

Notice of Approved Changes to Water Rates
Docket No. W-218, Subs 629 and 631

Application of Aqua North Carolina, Inc., for Authority to Adjust and Increase Rates for Water and Sewer Utility Service in All Its Service Areas in North Carolina and for Approval of a Water and Sewer Investment Plan

and

Petition of Aqua North Carolina, Inc., for Approval of a Customer Assistance Program

Why am I receiving this notice?

On April 30, 2025, Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua), filed an application with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) requesting authority to increase the rates it charges its customers for water and sewer utility service in its service areas in North Carolina and approval of a water and sewer investment plan (WSIP). On February 20, 2026, after reviewing the filings made by Aqua and other interested parties, the Commission issued an Order approving a WSIP and approving the following water utility service rates for Rate Year 1 for Aqua's customers in the Brookwood and LaGrange service areas in Cumberland and Hoke Counties:

WSIP RATE YEAR 1¹

Monthly Metered Service (Residential and Commercial customers)

Base facility charge, per month (zero usage, based on meter size)

<1" meter	\$ 22.47
1" meter	\$ 56.18
1½" meter	\$ 112.35
2" meter	\$ 179.76
3" meter	\$ 337.05
4" meter	\$ 561.75
6" meter	\$1,123.50

Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons \$ 9.13

All service areas unless noted differently below

1. Effective under Aqua's WSIP Rate Year 1 for service rendered on and after February 20, 2026, through December 31, 2026. You will receive additional notices reminding you of the rate changes approved for Rate Years 2 and 3 at least 30 days before the beginning of those rate years.

Bulk Purchased Water Systems*Monthly base facility charge same as above*

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

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Water Provider</u>	<u>Usage Charge</u>
Kelly Hills	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 5.09
Bretton Woods	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 5.09
Raintree	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 5.09
Colony Village	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 5.09
Windsong	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 5.09
Porter Place	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 5.09
Thornwood	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 5.09
County Walk	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 5.09
Lands Down West	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 5.09
S & L Estates	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 5.09
Tarleton Plantation	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 5.09
Springdale	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 5.09
Ridge Manor	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 5.09
Forest Lake	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 5.09
Arden Forest	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 5.09
Wendemere	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 5.09
Jena-Shane	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 5.09
Stoney Point	Fayetteville PWC	\$ 5.09
Woodland Run	Town of Linden	\$ 5.63

Monthly Unmetered Service/REU (flat rate)

Residential Rate	\$ 64.09
Commercial customers (per *REU)	\$ 72.57
*(REU = Residential Equivalent Unit)	

IMPACT ON AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL BILL

The impact on the average monthly metered residential bill is as follows:

	<u>Water</u>
Average bill under prior rates	\$56.67
Average bill under approved rates	\$63.56

The average monthly residential bills are based on the rates for non-purchased water systems based on an approximate average usage of 4,500 gallons per month. The average residential bills for the bulk purchased water systems will vary.

WATER AND SEWER INVESTMENT PLAN:

The Commission has authorized the WSIP rate making mechanism pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.1B and Commission Rule R1-17A. The WSIP allows Aqua to recover the reasonably known and measurable capital investments and anticipated reasonable and prudent expenses approved under the WSIP. The Commission has approved a three-year plan which includes proposed water and sewer capital investment projects, anticipated water and sewer expenses, and the proposed rates to be effective in each year of the WSIP. By law, any rate adjustment allowed under an approved WSIP shall not, on an annual basis for years two and three of the WSIP, exceed five percent of the utility's North Carolina service revenues for the preceding plan year. The Commission may, however, consider the addition of certain unplanned emergency capital investments even if such expenditures would cause the cap to be exceeded. Additional information regarding the WSIP is contained in the Commission's Order and can be accessed from the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov, under Docket Information, using the Docket Search feature for docket number "W-218 Sub 629".

RATE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM:

The Commission authorized water and sewer system improvement charge (WSIC/SSIC) rate adjustment mechanism will not be in effect during Aqua's WSIP.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 6th day of July, 2026.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tamika D. Conyers", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk