

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1136, SUB 3

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Application by JAARS, Inc., Post Office            )  
Box 248, Waxhaw, North Carolina 28173,        )  
for Authority to Increase Its Rates for Water    )  
Utility Service in All Service Areas in Union    )  
County, North Carolina                            )  
ORDER ESTABLISHING  
GENERAL RATE CASE AND  
SUSPENDING RATES

BY THE COMMISSION: On June 23, 2020, JAARS, Inc. (JAARS or Applicant) filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to increase its rates for providing water utility service in all of its service areas in Union County, North Carolina. The test year period is the 12 months ending December 31, 2019.

JAARS is a charitable, educational, nonprofit 501(c) corporation. JAARS provides water utility service to the JAARS Center, the Lydia House, Waxhaw Apartments, and approximately 67 residential customers in the Aerowood, Dogwood, and Radin Subdivisions.

On July 8, 2020, JAARS amended its application to clarify its rates. The Applicant is proposing to increase the monthly flat rate from \$20.00 per residential equivalent unit (REU) to \$28.57 per REU. The present rates have been in effect since March 17, 2009 per Commission Order issued in Docket No. W-1136, Sub 1, a general rate case proceeding.

The Applicant's present and proposed rates are shown below.

<u>Monthly Water Service:</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
Flat Rate per REU		
Residential customer (1.0 REU)	\$ 20.00	\$ 28.57
JAARS, Inc. (97.7 REUs)	\$1,954.00	\$2,791.29
Lydia House (1.3 REUs)	\$ 26.00	\$ 37.14
Waxhaw Court Apartments (6.0 REUs)	\$ 120.00	
Waxhaw Court Apartments (20.7 REUs)		\$ 591.40

The Commission concludes that the application constitutes a general rate case and that the proposed new rates should be suspended pending investigation.

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.G.S. § 62-134;
3. That the test year period is established as the 12-month period ending December 31, 2019; and
4. That an order scheduling hearings and requiring customer notice shall be issued by the Commission at a later date.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 20th day of July, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joann R. Snyder".

Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk