

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**STAFF CONFERENCE AGENDA
NOVEMBER 2, 2020**

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APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF FRANCHISE AND APPROVAL OF RATES
EXHIBIT NO. P-1

TO: Agenda – Commission Conference – November 2, 2020

FROM: PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission

D. ELECTRIC

P1. APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT SOLAR FACILITY

EXPLANATION: The following application seeks to renew a certificate of public convenience and necessity for construction of a solar photovoltaic (PV) electric generating facility, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-64.

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC:

- Docket No. SP-6053, Sub 0 – Application of Washington Solar, LLC, to renew the certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 5-MW solar PV facility in Rockingham County, North Carolina (CPCN originally issued September 9, 2015; registration statement issued previously)

The Public Staff has reviewed the application and determined that it complies with the requirements of N.C.G.S. § 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-64.

The applicant indicated that it does not plan for the project to be bid into current or future CPRE program tranches.

RECOMMENDATION: (D. Williamson) That the Commission issue an order approving the application and issuing the requested renewal certificate for the facility. A proposed order has been provided to the Commission Staff.

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E. WATER

P1. DOCKET NO. W-1327, SUB 0 – DILLSBORO WATER UTILITIES, INC. AND DOCKET NO. W-1303, SUB 4 – DILLSBORO WATER AND SEWER, INC. – APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF FRANCHISE AND APPROVAL OF RATES

EXPLANATION: On July 24, 2020, Dillsboro Water Utilities, Inc. (Dillsboro or Applicant) filed an application seeking authority to acquire from Dillsboro Water and Sewer, Inc. (DWS) the franchise providing water and sewer utility service to four commercial customers in Dillsboro Township, Jackson County, North Carolina, and for approval of rates.

Dillsboro has entered into a Contract and Asset Agreement with DWS to acquire the assets for the water distribution system and the wastewater collection and treatment system that currently serves the BP/Subway, Microtel (formerly DRA Living Hotel), Holiday Inn Express, and Dillsboro Crossing Apartments (sewer only), constituting three metered water and sewer commercial customers and one flat rate sewer commercial customer. The purchase price is \$225,000.

DWS purchases water service and sewer treatment from Tuckaseigee Water and Sewer Authority of Sylva. DWS's rates have been in effect since November 21, 2016.

Dillsboro is requesting to continue to charge the current rates approved for DWS in Docket No. W-1303, Sub 3, as shown below:

<u>Monthly Metered Water Utility Service</u>	<u>DWS Present Rates</u>
Base charge, zero usage	
5/8" or 3/4" meter	\$ 54.20
1" meter	\$ 135.50
1 1/2" meter	\$ 271.00
2" meter	\$ 433.60
3" meter	\$ 813.00
4" meter	\$1,355.00
6" meter	\$2,710.00
Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 4.03
<u>Monthly Sewer Utility Service</u>	
Base charge per REU ¹	\$ 31.30
BP/Subway (4 REUs)	\$ 125.20
Holiday Inn Express (71 REUs)	\$2,222.30
Microtel (formerly DRA Living Hotel, 61 REUs)	\$1,909.30

Usage charge per 1,000 gallons	\$	3.55
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Monthly Flat Rate for Sewer Service

Dillsboro Crossing Apartments (26 REUs)	\$	835.16
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1 (1 REU = 120 gallons = 1 bathroom)

EXHIBIT: A proposed order is attached as [Exhibit No. P-1](#).

RECOMMENDATION: (Casselberry/Feasel/Creech) That an order be issued requiring customer notice, stating that the matter may be determined without public hearing, if no significant protests are received subsequent to customer notice.

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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DOCKET NO. W-1327, SUB 0
DOCKET NO. W-1303, SUB 4

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Dillsboro Water Utilities, Inc., 163 Sylvan)
Street, Waynesville, North Carolina 28786, for Authority)
to Acquire the Water and Sewer Utility System Serving) ORDER REQUIRING
the BP/Subway, Holiday Inn Express, Microtel (formerly) CUSTOMER NOTICE
DRA Living Hotel) and Dillsboro Crossing Apartments in)
Jackson County, North Carolina, and Approval of Rates)

BY THE COMMISSION: On July 24, 2020, Dillsboro Water Utilities, Inc. (Dillsboro or Applicant) filed an application seeking authority to acquire from Dillsboro Water and Sewer, Inc. (DWS) the franchise providing water and sewer utility service to four commercial customers in Dillsboro Township, Jackson County, North Carolina, and for approval of rates.

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DWS purchases water service and sewer treatment from Tuckaseegee Water and Sewer Authority of Sylva. DWS's rates have been in effect since November 21, 2016.

Dillsboro proposes to continue to charge the current rates approved for DWS in Docket No. W-1303, Sub 3, as shown below:

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The Commission is of the opinion that the matter maybe determined without scheduling a public hearing, if no significant protests are received subsequent to customer notice.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the Notice to Customers, attached hereto as Appendix A, be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by the Applicant to all customers affected by the transfer no later than 10 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 than 15 days after the date of this Order.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of _____, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Kimberley A Campbell, Chief Clerk

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. W-1327, SUB 0
DOCKET NO. W-1303, SUB 4

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Notice is given that Dillsboro Water Utilities, Inc. (Dillsboro), 163 Sylvan Street, Waynesville, North Carolina, 28786, filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to acquire from Dillsboro Water and Sewer, Inc. (DWS) the franchise providing water and sewer utility service to four commercial customers in Dillsboro Township, Jackson County, North Carolina, and for approval of rates.

Dillsboro is requesting to continue to charge the current rates approved for DWS by Order dated November 21, 2016, in Docket No. W-1303, Sub 3, as shown below:

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Commission is of the opinion that the matter maybe determined without scheduling a public hearing, if no significant protests are received from consumers on or before December 4, 2020. Correspondence concerning the transfer or service problems should be directed to the Public Staff.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. 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 Ms. Dianna W. Downey, Chief Counsel, 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 gina.casselberry@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.

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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 December 4, 2020.

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 application for transfer 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 November, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

(SEAL)

Kimberly A Campbell, Chief 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 Nos. W-1327, Sub 0 and W-1303, Sub 4 by the date specified in the Order.

This the _____ day of _____, _____.

By: _____
Signature

Name of Utility Company

The above named Applicant, _____, personally appeared before me this day and, being first duly sworn, says that the Notice to Customers was mailed or hand delivered to all affected customers, as required by the Commission Order dated _____ in Docket Nos. W-1327, Sub 0 and W-1303, Sub 4.

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

Official Signature of Notary

Notary's printed or typed name, Notary Public

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: _____
Date

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