

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**STAFF CONFERENCE AGENDA
JULY 23, 2018**

COMMISSION STAFF

NO AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC STAFF

B. NATURAL GAS

P1. DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 720 – PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC. –
NATURAL GAS CONSTRUCTION AND REDELIVERY SERVICES AGREEMENT

EXPLANATION: On March 6, 2018, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont), filed with the Commission a Natural Gas Construction and Redelivery Services Agreement (Agreement) between Piedmont and NTE Carolinas II, LLC (Customer). Piedmont filed the Agreement under seal on the grounds that it is confidential and proprietary and has been designated as such pursuant to G.S. 132-1.2.

Piedmont states that the Agreement relates to the construction of new natural gas distribution lines and facilities in order to provide firm redelivery service to a new natural gas-fired combined cycle electric generation facility at the Customer's Reidsville Energy Center. Piedmont further indicated that no other customer will be impacted by the Agreement and that the Agreement is in the public interest.

The Public Staff has reviewed the Agreement and other information provided by Piedmont. Based on its investigation, the Public Staff has determined that the terms of the Agreement are within the parameters allowed by G.S. 62-140. The Public Staff believes that this Agreement should provide benefits that will flow to other ratepayers as determined in a fair and reasonable manner in a general rate case proceeding. Piedmont has committed to the Public Staff that in its next general rate case filing it will present costs and revenues associated with this Agreement in a manner which is contributory to its overall North Carolina cost of service, and will not seek to isolate economic benefits from the Agreement from its system customers. Piedmont will also seek to ensure that with regard to continued operation of the facilities after the end of the contract term, such operation will result in a continuing and cumulative positive economic contribution to all system customers.

The Public Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order, concluding that the Agreement is not unlawful and does not violate the rules and regulations of the

Commission, and allowing Piedmont to provide service to Customer pursuant to the Agreement. The Public Staff also recommends that the Commission's order state that for ratemaking purposes, the authority granted therein neither constitutes approval of the amount of any compensation paid pursuant to the Agreement, nor prejudices the right of any party to take issue with any provision of the Agreement in a future proceeding.

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

RECOMMENDATION: (Maness/Perry/Larsen/Culpepper) That the Commission issue the proposed order authorizing Piedmont to provide service pursuant to the Agreement.

D. ELECTRIC

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

EXPLANATION: The following applications seeking 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.

Duke Energy Carolinas:

- Docket No. SP-11723, Sub 0 – Application of Apex Solar, LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 30-MW Solar Photovoltaic Facility in Cleveland County, North Carolina (no registration statement)

Duke Energy Progress:

- Docket No. SP-9819, Sub 0 – Application of Elizabeth Farm, LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 80-MW Solar Photovoltaic Facility in Pender County, North Carolina

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.

Unless otherwise indicated above, the applicants also filed registration statements for new renewable energy facilities pursuant to Commission Rule R8-66(b). The registration statements included certified attestations 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 G.S. 62-133.8; and (4) the applicant will consent to the auditing of books and records by the Public Staff insofar as those records relate to transactions with North Carolina electric power suppliers.

RECOMMENDATION: (Lawrence/Lucas) 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.

P2. DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1177 – DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS – APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND MOTION FOR WAIVER OF NOTICE AND HEARING

EXPLANATION: On June 1, 2018, pursuant to G.S. 62-101 and G.S. 62-102, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC or the Company), filed with the Commission a letter of intent to file for a waiver of the notice and hearing requirements of G.S. 62-102 and 62-104. On that same date, pursuant to Commission Rule R8-62(k), DEC prefiled with the Public Staff an application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity to construct a new 230-kV transmission tap line approximately 4,495 feet in length (Tap Line) in Catawba County, North Carolina. The prefiled application stated that in order to support load growth and maintain reliable service in the area, the proposed Tap Line will connect the Company's new Orchard Tie Breaker Station to the existing Lincoln CT to Longview Tie-Blackburn 230kV Transmission line. As detailed in DEC's prefiled certificate application, the Company will construct the Tap Line on property for which it has purchased the right of way from the property owner, and the property owner does not object to a waiver of the hearing and notice requirements of G.S. 62-102 and G.S. 62-104.

On June 22, 2018, DEC formally filed the application for a certificate and motion for waiver of notice and hearing. On July 18, 2018, DEC filed a correction to the application that clarified the location of the Tap Line.

G.S. 62-101(d)(1) authorizes the Commission to waive the notice and hearing requirements of G.S. 62-102 and G.S. 62-104 when it finds that the owners of the land to be crossed by the proposed transmission line do not object to the waiver and either the transmission line is less than one mile long or connects an existing transmission line to a substation, to another public utility, or to a public utility customer when any of these are in proximity to the existing transmission line. The application states that the Company will construct the Tap Line on property for which it has acquired an easement from the property owner whose land will be crossed by the Tap Line, the property owner does not object to the waiver of notice or hearing, and that the total length of the line is approximately 4,495 feet. Thus, the conditions of G.S. 62-101(d)(1) for a waiver of notice and hearing have been met. The application is also supported by a Certificate Application Report. This report satisfies the requirements of G.S. 62-102(a).

Based on its review, the Public Staff has determined that the application meets the requirements of G.S. 62-102 and Commission Rule R8-62 for a certificate and the conditions of G.S. 62-101(d)(1) for waiver of the notice and hearing requirements of G.S. 62-102 and G.S. 62-104. The Public Staff, therefore, recommends that the Commission grant the motion for waiver and issue the requested certificate.

EXHIBIT: A proposed order is attached as Exhibit No. P-2.

RECOMMENDATION: (T. Williamson/Fennell) That the Commission issue an order waiving the notice and hearing requirements of G.S. 62-102 and G.S. 62-104 and issue the requested certificate for the construction of the Tap Line.

P3. DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1178 – DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS – APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND MOTION FOR WAIVER OF NOTICE AND HEARING

EXPLANATION: On June 1, 2018, pursuant to G.S. 62-101 and G.S. 62-102, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC or the Company), filed with the Commission a letter of intent to file for a waiver of the notice and hearing requirements of G.S. 62-102 and 62-104. On that same date, pursuant to Commission Rule R8-62(k), DEC prefiled with the Public Staff an application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity to construct a new 230-kV transmission tap line approximately 3,442 feet in length (Tap Line) in Catawba County, North Carolina. The prefiled application stated that in order to support load growth and maintain reliable service in the area, the proposed Tap Line will connect Company's new Orchard Tie Breaker Station to the existing Lincoln CT to Longview Tie-Mercer 230kV Transmission line. As detailed in DEC's prefiled certificate application, the Company will construct the Tap Line on property for which it has purchased the right of way from the property owner, and the property owner does not object to a waiver of the hearing and notice requirements of G.S. 62-102 and G.S. 62-104.

On June 22, 2018, DEC formally filed the application for a certificate and motion for waiver of notice and hearing. On July 18, 2018, DEC filed a correction to the application that clarified the location of the Tap Line.

G.S. 62-101(d)(1) authorizes the Commission to waive the notice and hearing requirements of G.S. 62-102 and G.S. 62-104 when it finds that the owners of the land to be crossed by the proposed transmission line do not object to the waiver and either the transmission line is less than one mile long or to connect an existing transmission line to a substation, to another public utility, or to a public utility customer when any of these is in proximity to the existing transmission line. The application states that the Company will construct the Tap Line on property for which it has acquired an easement from the property owner whose land will be crossed by the Tap Line, the property owner does not object to the waiver of notice or hearing, and that the total length of the line is approximately 3,442 feet. Thus, the conditions of G.S. 62-101(d)(1) for a waiver of notice and hearing have been met. The application is also supported by a Certificate Application Report. This report satisfies the requirements of G.S. 62-102(a).

Based on its review, the Public Staff has determined that the application meets the requirements of G.S. 62-102 and Commission Rule R8-62 for a certificate and the conditions of G.S. 62-101(d)(1) for waiver of the notice and hearing requirements of G.S. 62-102 and G.S. 62-104. The Public Staff, therefore, recommends that the Commission grant the motion for waiver and issue the requested certificate.

EXHIBIT: A proposed order is attached as Exhibit No. P-3.

RECOMMENDATION: (T. Williamson/Fennell) That the Commission issue an order waiving the notice and hearing requirements of G.S. 62-102 and G.S. 62-104 and issue the requested certificate for the construction of the Tap Line.

E. WATER

P1. DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 505 – AQUA NORTH CAROLINA, INC. – REQUEST FOR TARIFF REVISION

EXPLANATION: On July 3, 2018, Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua), filed a verified petition, pursuant to G.S. 62-133.11, with the Commission, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to its water customers in eighteen subdivisions in Cumberland County an increase in the cost of purchasing water service from the Public Works Commission of the City of Fayetteville (FPWC).

Effective June 1, 2018, the FPWC increased its rates charged to Aqua by \$0.234 per 1,000 gallons from \$2.6783 per 1,000 gallons to \$2.9123 per 1,000 gallons.

Aqua's current purchased water usage rate per 1,000 gallons related to its bulk purchased water service from FPWC has been in effect since June 23, 2016, when they were approved by the Commission in its *Order Approving Tariff Revision and Requiring Customer Notice* issued in Docket No. W-218, Sub 432. After taking into account the effect of the 0.14% regulatory fee, Aqua has requested authority to increase its purchased water usage rates from \$2.68 to \$2.92 per 1,000 gallons to reflect the increase in the cost of purchasing water service from the FPWC.

The Public Staff has reviewed Aqua's request and recommends that the requested tariff revision be approved. The Public Staff is of the opinion that the tariff revision will allow Aqua to recover additional revenues that do not exceed the additional expenses.

Under the new rates, the average residential customer's monthly water bill will increase by \$1.44 or 4.93%, from \$29.19 to \$30.63 based upon 6,000 gallons usage.

EXHIBIT: The Public Staff's proposed order is attached as Exhibit No. P-4.

RECOMMENDATION: (Junis/Feasel/Grantmyre) That the Commission issue the proposed order approving the requested tariff revision.

P2. DOCKET NO. W-1315, SUB 3 – DFHC CORPORATION, INC. – REQUEST FOR TARIFF REVISION

EXPLANATION: On June 20, 2018, DFHC Corporation, Inc. (DFHC), filed a verified petition, pursuant to G.S. 62-133.11, with the Commission requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to its customers in Gardner Hill Station in Guilford County an increase in the cost of purchasing water service from the City of Greensboro (City) and sewer service from the Town of Jamestown (Town).

Effective July 1, 2018, the City increased its water billing and availability fees charged to DFHC by \$1.66 per month from \$47.47 per month to \$49.13 per month and water usage rate by \$0.34 per 1,000 gallons from \$9.73 per 1,000 gallons to \$10.07 per 1,000 gallons.

Effective July 1, 2018, the Town increased its sewer usage rate by \$1.13 per 1,000 gallons from \$4.55 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.68 per 1,000 gallons.

DFHC's current purchased water base charge and usage rate per 1,000 gallons related to its purchased water service from the City has been in effect since August 21, 2017, when they were approved by the Commission in its *Order Approving Tariff Revision and Requiring Customer Notice* issued in Docket No. W-1315, Sub 1. DFHC's current purchased sewer usage rate per 1,000 gallons related to its purchased sewer service from the Town has been in effect since March 27, 2017, when they were approved by the Commission in its *Order Granting Franchise, Accepting and Approving Bond, Approving Rates, and Requiring Customer Notice* issued in Docket No. W-1315, Sub 0. After taking into account the effect of the 0.14% regulatory fee, DFHC has requested authority to increase its water base charge from \$11.89 to \$12.30 and its water usage rate from \$9.75 to \$10.08 per 1,000 gallons to reflect the increase in the cost of purchasing water service from the City and its sewer usage rate from \$4.55 to \$5.69 per 1,000 gallons to reflect the increase in the cost of purchasing sewer service from the Town.

The Public Staff has reviewed Aqua's request and recommends that the requested tariff revision be approved.

EXHIBIT: A proposed order is attached as Exhibit No. P-5.

RECOMMENDATION: (Junis/Morgan/Josey) That the Commission issue the proposed order approving the requested tariff revision.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 720

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Natural Gas Construction and Redelivery Services Agreement between Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., and NTE Carolinas II, LLC) ORDER ALLOWING AGREEMENT TO BECOME EFFECTIVE)

BY THE COMMISSION: On March 6, 2018, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont), filed with the Commission a Natural Gas Construction and Redelivery Services Agreement (Agreement) between Piedmont and NTE Carolinas II, LLC (Customer). Piedmont filed the Agreement under seal on the grounds that it is confidential and proprietary and has been designated as such pursuant to G.S. 132-1.2.

Piedmont stated that the Agreement relates to the construction of new natural gas distribution lines and facilities in order to provide firm redelivery service to a new natural gas-fired combined cycle electric generation facility at the Customer's Reidsville Energy Center. Piedmont further indicated that no other customer will be impacted by the Agreement and that the Agreement is in the public interest.

The Public Staff presented this matter at the Commission's regular Staff Conference on July 23, 2018. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the Agreement and other information provided by Piedmont, and, based on its investigation, had determined that the terms of the Agreement are within the parameters allowed by G.S. 62-140. The Public Staff stated that it believes that this Agreement should provide benefits that will flow to other ratepayers as determined in a fair and reasonable manner in a general rate case proceeding. Piedmont has committed to the Public Staff that in its next general rate case filing it will present costs and revenues associated with this Agreement in a manner which is contributory to its overall North Carolina cost of service, and will not seek to isolate economic benefits from the Agreement from its system customers. Piedmont will also seek to ensure that with regard to continued operation of the facilities after the end of the contract term, such operation will result in a continuing and cumulative positive economic contribution to all system customers.

The Public Staff recommended that the Commission issue an order allowing Piedmont to provide service to the Customer pursuant to the Agreement. The Public Staff also recommended that the Commission's order state that for ratemaking purposes, the

authority granted therein neither constitutes approval of the amount of any compensation paid pursuant to the Agreement, nor prejudices the right of any party to take issue with any provision of the Agreement in a future proceeding.

The Commission, having carefully reviewed the Agreement, concludes that the Agreement is not unlawful and does not violate the rules and regulations of the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission finds good cause to allow the Agreement to become effective as filed.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Piedmont is hereby authorized to provide natural gas service to the Customer pursuant to the Agreement.

2. That for ratemaking purposes, the authority granted herein neither constitutes approval of the amount of any compensation paid pursuant to the Agreement, nor prejudices the right of any party to take issue with any provision of the Agreement in a future proceeding.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the _____ day of July, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

M. Lynn Jarvis, Chief Clerk

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1177

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, for a)
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public) ORDER WAIVING NOTICE
Convenience and Necessity and Motion for Waiver of) AND HEARING
Notice and Hearing Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§) REQUIREMENT AND
62-100 <u>et seq.</u> to Construct Approximately 4,495 feet) ISSUING CERTIFICATE
of New 230 kV Transmission Line in Catawba County,)
North Carolina)

BY THE COMMISSION: On June 1, 2018, pursuant to G.S. 62-101 and G.S. 62-102, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC or the Company), prefiled with the Commission a letter of intent to file for a waiver of the notice and hearing requirements of G.S. 62-102 and 62-104. On that same date, pursuant to Commission Rule R8-62(k), DEC prefiled with the Public Staff an application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity to construct a new 230-kV transmission tap line approximately 4,495 feet in length (Tap Line) in Catawba County, North Carolina. The prefiled application stated that in order to support load growth and maintain reliable service in the area, the proposed Tap Line will connect the Company's new Orchard Tie Breaker Station to the existing Lincoln CT to Longview Tie-Blackburn 230kV Transmission line. Included in the prefiled application was a motion for waiver of the notice and hearing requirements of G.S.62-102, G.S. 62-104, and Commission Rule R8-62, as provided for in G.S. 62-101(d)(1). As detailed in DEC's prefiled certificate application, the Company will construct the Tap Line on property for which it has purchased the right of way from the property owner, and the property owner does not object to a waiver of the hearing and notice requirements of G.S. 62-102 and G.S. 62-104.

On June 22, 2018, DEC formally filed the application for a certificate and motion for waiver of notice and hearing. On July 18, 2018, DEC filed a correction to the application that clarified the location of the Tap Line.

G.S. 62-101(d)(1) authorizes the Commission to waive the notice and hearing requirements of G.S. 62-102 and G.S. 62-104 when it finds that the owners of the land to be crossed by the proposed transmission line do not object to the waiver and either the transmission line is less than one mile long or to connect an existing transmission line to a substation, to another public utility, or to a public utility customer when any of these is

in proximity to the existing transmission line. The application states that the Company will construct the Tap Line on property for which it has acquired an easement from the property owner whose land will be crossed by the Tap Line, the property owner does not object to the waiver of notice or hearing, and that the total length of the line is approximately 4,495 feet. Thus, the conditions of G.S. 62-101(d)(1) for a waiver of notice and hearing have been met. The application is also supported by a Certificate Application Report. This report satisfies the requirements of G.S. 62-102(a).

The Public Staff presented this matter at the Commission's regular Staff Conference on July 23, 2018. The Public Staff stated that the application meets the requirements of G.S. 62-102 and Commission Rule R8-62 for a certificate and the conditions of G.S. 62-101(d)(1) for waiver of the notice and hearing requirements of G.S. 62-102 and G.S. 62-104. The Public Staff recommended that the Commission grant the motion for waiver and issue the requested certificate.

Based on the foregoing and the recommendation of the Public Staff, the Commission finds and concludes that the notice and hearing requirements of G.S. 62-102 and G.S. 62-104 should be waived as allowed by G.S. 62-101(d)(1) and that a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity should be issued for the proposed construction of a new 230-kV transmission tap line.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That, pursuant to G.S. 62-101, the requirement for publication of notice and hearing is waived.
2. That, pursuant to G.S. 62-102, a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity to construct approximately 4,495 feet of new 230-kV transmission line in Catawba County, North Carolina, as described in DEC's application is issued, and the same is attached as Appendix A.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of _____, 2018

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

M. Lynn Jarvis, Chief Clerk

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1177

Know All Men by These Presents, That

DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC

is hereby issued this

**CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY PURSUANT TO G.S. 62-102**

to construct approximately 4,495 feet of new 230-kV transmission line to connect the Orchard Tie Breaker Station to the existing Lincoln CT to Longview Tie-Blackburn 230kV Transmission line in Catawba County, North Carolina

subject to receipt of all federal and state permits as required by existing and future regulations prior to beginning construction and further subject to all other orders, rules, regulations, and conditions as are now or may hereafter be lawfully made by the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ___ day of _____, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

M. Lynn Jarvis, Chief Clerk

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1178

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, for a)	
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public)	ORDER WAIVING NOTICE
Convenience and Necessity and Motion for Waiver of)	AND HEARING
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BY THE COMMISSION: On June 1, 2018, pursuant to G.S. 62-101 and G.S. 62-102, and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC or the Company), prefiled with the Commission a letter of intent to file for a waiver of the notice and hearing requirements of G.S. 62-102 and 62-104. On that same date, pursuant to Commission Rule R8-62(k), DEC prefiled with the Public Staff an application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity to construct a new 230-kV transmission tap line approximately 3,442 feet in length (Tap Line) in Catawba County, North Carolina. The prefiled application stated that in order to support load growth and maintain reliable service in the area, the proposed Tap Line will connect the Company's new Orchard Tie Breaker Station to the existing Lincoln CT to Longview Tie-Mercer 230kV Transmission line. Included in the prefiled application was a motion for waiver of the notice and hearing requirements of G.S.62-102, G.S. 62-104, and Commission Rule R8-62, as provided for in G.S. 62-101(d)(1). As detailed in DEC's prefiled certificate application, the Company will construct the Tap Line on property for which it has purchased the right of way from the property owner, and the property owner does not object to a waiver of the hearing and notice requirements of G.S. 62-102 and G.S. 62-104.

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The Public Staff presented this matter at the Commission's regular Staff Conference on July 23, 2018. The Public Staff stated that the application meets the requirements of G.S. 62-102 and Commission Rule R8-62 for a certificate and the conditions of G.S. 62-101(d)(1) for waiver of the notice and hearing requirements of G.S. 62-102 and G.S. 62-104. The Public Staff recommended that the Commission grant the motion for waiver and issue the requested certificate.

Based on the foregoing and the recommendation of the Public Staff, the Commission finds and concludes that the notice and hearing requirements of G.S. 62-102 and G.S. 62-104 should be waived as allowed by G.S. 62-101(d)(1) and that a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity should be issued for the proposed construction of a new 230-kV transmission tap line.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That, pursuant to G.S. 62-101, the requirement for publication of notice and hearing is waived.
2. That, pursuant to G.S. 62-102, a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity to construct approximately 3,442 feet of new 230-kV transmission line in Catawba County, North Carolina, as described in DEC's application is issued, and the same is attached as Appendix A.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of _____, 2018

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

M. Lynn Jarvis, Chief Clerk

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subject to receipt of all federal and state permits as required by existing and future regulations prior to beginning construction and further subject to all other orders, rules, regulations, and conditions as are now or may hereafter be lawfully made by the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ___ day of _____, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

M. Lynn Jarvis, Chief Clerk

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 505

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc., 202)
MacKenan Court, Cary, North Carolina 27511, for)
Authority to Amend Its Tariff to Increase Rates for)
Water Utility Service for the Increased Cost of)
Purchased Water from the Public Works)
Commission of the City of Fayetteville in Eighteen)
Subdivisions in Cumberland County, North Carolina)

ORDER APPROVING
TARIFF REVISION
AND REQUIRING
CUSTOMER NOTICE

BY THE COMMISSION: On July 3, 2018, Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua), filed a verified petition, pursuant to G.S. 62-133.11, with the Commission requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to its water customers in eighteen subdivisions in Cumberland County an increase in the cost of purchasing water service from the Public Works Commission of the City of Fayetteville (FPWC).

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Under the new rates, the average residential customer's monthly water bill will increase by \$1.44 or 4.93%, from \$29.19 to \$30.63 based upon 6,000 gallons usage.

This matter was presented at the Commission's Regular Staff Conference on July 23, 2018. The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) stated that it had reviewed Aqua's petition and recommends that the requested tariff revision be approved. The Public Staff is of the opinion that the tariff revision would allow Aqua to recover additional revenues that do not exceed the additional expenses.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission finds that Aqua should be allowed to pass through the costs associated with the increased purchased water expense.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Aqua North Carolina, Inc., is granted a revision to Appendix A-2 of its tariff for water utility service in eighteen subdivisions in Cumberland County in which it purchases and resells water from the Public Works Commission of the City of Fayetteville, as set forth herein.

2. That the revised Appendix A-2 attached hereto is approved and is deemed filed with the Commission pursuant to 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 Notice to Customers, attached hereto as Appendix B, shall be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by Aqua to all of its affected customers in the eighteen subdivisions contemporaneously with the next billing of customers; and that Aqua shall submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, no later than 10 days after the date of the next billing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of _____, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

M. Lynn Jarvis, Chief Clerk

**AQUA NORTH CAROLINA, INC.
BULK PURCHASED WATER SYSTEM USAGE RATES**

Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons where water purchased for resale

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Water Provider</u>	<u>Usage Charge/ 1,000 gallons</u>
Aqua North Carolina Service Areas		
Twin Creeks	City of Asheville	\$ 4.26
Park South	City of Charlotte	\$ 1.81
Parkway Crossing	City of Charlotte	\$ 1.81
Springhill / Springdale	City of Concord	\$ 5.11
Hoopers Valley	City of Hendersonville	\$ 3.06
Crystal Creek	City of Hendersonville	\$ 3.06
Rambling Ridge	City of Hendersonville	\$ 3.06
Brookwood	City of Hickory (outside city)	\$ 5.04
Heritage Farms	City of Hickory (inside city)	\$ 2.83
Cedarwood Estates	City of Hickory (inside city)	\$ 2.83
Hill-N-Dale	City of Lincolnton	\$ 7.70
East Shores	City of Morganton	\$ 2.52
Greenfield	City of Mount Airy	\$ 7.15
Bett's Brook	City of Newton	\$ 2.85
Crestwood	Davidson Water, Inc.	\$ 5.30
Lancer Acres	Davidson Water, Inc.	\$ 5.30
Beard Acres	Davidson Water, Inc.	\$ 5.30
Woodlake Development	Harnett County	\$ 2.46
Beechwood Cove	Chatham County	\$ 7.04
Chatham	Chatham County	\$ 7.04
Cole Park Plaza Shopping Center	Chatham County	\$10.01
Hidden Valley	Chatham County	\$ 7.04
Polks Landing	Chatham County	\$ 7.04
Chapel Ridge	Town of Pittsboro	\$13.69
Laurel Ridge	Town of Pittsboro	\$13.69
The Parks at Meadowview	Town of Pittsboro	\$13.69
River Hill Heights	Iredell Water Corp.	\$ 2.72

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Water Provider</u>	<u>Usage Charge/ 1,000 gallons</u>
Bennett Place	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Chatham	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Cottonfield Village	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Creekside Place	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Eastlake at Flowers Plantation	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Evergreen POD NE10	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Flowers Crest	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Flowers Plantation	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Flowers Shopping Center	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Magnolia	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Magnolia Village	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Mill Creek N/Pods II	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Mill Creek West	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
North Farm Cottages	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
North Farms	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
North Village	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Parkway Commercial	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Peachtree	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Pineville Club	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Pineville East	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Pineville East Cottages/Palmetto Pl.	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Pineville East Estates	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Pineville West	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Plantation Park	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Plantation Point	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Poplar Woods POD 6A (aka Wilder's Woods Phase 2)	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
River Dell East POD NE12	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
River Dell Towns	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
South Plantation	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
South Quarter – POD 6B	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Southgate	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Sun Ridge Farms	Johnston County	\$ 2.33

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Water Provider</u>	<u>Usage Charge/ 1,000 gallons</u>
Sweetgrass	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
The Gardens at Flowers Plantation	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
The Nine	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
The Pods IV	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Trillium	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Walker Woods	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Watson's Mill	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Wilders Woods and Extension	Johnston County	\$ 2.33
Holly Hills	Town of Forest City	\$ 5.95
Pear Meadows	Town of Fuquay-Varina	\$ 4.35
Swiss Pine Lake	Town of Spruce Pine	\$ 4.93
Brookwood/Lagrange Service Areas		
Kelly Hills	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92
Bretton Woods	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92
Raintree	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92
Colony Village	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92
Windsong	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92
Porter Place	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92
Thornwood	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92
County Walk	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92
Lands Down West	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92
S & L Estates	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92
Tarleton Plantation	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92
Springdale	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92
Ridge Manor	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92
Forest Lake	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92
Arden Forest	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92
Wendemere	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92
Jena-Shane	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92
Stoney Point	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 2.92
Woodland Run	Town of Linden	\$ 4.98

**AQUA NORTH CAROLINA, INC.
PURCHASED SEWER RATES**

Aqua North Carolina Service Areas

Monthly Metered Service where bulk service purchased from Charlotte (Park South and Parkway Crossing residential and commercial):

Base facility charge, zero usage (based on meter size)	Same as commercial charges in Docket No. W-218, Sub 363
Residential and Commercial usage charge	\$ 6.45, per 1,000 gallons

Hawthorne at the Greene Apartments and Beaver Farms Subdivision– Mecklenburg County: (See Docket No. W-899, Sub 37 and Docket No. W-218, Sub 357)

Base facilities charge (to be collected and delivered to Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina ¹ for treatment of the wastewater), per month	\$ 40.40 per REU ^{1/}
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Each apartment building at Hawthorne at the Greene Apartments (formerly Vista Park Apartments) will be considered 92.42% occupied on an ongoing basis for billing purposes as soon as the certificate of occupancy is issued for the apartment building.

Collection service/commodity charge (based on Charlotte Water’s master meter reading), per 1,000 gallons	\$ 5.11
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¹ On August 17, 2016, in Docket No. W-1044, Sub 24, et al., the North Carolina Utilities Commission issued an Order Approving Merger. In accordance with the Order, and pursuant to the Articles of Merger filed with the North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State on August 30, 2016, Bradfield Farms Water Company was merged into Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina effective August 30, 2016.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 505

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
 Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc., 202)
 MacKenan Court, Cary, North Carolina 27511, for)
 Authority to Amend Its Tariff to Increase Rates for) **NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS**
 Water Utility Service for the Increased Cost of) **OF NEW RATES**
 Purchased Water from the Public Works)
 Commission of the City of Fayetteville in Eighteen)
 Subdivisions in Cumberland County, North Carolina)

BY THE COMMISSION: Notice is given that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has granted Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua), an increase in its water rates charged to customers in eighteen subdivisions in Cumberland County. Aqua filed a verified petition, pursuant to G.S. 62-133.11, with the Commission on July 3, 2018, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to its water customers, the June 1, 2018 increase in the cost of purchasing water service from the Public Works Commission of the City of Fayetteville.

The new rates for water utility service are as follows:

	<u>Old</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>New</u> <u>Rate</u>
Monthly base facility charge for zero usage	\$13.11	\$13.11
Usage charge per 1,000 gallons	\$ 2.68	\$ 2.92

Under the new rates, the average residential customer's monthly water bill will increase by \$1.44 or 4.93%, from \$29.19 to \$30.63 based upon 6,000 gallons usage.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) reviewed Aqua’s petition and recommended the requested tariff revision be approved. The Public Staff stated that the tariff revision will allow Aqua to recover additional revenues that do not exceed the additional expenses.

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the _____ day of _____, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

M. Lynn Jarvis, 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 No. W-218, Sub 505, 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-218, Sub 505.

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

Notary Public

Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires:

Date

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1315, SUB 3

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by DFHC Corporation, Inc., 2432)
Andrews Store Road, Pittsboro, North Carolina)
27312, for Authority to Amend Its Tariff to Increase)
Rates for Water and Sewer Utility Service for the)
Increased Cost of Purchased Water from the City of)
Greensboro and Sewer from the Town of Jamestown)
in Gardner Hill Station in Guilford County, North)
Carolina)

**ORDER APPROVING
TARIFF REVISION
AND REQUIRING
CUSTOMER NOTICE**

BY THE COMMISSION: On June 20, 2018, DFHC Corporation, Inc. (DFHC), filed a verified petition, pursuant to G.S. 62-133.11, with the Commission requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to its customers in Gardner Hill Station in Guilford County an increase in the cost of purchasing water service from the City of Greensboro (City) and sewer service from the Town of Jamestown (Town).

Effective July 1, 2018, the City increased its water billing and availability fees charged to DFHC by \$1.66 per month from \$47.47 per month to \$49.13 per month and water usage rate by \$0.34 per 1,000 gallons from \$9.73 per 1,000 gallons to \$10.07 per 1,000 gallons.

Effective July 1, 2018, the Town increased its sewer usage rate by \$1.13 per 1,000 gallons from \$4.55 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.68 per 1,000 gallons.

DFHC's current purchased water base charge and usage rate per 1,000 gallons related to its purchased water service from the City has been in effect since August 21, 2017, when they were approved by the Commission in its *Order Approving Tariff Revision and Requiring Customer Notice* issued in Docket No. W-1315, Sub 1. DFHC's current purchased sewer usage rate per 1,000 gallons related to its purchased sewer service from the Town has been in effect since March 27, 2017, when they were approved by the Commission in its *Order Granting Franchise, Accepting and Approving Bond, Approving Rates, and Requiring Customer Notice* issued in Docket No. W-1315, Sub 0. After taking into account the effect of the 0.14% regulatory fee, DFHC has requested authority to increase its water base charge from \$11.89 to \$12.30 and its water usage rate from \$9.75 to \$10.08 per 1,000 gallons to reflect the increase in the cost of purchasing water service

from the City and its sewer usage rate from \$4.55 to \$5.69 per 1,000 gallons to reflect the increase in the cost of purchasing sewer service from the Town.

This matter was presented at the Commission's Regular Staff Conference on July 23, 2018. The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) stated that it had reviewed DFHC's request and recommended that the requested tariff revision be approved. The Public Staff is of the opinion that the tariff revision would allow DFHC to recover additional revenues that do not exceed the additional expenses.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission finds that DFHC should be allowed to pass through the costs associated with the increased purchased water expense.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That DFHC Corporation, Inc., is granted a revision to Appendix B of its tariff for water and sewer utility service in Gardner Hill Station in Guilford County, in which it purchases and resells water from the City of Greensboro and sewer from the Town of Jamestown, as set forth herein.

2. That the revised Appendix B attached hereto is approved and is deemed filed with the Commission pursuant to G.S. 62-138. This Schedule of Rates shall become effective for bills rendered on and after the date of this Order.

3. That the Notice to Customers, attached hereto as Appendix C, shall be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by DFHC to all of its affected customers in the Gardner Hill Station contemporaneously with the next billing of customers; and that the Applicant submit to the Commission the Certificate of Service, attached hereto as Appendix D, properly signed and notarized, no later than 10 days after the date of the next billing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of July, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

M. Lynn Jarvis, Chief Clerk

SCHEDULE OF RATES

for

DFHC CORPORATION, INC.

for providing water and sewer utility service

in

GARDNER HILL STATION

Guilford County, North Carolina

Monthly Metered Water Rates:

Base Charge, zero usage	\$ 12.30
Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 10.08

Monthly Metered Sewer Rates:

Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 5.69
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Billing Service Charge: \$ 3.75

Reconnection Fee: \$320.25

New Customer Account Fee: \$ 15.00

Returned Check Charge: \$ 25.00

Bills Due: On billing date

Bills Past Due: 15 days after billing date

Billing Frequency: Shall be monthly for service in arrears

Issued in Accordance with Authority Granted by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-1315, Sub 3 on this the ____ day of _____, 2018.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1315, SUB 3

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Greensboro and Sewer from the Town of Jamestown)
in Gardner Hill Station in Guilford County, North)
Carolina)

NOTICE TO
CUSTOMERS OF
NEW RATES

BY THE COMMISSION: Notice is given that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has granted DFHC Corporation, Inc. (DFHC), an increase in its water and sewer rates charged to customers in Gardner Hill Station in Guilford County. DFHC filed a verified petition, pursuant to G.S. 62-133.11, with the Commission on June 20, 2018, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to its customers, the July 1, 2018 increase in the cost of purchasing water service from the City of Greensboro and sewer service from the Town of Jamestown.

The new rates are as follows:

	<u>Old</u> <u>Rates</u>	<u>New</u> <u>Rates</u>
Water Utility Service		
Monthly base facility charge for zero usage	\$11.89	\$12.30
Usage charge per 1,000 gallons	\$ 9.75	\$10.08
Sewer Utility Service		
Usage charge per 1,000 gallons	\$ 4.55	\$ 5.69

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) reviewed DFHC’s request and recommended that the requested tariff revision be approved. The Public Staff stated that the tariff revision will allow DFHC to recover additional revenues that do not exceed the additional expenses.

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APPENDIX C
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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the _____ day of July, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

M. Lynn Jarvis, 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 No. W-1315, Sub 3, 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-1315, Sub 3.

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

Notary Public

Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: _____