service in the Grandfather Golf & Country Club development in Avery County, North Carolina. The Applicant serves approximately 268 water customers and 192 sewer customers. The present water and sewer rates were approved by the Commission in Docket No. W-755, Sub 9, by order dated October 12, 2016.

The Applicant's present and proposed rates are as follows:

| | <u>Present Rates</u> | <u>Proposed Rates</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>Water Utility Service:</u> | | |
| <u>Quarterly Flat Rates:</u> | | |
| Residential | \$161.58 | \$189.39 |
| Nonresidential | \$161.58 / REU ^{1/} | \$319.08 / REU ^{1/} |
| <u>Sewer Utility Service:</u> | | |
| <u>Quarterly Flat Rates:</u> | | |
| Residential | \$134.30 | \$143.09 |
| Nonresidential | \$134.30 / REU ^{1/} | \$170.23 / REU ^{1/} |

^{1/} Residential Equivalent Unit (REU)

The proposed rates would increase the average residential bill for water and sewer utility services by 12.4%, from \$295.88 to \$332.48 per quarter.

EXHIBIT: A proposed order is attached as Exhibit No. P-1.

RECOMMENDATION: (Furr/Allison/Cummings) That the Commission issue the proposed order establishing a general rate case, suspending rates, scheduling hearing, and requiring customer notice specifying that if no significant protests are received subsequent to customer notice, the hearing may be canceled and the matter decided without hearing.

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DOCKET NO. W-755, SUB 10

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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| In the Matter of |) | |
| Application by GGCC Utility Co., Inc., |) | |
| Post Office Box 368, Linville, North |) | ORDER ESTABLISHING GENERAL |
| Carolina 28646, for Authority to Increase |) | RATE CASE, SUSPENDING RATES, |
| Rates for Water and Sewer Utility Service |) | SCHEDULING HEARING, AND |
| in the Grandfather Golf & Country Club |) | REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE |
| Development in Avery County, North |) | |
| Carolina |) | |

BY THE COMMISSION: On June 21, 2018, GGCC Utility, Inc. (Applicant), filed an application seeking authority to increase its rates for water and sewer utility service in the Grandfather Golf & Country Club development in Avery County, North Carolina. The Applicant serves approximately 268 water customers and 192 sewer customers. The present water and sewer rates were approved by the Commission in Docket No. W-755, Sub 9, by order dated October 12, 2016.

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The proposed rates would increase the average residential bill for water and sewer utility services by 12.4%, from \$295.88 to \$332.48 per quarter.

The Commission is of the opinion that the application constitutes a general rate case, that the proposed new rates should be suspended pending investigation, and that the matter should be scheduled for customer hearing, subject to cancellation if no significant protests are received subsequent to customer notice.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That this proceeding is declared a general rate case pursuant to G.S. 62-137.
2. That the proposed new rates are suspended for up to 270 days pursuant to G.S. 62-134.
3. That the test period is established as the 12-month period ended February 28, 2018.
4. That the application is scheduled for public hearing at 7:00 p.m., on November 14, 2018, in the Avery County Courthouse, 200 Montezuma Street, Newland, North Carolina. This hearing may be canceled if no significant protests are received from consumers prior to September 28, 2018.
5. That an officer or representative of the Applicant is required to appear in person before the Commission at the time and place of the hearing to testify concerning any of the information contained in the application. If the Applicant desires to cross-examine any witnesses at the hearing, the Applicant shall be represented by legal counsel at this hearing.
6. That the Notice to Customers attached as Appendix A be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by the Applicant to all customers affected by the proposed new rates; that the Notice to Customers be mailed or hand delivered no later than 15 days after the date of this Order; and that the Applicant submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service properly signed and notarized not later 30 days after the date of this Order.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of July, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Linnetta Threatt, Deputy Clerk

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**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. W-755, SUB 10**

Notice is given that GGCC Utility Co., Inc., (Applicant) Post Office Box 368, Linville, North Carolina 28646, has filed an application with the North Carolina Utilities Commission on June 21, 2018, for authority to increase rates for water and sewer utility service in the Grandfather Golf & Country Club development in Avery County, North Carolina, as follows:

| | <u>Present Rates</u> | <u>Proposed Rates</u> |
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The Commission may consider additional or alternative rate design proposals which were not included in the original application and may order increases or decreases in the rates which differ from those proposed by the Applicant. However, any rate structure considered will not generate more overall revenues than requested.

EFFECT OF RATES

The present water and sewer rates have been in effect since October 12, 2016. The proposed rates would increase the average residential bill for water and sewer utility services by 12.4%, from \$295.88 to \$332.48 per quarter.

PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

The Commission has scheduled the application for public hearing at 7:00 p.m., on November 14, 2018, in the Avery County Courthouse, 200 Montezuma Street, Newland, North Carolina. This hearing may be canceled and the matter decided on the filings if no significant protests are received from consumers prior to September 28, 2018. Correspondence concerning the proposed rate increase, service problems, or the public hearing should be directed to the Public Staff.

Pursuant to G.S. 14-269.4, absent certain specific exceptions, it is unlawful for any person to possess, or carry, whether openly or concealed, any deadly weapon, not used solely for instructional or officially sanctioned ceremonial purposes, in any building housing any court of the General Court of Justice. Therefore, weapons are strictly prohibited at the hearings scheduled in this docket in county courthouses. Everyone entering the county courthouse shall have a pass through a metal detector, and any weapons found will be seized.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent the consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Correspondence concerning the proposed rate increase, service problems, or the public hearing should be directed to the Public Staff. Written statements to the Public Staff should include the name of the subdivision, contact information, and any information that the writer wishes to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter, and these statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. Written statements can also be faxed to (919) 715-6704 or e-mailed to david.furr@psncuc.nc.gov

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent the consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001.

Written statements are not evidence unless those persons submitting the statements appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Persons desiring to present testimony concerning their opinion on this application, or any service problems they may be experiencing, may appear at this public hearing and give such testimony.

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Persons desiring to intervene in the matter as formal parties of record should file a motion under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-6, R1-7, and R1-19 no later than September 28, 2018. Any such motion should be filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

The details of the proposed new rates have been filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission. A copy of the application and all filings in this matter are available for review by the public at the Office of the Chief Clerk, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. Information regarding this proceeding can also be accessed from the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net under the docket number of this proceeding.

This the ____ day of July, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Linnetta Threatt, Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, _____, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers the attached Notice to Customers issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-755, Sub 10, and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the ____ day of _____, 2018.

By:

Signature

Name of Utility Company

The above named Applicant, _____, personally appeared before me this day and, being first duly sworn, says that the required Notice to Customers was mailed or hand delivered to all affected customers, as required by the Commission Order dated _____ in Docket No. W-755, Sub 10.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the ____ day of _____, 2018.

Notary Public

Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires:

Date