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Message

I am shocked to see that my monthly connection fee for water/sewer was doubled in the last quarter. In August, I was paying \$14.70 for water and \$26.58 for sewer. This was just the flat rate to be connected. It does not include charges for gallons used. In January, my bill includes \$20.70 to be hooked up to water (representing a 41% increase) and \$60.43 to be hooked up to sewer (representing a 127% increase). My monthly water bill for a single person exceeded \$80 this month which is more than I've paid in my entire life for water/sewer in any state I've lived in. It feels like price-gouging. We have no choice but to use Aqua. How is a utility company like Aqua allowed to gouge NC residents like this?