

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**STAFF CONFERENCE AGENDA
October 19, 2020**

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TO: Agenda – Commission Conference – October 19, 2020
FROM: PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission

D. ELECTRIC

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

EXPLANATION: The following applications seek certificates of public convenience and necessity for construction solar photovoltaic electric generating facilities, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-64.

Duke Energy Progress, LLC:

- Docket No. SP-8420, Sub 0 – Application of ATOOD Solar IV, LLC, for an amended certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 4.99-MW solar photovoltaic facility in Brunswick County, North Carolina (registration statement issued previously)

Dominion Energy North Carolina:

- Docket No. SP-26182, Sub 0 – Application of NC6 Ahoskie East, LLC, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 17.5-MW solar photovoltaic facility with a 1.0-MW battery storage system in Hertford County, North Carolina

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

Unless otherwise noted, each applicant has filed a registration statement for a new renewable energy facility. The registration statements include certified attestations, as required by Commission Rule R8-66(b), that: (1) the facility is in substantial compliance with all federal and state laws, regulations, and rules for the protection of the environment and conservation of natural resources; (2) the facility will be operated as a new renewable energy facility; (3) the applicant will not remarket or otherwise resell any renewable energy certificates sold to an electric power supplier to comply with N.C.G.S. §. 62-133.8; and (4) the applicant will consent to the auditing of its books and records by the Public Staff insofar as those records relate to transactions with North Carolina electric power suppliers.

The projects associated with the applications do not plan to be CPRE program participants.

RECOMMENDATION: (T. Williamson/Lawrence) That the Commission issue orders approving the applications and issuing the requested certificates for these facilities. Proposed orders have been provided to the Commission Staff.

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E. WATER

P1. DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 380 – CAROLINA WATER SERVICE, INC. OF NORTH CAROLINA – REQUEST FOR TARIFF REVISION

EXPLANATION: On October 1, 2020, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC or Company), filed a letter with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to water customers in the White Oak Plantation, Lee Forest, Winston Plantation, and Winston Pointe service areas in Johnston County an increase in the cost of purchasing water service from the Johnston County Department of Public Utilities (Johnston County). CWSNC is also requesting authority to increase the water connection charge in the Winston Pointe service area due to the increase in Johnston County's bulk water capacity fee. N.C.G.S. § 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

The Company states that, effective October 1, 2020, Johnston County's bulk water commodity charge increases from \$2.65 per 1,000 gallons to \$2.85 per 1,000 gallons, and the County's bulk water capacity fee increases from \$6.00 per gallons per day (gpd) of average capacity to \$6.25 per gpd of average capacity. According to CWSNC, it charges a current connection charge per single family equivalent (SFE) in its Winston Pointe subdivision of \$1,080 based on the \$6.00 per gpd of average capacity, and the increase to \$6.25 per gpd of average capacity results in a new connection charge of \$1,125 per SFE.

The Public Staff has reviewed the Company's current rates and Johnston County's new rates and recommends that CWSNC be allowed to increase its bulk water commodity charge for water service by \$0.20 per 1,000 gallons, increasing the rate from \$2.65 to \$2.85 per 1,000 gallons and to increase its bulk water capacity fee by \$0.25 per gpd of average capacity, increasing the rate from \$6.00 to \$6.25 per gpd of average capacity. The Public Staff has also reviewed Winston Pointe's connection charge and recommends that the Company be allowed to increase Winston Pointe's connection charge from \$1,080 to \$1,125 per SFE.

The new rates would increase the average residential monthly bill from \$38.67 to \$39.40, based on an average usage of 3,678 gallons as found in Exhibits 4 and 6 of the Testimony of Gina Y. Casselberry filed on November 4, 2019, in Docket No. W-354, Sub 364.

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

RECOMMENDATION: (Darden/Feasel/Holt) That the proposed order be issued approving the recommended tariff revision.

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 380

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina, 4944 Parkway Plaza Boulevard, Suite 375, Charlotte, North Carolina, 28217, for Authority to Amend Its Tariff to Increase Rates for Providing Sewer Utility Service in Its Service Area in Johnston County, North Carolina)))))))
	ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISION AND REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE

BY THE COMMISSION: On October 1, 2020, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC or Company), filed a letter with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to water customers in the White Oak Plantation, Lee Forest, Winston Plantation, and Winston Pointe service areas in Johnston County an increase in the cost of purchasing water service from the Johnston County Department of Public Utilities (Johnston County). CWSNC also requested authority to increase the water connection charge in the Winston Pointe service area due to the increase in Johnston County’s bulk water capacity fee. N.C.G.S. § 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

The Company stated that, effective October 1, 2020, Johnston County’s bulk water commodity charge increases from \$2.65 per 1,000 gallons to \$2.85 per 1,000 gallons, and the County’s bulk water capacity fee increases from \$6.00 per gallons per day (gpd) of average capacity to \$6.25 per gpd of average capacity. According to CWSNC, it charges a current connection charge per single family equivalent (SFE) in its Winston Pointe subdivision of \$1,080 based on the \$6.00 per gpd of average capacity, and the increase to \$6.25 per gpd of average capacity results in a new connection charge of \$1,125 per SFE.

This matter was presented at the Commission’s Regular Staff Conference on October 19, 2020. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the Company’s current rates and Johnston County’s new rates, and recommended that CWSNC be allowed to increase its bulk water commodity charge for water service by \$0.20 per 1,000 gallons,

increasing the rate from \$2.65 to \$2.85 per 1,000 gallons and to increase its bulk water capacity fee by \$0.25 per gpd of average capacity, increasing the rate from \$6.00 to \$6.25 per gpd of average capacity. The Public Staff also stated it reviewed Winston Pointe's connection charge and recommended that CWSNC be allowed to increase Winston Pointe's connection charge from \$1,080 to \$1,125 per SFE. The Public Staff, therefore, recommended that the Company's request for tariff revision be approved.

The Public Staff further stated the new rates would increase the average residential monthly bill from \$38.67 to \$39.40, based on an average usage of 3,678 gallons as found in Exhibits 4 and 6 of the Testimony of Gina Y. Casselberry filed on November 4, 2019 in Docket No. W-354, Sub 364.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission is of the opinion that the tariff revision should be approved.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina is granted a tariff revision for water utility service in the White Oak Plantation, Lee Forest, Winston Plantation, and Winston Pointe systems in Johnston County, North Carolina, as set forth herein.
2. That the Schedule of Rates attached as Appendix A is approved and is deemed filed with the Commission pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-138. This Schedule of Rates shall become effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Order.
3. That the Schedule of Connection Fees attached as Appendix B is approved and is deemed filed with the Commission pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-138. This Schedule of Connection Fees shall become effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Order.
4. That a copy of the Notice to Customers, attached hereto as Appendix C, shall be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by the Company to all of its affected customers in the White Oak Plantation, Lee Forest, Winston Plantation, and Winston Pointe service areas contemporaneously with the next billing of customers.
5. That the Applicant shall file the attached Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, not later than ten days after the Notice to Customer is mailed or hand delivered to customers.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the _____ day of _____, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk

SCHEDULE OF RATES

for

CAROLINA WATER SERVICE, INC. OF NORTH CAROLINA

for providing water and sewer utility service

in

ALL OF ITS SERVICE AREAS IN NORTH CAROLINA

(excluding Fairfield Harbour Service Area, Treasure Cove, Register Place Estates, North Hills, Glen Arbor/North Bend, Bradfield Farms, Silverton, Woodland Farms, and Larkhaven Subdivisions, and Hawthorne at the Green Apartments

WATER RATES AND CHARGES

Monthly Metered Water Service (Residential and Commercial):

Base Facility Charge (based on meter size with zero usage)

< 1" meter	\$ 28.92
1" meter	\$ 72.30
1 1/2" meter	\$ 144.60
2" meter	\$ 231.36
3" meter	\$ 433.80
4" meter	\$ 723.00
6" meter	\$1,446.00

Usage Charge:

A. Treated Water/1,000 gallons	\$ 8.27
B. Untreated Water/1,000 gallons (Brandywine Bay Irrigation Water)	\$ 4.23

C. Purchased Water for Resale, per 1,000 gallons:

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Bulk Provider</u>		
Carolina Forest	Montgomery County	\$	3.19
High Vista Estates	City of Hendersonville	\$	3.40
Riverbend	Town of Franklin	\$	7.50
Riverpointe	Charlotte Water	\$	6.74
Whispering Pines	Town of Southern Pines	\$	3.28
White Oak Plantation/ Lee Forest	Johnston County	\$	2.85
Winston Plantation	Johnston County	\$	2.85
Winston Pointe	Johnston County	\$	2.85
Woodrun	Montgomery County	\$	3.19
Yorktown	City of Winston Salem	\$	5.79
Zemosa Acres	City of Concord	\$	5.41
Carolina Trace	City of Sanford	\$	2.21

Commercial customers, including condominiums or other property owner associations who bill their members directly, shall have a separate account set up for each meter and each meter shall be billed separately based on the size of the meter and usage associated with the meter.

When because of the method of water line installation utilized by the developer or owner, it is impractical to meter each unit or other structure separately, the following will apply:

Sugar Mountain Service Area:

Where service to multiple units or other structures is provided through a single meter, the average usage for each unit or structure served by that meter will be calculated. Each unit or structure will be billed based upon that average usage plus the base monthly charge for a <1" meter.

Mount Mitchell Service Area:

Service will be billed based upon the Commission-approved monthly flat rate.

Monthly Flat Rate Service: (Billed in Arrears) \$ 58.54

Availability Rate: (Semiannual)

Applicable only to property owners in Carolina Forest
and Woodrun Subdivisions in Montgomery County \$ 27.15

Availability Rate: (Monthly)

Applicable only to property owners in Linville Ridge
Subdivision \$ 13.60

Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed semiannually)

Applicable only to property owners in Fairfield Sapphire
Valley Service Area \$ 10.05

Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed quarterly)

Applicable only to property owners in Connestee Falls \$ 5.30

Meter Testing Fee: ^{1/} \$ 20.00

New Water Customer Charge: \$ 27.00

Reconnection Charge: ^{2/}

If water service is cut off by utility for good cause \$ 42.00

If water service is discontinued at customer's request \$ 42.00

Reconnection Charge: ^{3/}(Flat-rate water customers)

If water service is cut off by utility for good cause Actual Cost

Management Fee: (in the following subdivisions only)

(Per connection)

Wolf Laurel \$150.00

Covington Cross Subdivision (Phases 1 & 2) \$100.00

Oversizing Fee: (in the following subdivision only)

(One-time charge per single-family equivalent)

Winghurst \$400.00

Meter Fee:

For <1" meters	\$ 50.00
For meters 1" or larger	Actual Cost

Irrigation Meter Installation:

Actual Cost

SEWER RATES AND CHARGES

Monthly Metered Sewer Service:

A. Base Facility Charge:

Residential (zero usage) \$ 58.91

Commercial (based on meter size with zero usage)

< 1" meter	\$ 58.91
1" meter	\$ 147.28
1 1/2" meter	\$ 294.55
2" meter	\$ 471.28
3" meter	\$ 883.65
4" meter	\$1,472.75
6" meter	\$2,945.50

B. Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons \$ 4.59

Commercial customers, including condominiums or other property owner associations who bill their members directly, shall have a separate account set up for each meter and each meter shall be billed separately based on the size of the meter and usage associated with the meter.

Monthly Metered Purchased Sewer Service:

Collection Charge (Residential and Commercial) \$ 41.24

Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons
(based on purchased water consumption)

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Bulk Provider</u>		
White Oak Plantation/ Lee Forest/Winston Pt.	Johnston County	\$	6.15
Kings Grant	Two Rivers Utilities	\$	3.98
College Park	Town of Dallas	\$	7.33

Monthly Flat Rate Service: \$ 73.73

Multi-residential customers who are served by a master meter shall be charged the flat rate per unit. \$ 73.73

Mt. Carmel Subdivision Service Area:

Monthly Base Facility Charge \$ 7.29

Monthly Collection Charge
(Residential and Commercial) \$ 41.24

Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons
(based on metered water from the water supplier) \$ 6.32

Regalwood and White Oak Estates Subdivision Service Area:

Monthly Flat Rate Sewer Service
Residential Service \$ 73.73
White Oak High School \$2,187.33
Child Castle Daycare \$ 280.41
Pantry \$ 153.76

Fairfield Mountain/Apple Valley (a.k.a. Rumbling Bald) Service Area, and Highland Shores Subdivision:

Monthly Sewer Rates:

Residential
Collection charge/dwelling unit \$ 41.24
Treatment charge/dwelling unit \$ 69.50
Total monthly flat rate/dwelling unit \$ 110.74

Commercial and Other:

Minimum monthly collection and treatment charge	\$ 110.74
Monthly collection and treatment charge for customers who do not take water service	\$ 110.74
Treatment charge per dwelling unit	
Small (less than 2,500 gallons per month)	\$ 78.50
Medium (2,500 to 10,000 gallons per month)	\$ 139.50
Large (over 10,000 gallons per month)	\$ 219.50
Collection Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 13.93

The Ridges at Mountain Harbour:

Monthly Sewer Rates:

Collection charge (Residential and Commercial)	\$ 41.24
Treatment charge (Residential and Commercial)	
< 1" meter	\$ 18.42
2" meter	\$ 147.36

Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed semiannually)

Applicable only to property owners in Fairfield Sapphire Valley Service Area	\$ 10.20
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Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed quarterly)

Applicable only to property owners in Connestee Falls	\$ 5.75
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New Sewer Customer Charge: ^{4/} \$ 27.00

Reconnection Charge: ^{5/}

If sewer service is cut off by utility for good cause: Actual Cost

MISCELLANEOUS UTILITY MATTERS

<u>Charge for processing NSF Checks:</u>	\$ 25.00
<u>Bills Due:</u>	On billing date
<u>Bills Past Due:</u>	21 days after billing date
<u>Billing Frequency:</u>	Bills shall be rendered monthly in all service areas, except for Mt. Carmel, which will be billed bimonthly. Availability rates will be billed quarterly in advance for Connestee Falls, semiannually in advance for Carolina Forest, Woodrun, and Fairfield Sapphire Valley, and monthly for Linville Ridge.
<u>Finance Charge for Late Payment:</u>	1% per month will be applied to the unpaid balance of all bills still past due 25 days after billing date.

Notes:

^{1/} If a customer requests a test of a water meter more frequently than once in a 24-month period, the Company will collect a \$20.00 service charge to defray the cost of the test. If the meter is found to register in excess of the prescribed accuracy limits, the meter testing charge will be waived. If the meter is found to register accurately or below prescribed accuracy limits, the charge shall be retained by the Company. Regardless of the test results, customers may request a meter test once in a 24-month period without charge.

^{2/} Customers who request to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection at the same address shall be charged the base facility charge for the service period they were disconnected.

^{3/} The utility shall itemize the estimated cost of disconnecting and reconnecting service and shall furnish this estimate to customer with cut-off notice.

^{4/} This charge shall be waived if customer is also a water customer within the same service area.

^{5/} The utility shall itemize the estimated cost of disconnecting and reconnecting service and shall furnish this estimate to customer with cut-off notice. This charge will be waived if customer also receives water service from Carolina Water Service within the same service area. Customers who request to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection at the same address shall be charged the base facility charge for the service period they were disconnected.

CAROLINA WATER SERVICE, INC. OF NORTH CAROLINA

SCHEDULE OF CONNECTION FEES

FOR WATER UTILITY SERVICE UNDER UNIFORM RATES

Uniform Connection Fees: ^{1/}

The following uniform connection fees apply unless specified differently by contract approved by and on file with the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

Connection Charge (CC), per SFE (Single-Family Equivalent)	\$ 100.00
Plant Modification Fee (PMF), per SFE	\$ 400.00

The systems where connection fees other than the uniform fees have been approved and/or allowed to become effective by the North Carolina Utilities Commission are as follows. These fees are per SFE:

<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>CC</u>	<u>PMF</u>
Abington	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Abington, Phase 14	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Amherst	\$ 250.00	\$ 0.00
Bent Creek	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Blue Mountain at Wolf Laurel	\$ 925.00	\$ 0.00
Buffalo Creek, Phase I, II, III, IV	\$ 825.00	\$ 0.00
Carolina Forest	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Chapel Hills	\$ 150.00	\$ 400.00
Eagle Crossing	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Elk River Development	\$1,000.00	\$ 0.00
Forest Brook/Old Lamp Place	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Harbour	\$ 75.00	\$ 0.00
Hestron Park	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Hound Ears	\$ 300.00	\$ 0.00
Kings Grant/Willow Run	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Lemmond Acres	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Linville Ridge	\$ 400.00	\$ 0.00
Monterrey (Monterrey LLC)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Quail Ridge	\$ 750.00	\$ 0.00
Queens Harbour/Yachtsman	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Riverpointe	\$ 300.00	\$ 0.00

Riverpointe (Simonini Bldrs.)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Riverwood, Phase 6E (Johnston County)	\$ 825.00	\$ 0.00
Saddlewood/Oak Hollow (Summey Bldrs.)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>CC</u>	<u>PMF</u>
Sherwood Forest	\$ 950.00	\$ 0.00
Ski Country	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00
The Ridges at Mountain Harbour	\$2,500.00	\$ 0.00
White Oak Plantation	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Wildlife Bay	\$ 870.00	\$ 0.00
Willowbrook	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Winston Plantation	\$1,100.00	\$ 0.00
Winston Pointe, Phase 1A	\$1,125.00	\$ 0.00
Wolf Laurel	\$ 925.00	\$ 0.00
Woodrun	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Woodside Falls	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00

Other Connection Fees:

The following connection fees apply unless specified differently by contract approved and/or filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

Amber Acres, Amber Acres North, Amber Ridge, Ashley Hills North, Bishop Pointe, Carriage Manor, Country Crossing, Covington Cross, Heather Glen, Hidden Hollow, Jordan Woods, Lindsey Point, Neuse Woods, Oakes Plantation, Randsdell Forest, Rutledge Landing, Sandy Trails, Stewart's Ridge, Tuckahoe, Wilder's Village and Forest Hill Subdivisions

Connection Charge:

- A. 5/8" meter \$ 500.00
- B. All other meter sizes Actual cost of meter and installation

The systems where other connection fees have been approved and/or allowed to become effective by the North Carolina Utilities Commission are as follows:

<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>CC</u>
Lindsey Point Subdivision	\$ 0.00
Amber Acres North, Sections II & IV	\$ 570.00

Fairfield Mountain/Apple Valley (a.k.a Rumbing Bald) Service Area	\$ 500.00
Highland Shores Subdivision	\$ 500.00
Laurel Mountain Estates	\$ 0.00
Carolina Trace	\$ 605.00
Connestee Falls	\$ 600.00

The following connection fees apply unless specified differently by contract approved and/or filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

All Areas Except Holly Forest XI, Holly Forest XIV, Holly Forest XV, Whisper Lake I, Whisper Lake II, Whisper Lake III, Deer Run, Lonesome Valley Phases I and II, and Chattooga Ridge

Recoupment of Capital Fee (RCF) ^{2/}	\$ 0.00
Connection charge	\$ 400.00

The systems where other connection fees have been approved and/or allowed to become effective by the North Carolina Utilities Commission are as follows.

<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>CC</u>	<u>RCF</u>
Holly Forest XI	\$ 400.00	\$2,400.00
Holly Forest XIV	\$ 400.00	\$ 250.00
Holly Forest XV	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00
Whispering Lake Phase I	\$ 400.00	\$1,250.00
Whispering Lake Phases II and III	\$ 400.00	\$2,450.00
Deer Run	\$ 400.00	\$1,900.00
Lonesome Valley Phases I and II	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Chattooga Ridge	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

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^{1/} These fees are only applicable one time, when the unit is initially connected to the system.

^{2/} The recoupment of capital portion of the connection charges shall be due and payable at such time as the main water and sewer lines are installed in front of each lot, and the tap-on fee for water and sewer shall be payable upon request by the owner of each lot to be connected to the water and sewer lines. With written consent of the company, payment of the recoupment capital portion of the connection charge may be made payable over five-year period following the installation of the water and sewer mains in front of each lot, payment to be made in such a manner and in such installments as agreed upon between lot owner and the company, together with interest on the balance of the unpaid recoupment of capital fee from said time until payment in full at the rate of 6% per annum.

APPENDIX C

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 380
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Notice is given that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has granted Carolina Water Service Inc. of North Carolina (Applicant), an increase in its bulk water commodity charge and capacity fee to customers in White Oak Plantation, Lee Forest, Winston Plantation, and Winston Pointe systems in Johnston County, North Carolina.

The Applicant filed a letter with the Commission pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to water customers in White Oak Plantation, Lee Forest, Winston Plantation, and Winston Pointe systems in Johnston County an increase in the cost of purchasing water service from Johnston County Department of Public Utilities. N.C.G.S. § 62-133.11 provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

The Public Staff has reviewed the current rates and recommends that the Applicant be allowed to increase its commodity charge for water service by \$0.20 per 1,000 gallons, increasing the rate from \$2.65 to \$2.85 per 1,000 gallons and increase its capacity fee by \$0.25 per gallons per day (gpd) of average capacity, increasing the rate from \$6.00 to \$6.25 per gpd of average capacity. The Public Staff reviewed Winston Pointe's connection charge and recommends that the Applicant be allowed to increase Winston Pointe's connection charge from \$1,080 to \$1,125 per single family equivalent (SFE).

The new rates will increase the average residential monthly bill from \$38.67 to \$39.40 based on an average usage of 3,678 gallons.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of _____, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, _____, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers the attached Notices to Customers issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-354, Sub 380 and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered 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 Notices to Customers were mailed or hand delivered to all affected customers, as required by the Commission Order dated _____ in Docket No. W-354, Sub 380.

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

Notary Public

Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: _____
Date