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Clerk's Office
N.C. Utilities Commission

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

This letter is in response to the recent notice from NC Utilities Commission concerning testimony at the January 14 Public Hearing regarding Old North State pumping sewage from Fearington Village into Briar Chapel.

As a resident of Briar Chapel, I along with many neighbors object to the expansion of the sewage treatment plant and pumping waste from outside sources into Briar Chapel.

Old North State (ONS) has failed permit requirements for the plant in Briar Chapel according to the regulation issued by the permit.

ONS failed inspection by NC Dept of Environmental Quality on September 10, 2019 and was cited for no less than 10 violations for failure to comply with permit requirements. Some of the violations concerned excessive odor and noise, failure to submit records on readings, no submission of annual report, missing NDMR data, defective turbidity meter, defective chlorine hose feed, excessive solids present, etc. How many more violations need occur before authorities take action?

This plant is adjacent to our section in Briar Chapel. At least once a week a call is made to Envirolink, contractor for ONS, about excessive noise and odor from the plant. When I called on Saturday, November 30, I was told " we don't have anyone on duty on the weekends." The odor was so strong, you couldn't go outside. This is a regular occurrence and we were told that a new carbon filter would correct this problem. Well, it didn't and Briar Chapel continues to pay at least \$84,000 per month in sewage fees for the nuisance of letting ONS lack of proper operation of this plant. They have also been cited many times for sewage spills and line breaks and sewage flowing into storm drains and creeks. Our section in Briar Chapel is also irrigated with recycled water. The odor from the spray is disgusting. When Envirolink is contacted regarding issues with the irrigation system. They ignore the call.

Where are our state and local officials in representing Briar Chapel concerning our health, quality of life? Our home values are at stake. Briar Chapel pays over

\$ 6 million a year in state and local taxes. Where is our representation? Who is the responsible authority for enforcing the permit requirements? Who approved the pumping of sewage from Fearington Village into Briar Chapel? Looks like a one-sided deal for Fearington Village. Shouldn't the Briar Chapel homeowners have a voice in this since we will incur more sewage breaks, noise and odor?

At the January 14 Public Hearing we ask:

1. Permit to transfer Fearington Village sewage to Briar Chapel be reevaluated and denied based on ONS violations and failure to properly operate the BC plant.
2. ONS become compliant with all state and local regulations for maintenance of for one year before consideration of a renewal pf permit due on 3/31/2021.
3. ONS is required to have an operator available on site 24 hours day.
4. ONS is required to report back on the violations cited in the September 15 letter from Utilities commission.

Sincerely,



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