

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 400

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Carolina Water Service, Inc.)
of North Carolina, 4944 Parkway Plaza)
Boulevard, Suite 375, Charlotte, North) NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF
Carolina 28217, for Authority to Adjust and) TEMPORARY RATES SUBJECT
Increase Rates for Water and Sewer Utility) TO AN UNDERTAKING TO
Service in All Its Service Areas in North) REFUND
Carolina and for Approval of a Water and)
Sewer Investment Plan)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 1, 2022, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC or the Company) filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to adjust and increase its rates for providing water and sewer utility service in all of its North Carolina service areas and for approval to establish and implement a three-year Water and Sewer Investment Plan (WSIP) pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.1B and Commission Rule R1-17A. Pending a final decision on the Company's request for a permanent rate increase, the Company has the legal option to increase its rates and charges, on a temporary basis, subject to refund with interest, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-135.

On January 13, 2023, CWSNC filed Notice of Intent to Place Temporary Rates in Effect Subject to an Undertaking to Refund Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-135 (Notice). In summary, the Notice states that CWSNC intends to exercise its statutory right to place into effect temporary rates pending a final order by the Commission approving permanent rates. CWSNC states that its proposed temporary rates will increase its current rates and charges for its CWSNC Uniform Water, CWSNC Uniform Sewer, Bradfield Farms/Fairfield Harbour/Treasure Cove Water, and Bradfield Farms/Fairfield Harbour Sewer Rate Divisions by \$2,166,142, which represents temporary rate increases of 3.501%, 6.323%, 6.978% and 5.653%, respectively. CWSNC also states that it commits to make refunds, including interest at a rate specified by the Commission pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-130(e).

The Company's choice on whether to implement temporary rates for water utility service, as allowed pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-135, is determined by the Company and is not a decision by the Commission. However, the Commission finds that the Company has satisfied the statutory requirements necessary to place new rates into effect, on a partial, temporary basis and subject to refund with interest at a rate of up to 10% per annum,

effective on and after January 31, 2023. In approving this Notice to Customers, the Commission takes no position on whether the Company should or should not invoke the temporary rates under bond authorized by statute and notes that the decision of whether to implement temporary rates under bond lies solely with the Company.

The temporary rates that the Company is placing into effect on January 31, 2023, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-135 and subject to refund, are as follows:

TREASURE COVE, REGISTER PLACE ESTATES, NORTH HILLS, GLEN ARBOR/NORTH BEND
SUBDIVISIONS, FAIRFIELD HARBOUR SERVICE AREA, BRADFIELD FARMS SUBDIVISION,
LARKHAVEN (SEWER) SUBDIVISION, SILVERTON, AND WOODLAND FARMS SUBDIVISIONS, AND
HAWTHORNE AT THE GREEN APARTMENTS

WATER RATES AND CHARGES

<u>Monthly Metered Water Service (Residential and Commercial):</u>	<u>Existing Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
Base Facility Charge (based on meter size with zero usage)		
< 1" meter	\$ 17.08	\$ 18.38
1" meter	\$ 42.70	\$ 45.95
1 1/2" meter	\$ 85.40	\$ 91.90
2" meter	\$ 136.64	\$ 147.04
Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 6.68	\$ 7.12
<u>Availability Rate:</u> (Monthly rate, billed semiannually)		
Applicable only to property owners in Fairfield Harbour Service Area	\$ 4.57	\$ 4.89

SEWER RATES AND CHARGES

<u>Monthly Sewer Service:</u>	<u>Existing Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
<u>Residential:</u>		
Flat Rate, per dwelling unit	\$ 61.58	\$ 65.06
Bulk Flat Rate, per REU	\$ 61.58	\$ 65.06
<u>Commercial and Other:</u>		
Monthly Flat Rate, per REU (Customers who do not take water service)	\$ 61.58	\$ 65.06
Monthly Metered Rates (based on meter size with zero usage)		
<1" meter	\$ 50.97	\$ 53.85
1" meter	\$ 127.42	\$ 134.63
1 1/2" meter	\$ 254.84	\$ 269.25
2" meter	\$ 407.75	\$ 430.80

Usage Charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$	2.65	\$	3.42
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Bulk Sewer Service for Hawthorne at the Green Apartments: ^{4/}

Bulk Flat Rate, per REU	\$	61.58	\$	65.06
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(To be collected from Hawthorne and delivered to Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina for treatment of the Hawthorne wastewater pursuant to Docket No. W-218, Sub 291)

Availability Rate: (Monthly rate, billed semiannually)

Applicable only to property owners in Fairfield Harbour Service Area	\$	3.23	\$	3.42
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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 20th day of January, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk