

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1136, SUB 3

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
Application by JAARS, Inc., Post Office)	ORDER CANCELING HEARINGS,
Box 248 Waxhaw, North Carolina 28173)	REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE,
for Authority to Increase Rates for Water)	ADMITTING EVIDENCE INTO THE
Utility Service in All of Its Service Areas in)	RECORD, AND ALLOWING THE
Union County, North Carolina)	FILING OF PROPOSED ORDERS
)	AND BRIEFS

BY THE CHAIR: On June 23, 2020, JAARS, Inc. (JAARS or the Company), filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to increase its rates for providing water utility service in all of its service areas in Union County, North Carolina. In an order issued on July 20, 2020, the Commission declared the proceeding to be a general rate case and suspended the proposed new rates for up to 270 days. By order dated September 4, 2020, the Commission scheduled a remote customer hearing via Webex, at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, and an expert witness hearing beginning at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. The customer hearing was scheduled subject to cancellation if no significant protests were received by October 9, 2020. The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) did not receive any protests and no customers registered to provide testimony at the public hearing. On October 13, 2020, the Company filed a Letter of Concurrence in which it consented to the rates recommended by the Public Staff.

On October 16, 2020, the Public Staff filed a motion to cancel the hearings. In its motion the Public Staff states that the Company had filed the requisite Certificate of Service, which attested that all affected customers received notice of the rate increase and the hearings; it did not receive any protests; no customers registered to provide testimony at the remote public hearing by the deadline established in the customer notice; and the Company submitted a Letter of Concurrence in which it consented to the rates recommended by the Public Staff. The motion also states that the Public Staff contacted the Company and it has no objection to canceling either hearing. The motion requests cancellation of both hearings as well as admission of prefiled testimony, exhibits, and affidavits of Public Staff witnesses Calvin C. Craig, III; Gina Y. Casselberry, and June Chiu.

Based upon the foregoing and the fact that no complaints have been filed with the Commission's Chief Clerk, the Chair concludes that the public hearing scheduled for October 28, 2020, should be canceled. Further, the Chair concludes that based upon the Public Staff's motion and the record, the November 10, 2020 expert witness hearing should be canceled and customer notice of such cancellation should be required; that the

application for a general rate increase, the testimony, exhibits, and affidavits of the Public Staff witnesses listed above, and the Company's Letter of Concurrence filed on October 13, 2020, should be admitted into evidence in this proceeding. Finally, the Chair finds good cause to allow the parties to file proposed orders and briefs in this docket on or before Friday, December 4, 2020.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the remote public hearing previously scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2020, is hereby canceled;

2. That the expert witness hearing previously scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2020, is hereby canceled;

3. That the application; the testimony, exhibits, and affidavits of Public Staff witnesses Calvin C. Craig, III; Gina Y. Casselberry; and June Chiu; and the Letter of Concurrence filed by the Company shall be entered into the record;

4. That the parties shall file proposed orders and briefs in this docket on or before Friday, December 4, 2020; and

5. That a copy of this Order shall be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by the Company to all affected customers for receipt no later than November 8, 2020, and that the Company shall submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, not later than November 9, 2020.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 23rd day of October, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joann R. Snyder".

Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, _____, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers a copy of the Order issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-1136, Sub 3, and such Order was mailed or hand delivered for receipt by the date specified in the Order.

This the _____ day of _____ 2020.

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 copy of the Commission Order was mailed or hand delivered to all affected customers, as required by the Commission Order dated _____ in Docket No. W-1136, Sub 3.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the _____ day of _____ 2020.

Notary Public

Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires:

Date