

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**STAFF CONFERENCE AGENDA
APRIL 1, 2019**

COMMISSION STAFF

NO AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC STAFF

C. COMMUNICATION

P1. FILING OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT BY MEBTEL

EXPLANATION: The following interconnection agreement and amendment were filed for Commission approval on January 10, 2019:

MebTel, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink

Docket No. P-35, Sub 147 – Interconnection Agreement (ICA) with Onvoy, LLC, (Onvoy), and a concurrent Amendment to the ICA (Amendment) between CenturyLink and Onvoy, filed January 10, 2019.

The ICA provides terms and conditions for interconnection between CenturyLink and Onvoy. The Amendment provides that Onvoy may act as a Carrier Partner for an Interconnected VoIP Provider.

These filings were made in compliance with Commission Rule R17-4(d) and Sections 252(e) and 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Act provides for the filing of such agreements and amendments with the state commission and approval or rejection by the state commission within 90 days after filing. On June 18, 1996, the Commission issued an Order in Docket No. P-100, Sub 133, allowing interim operation under negotiated agreements filed as public records prior to Commission approval of the agreements.

The Public Staff has reviewed these filings and recommends Commission approval.

RECOMMENDATION: (Proffitt) That an order be issued approving the agreement and amendment effective on the date they were filed. The Public Staff has provided copies of the proposed order to the Commission's Legal Staff.

D. ELECTRIC

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

EXPLANATION: The following application seeking an amended certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1 for construction of a solar photovoltaic electric generating facility was filed pursuant to Commission Rule R8-64.

Dominion Energy North Carolina:

- Docket No. SP-5440, Sub 0 – Application of Five Forks Solar, LLC, for an amended Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 20-MW Solar Photovoltaic Facility in Warren County, North Carolina (registration statement previously issued).

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

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

E. WATER

P1. DOCKET NO. W-1250, SUB 7 – SAXAPAHAW UTILITY COMPANY – APPLICATION FOR RATE INCREASE

EXPLANATION: Saxapahaw Utility Company (Applicant) filed an application with the Commission on March 14, 2019, seeking authority to increase its rates for water utility service in the Village of Saxapahaw in Alamance County, North Carolina. The Applicant serves approximately 154 metered water customers. The present water rates have been in effect since the Commission issued order dated October 11, 2017.

The Applicant's present and proposed rates are as follows:

<u>Water Utility Service:</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
<u>Monthly Metered Rates:</u>		
Residential Base Charge, zero usage	\$ 29.72	\$ 32.69
Commercial Base Charge, zero usage		
¾ -inch meter	\$ 29.72	\$ 32.69
1 -inch meter	\$ 74.35	\$ 81.79
1½ -inch meter	\$ 148.67	\$ 163.54
2 -inch meter	\$ 237.87	\$ 261.66
3 -inch meter	\$ 446.01	\$ 490.61
4 -inch meter	\$ 743.34	\$ 817.67
6 -inch meter	\$ 1,486.68	\$ 1,635.35
Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 7.10	\$ 7.81
<u>Other Charges:</u>		
New Account	\$ 35.48	\$ 39.03
Returned Check	\$ 25.00	\$ 27.50
Reconnect (during work hours)		
Cut-off for Cause	\$ 35.48	\$ 39.03
Cut-off Requested	\$ 35.48	\$ 39.03
Reconnect (after hours, holiday, weekends)	\$ 70.96	\$ 78.06
Late Charge	1% / month	1% / month

The proposed rates would increase the average monthly bill for residential water utility service from \$58.12 to \$63.93, based on 4,000 gallons of usage.

EXHIBIT: The Public Staff's proposed order is attached as Exhibit No. P-1.

RECOMMENDATION: (Darden/Henry/Little) That the Commission issue the Public Staff's proposed order establishing a general rate case, suspending rates, scheduling hearing, and requiring customer notice specifying that if no significant protests are received subsequent to customer notice, the hearing may be canceled and the matter decided without hearing.

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DOCKET NO. W-1250, SUB 7

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application by Saxapahaw Utility)	
Company, Post Office Box 128,)	ORDER ESTABLISHING GENERAL
Saxapahaw, North Carolina 27340, for)	RATE CASE, SUSPENDING RATES,
Authority to Increase Rates for Water)	SCHEDULING HEARING, AND
Utility Service in the Village of)	REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE
Saxapahaw in Alamance County, North)	
Carolina	

BY THE COMMISSION: Saxapahaw Utility Company (Applicant) filed an application with the Commission on March 14, 2019, seeking authority to increase its rates for water utility service in the Village of Saxapahaw in Alamance County, North Carolina. The Applicant serves approximately 154 metered water customers. The present water rates have been in effect since the Commission issued order dated October 11, 2017. The Applicant's last general rate increase was approved by the Commission on October 11, 2017, in Docket No. W-1250, Sub 6.

The Applicant's present and proposed rates are as follows:

<u>Water Utility Service:</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
<u>Monthly Metered Rates:</u>		
Residential Base Charge, zero usage	\$ 29.72	\$ 32.69
Commercial Base Charge, zero usage		
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Reconnect (after hours, holiday, weekends)	\$ 70.96	\$ 78.06
Late Charge	1% / month	1% / month

The proposed rates would increase the average monthly bill for residential water utility service from \$58.12 to \$63.93, based on 4,000 gallons of usage.

The Commission is of the opinion that the application constitutes a general rate case, that the proposed new rates should be suspended pending investigation, and that the matter should be scheduled for customer hearing, subject to cancellation if no significant protests are received subsequent to customer notice.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That this proceeding is declared a general rate case pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-137;

2. That the proposed new rates are suspended for up to 270 days pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-134;

3. That the test period is established as the 12-month period ended December 31, 2018;

4. That the application is scheduled for public hearing at ____:____ ____.m., on _____, 2019, in the _____, Graham, North Carolina. This hearing may be canceled if no significant protests are received subsequent to public notice;

5. That an officer or representative of the Applicant is required to appear in person before the Commission at the time and place of the hearing to testify concerning any of the information contained in the application. If the Applicant desires to cross-examine any witnesses at the hearing, the Applicant shall be represented by legal counsel at this hearing; and

6. That the Notice to Customers, attached as Appendix A, be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by the Applicant to all customers affected by the proposed new rates; that the Notice to Customers be mailed or hand delivered no later than 30 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 45 days after the date of this Order.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of April, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

(SEAL)

M. Lynn Jarvis, Chief Clerk

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. W-1250, SUB 7
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Notice is given that Saxapahaw Utility Company, Post Office Box 128, Saxapahaw, North Carolina 27340, has filed an application with the North Carolina Utilities Commission on March 14, 2019, for authority to increase rates and charges for water utility service in the Village of Saxapahaw in Alamance County, North Carolina, as follows:

The Applicant's present and proposed rates are as follows:

<u>Water Utility Service:</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
<u>Monthly Metered Rates:</u>		
Residential Base Charge, zero usage	\$ 29.72	\$ 32.69
Commercial Base Charge, zero usage		
$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch meter	\$ 29.72	\$ 32.69
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The Commission may consider additional or alternative rate design proposals which were not included in the original application and may order increases or decreases in the rates which differ from those proposed by the Applicant. However, any rate structure considered will not generate more overall revenues than requested.

EFFECT OF RATES

The present water rates have been in effect since the Commission issued order dated October 11, 2017. The proposed rates would increase the average monthly bill for residential water utility service by 10% from \$58.12 to \$63.93, based on 4,000 gallons usage.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Commission has scheduled the application is scheduled for public hearing at _____:_____ .m., on _____, 2019, in the _____, _____, Graham, North Carolina.

This hearing may be canceled and the matter decided on the filings if no significant protests are received from consumers within 60 days of the date of this notice. Correspondence concerning the proposed rate increase, service problems, or the public hearing should be directed to the Public Staff.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent the 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 Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4326. Written statements can also be faxed to (919) 715-6704 or e-mailed to lindsay.darden@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.

Persons desiring to present testimony concerning their opinion on this application, or any service problems they may be experiencing, may appear at this public hearing and give such testimony.

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 ten days before the date of the hearing. Any such motion should be filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325.

The details of the proposed new rates 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 April, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

(SEAL)

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-1250, Sub 7, and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the ____ day of _____ 2019.

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-1250, Sub 7.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the ____ day of _____ 2019.

Notary Public

Address

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: _____
Date