STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 648

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua) filed an Application with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (Application) seeking authority to provide water utility service to Park Creek subdivision in Cabarrus County, North Carolina.

Upon acquisition, Aqua proposes to serve a new service area in Cabarrus County, North Carolina. Per the Assets Purchase Agreement, Aqua will purchase the water system from the seller, Park Creek, LLC, for a purchase price of $110.000. The Application states that Aqua plans to replace meters ($25,000), maintain the elevated water storage tank ($5,000), and install telemetry ($38,000) for a total estimate of $68,000 within the first year of operation. The capital improvements will be incorporated into the Uniform Water rate division, therefore, the impact on the average monthly bill cannot be determined at this time.

EFFECT OF RATES:

Since February 2013, Park Creek has billed customers quarterly. The quarterly base rate is $65.00 for up to 12,000 gallons. There is a volumetric charge of $6.00 per 1,000 gallons after 12,000 gallons.

Upon acquisition, Aqua proposes to bill Park Creek's existing customers monthly instead of quarterly. When viewed on a monthly basis, Park Creek customers are currently paying the equivalent of $21.67 per month for up to 4,000 gallons and approximately $2.00 per 333.33 gallons of usage charge. Under Aqua's current uniform rate, as approved in Docket No. W-218, Subs 629 and 631, Aqua will be charging the following approved WSIP 2 Rate Year 1 rates for Park Creek Subdivision:

<u>Monthly Metered Service (residential and commercial customers):</u>

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

<1" meter $ 28.40
1" meter $ 71.00
1½" meter $ 142.00
2" meter $ 227.20
3" meter $ 426.00
4" meter $ 710.00
6" meter $1,420.00

Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons $ 11.66

Water Reconnection Charge: $35.00 (if cut off as specified in NCUC R7-20)
$15.00 (if discontinued at customer request)

Aqua presently holds water franchises serving approximately 88,389 customers and sewer franchises serving approximately 24,660 customers throughout North Carolina. Aqua's record of service is satisfactory.

PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

The Commission has scheduled the following hearing on the Application:

Webex: Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

That the November 3, 2026, public witness hearing shall be held remotely via Webex, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The public witness hearing will be conducted solely for the purpose of receiving the testimony of customers in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g). The Commission reserves the right to limit testimony at the public witness hearing pursuant to Commission Rule R1-21(g)(5). The public witness hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end, at the earlier of, the conclusion of the last witness' testimony or 10:00 p.m. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.gov.

To register, complete the electronic Remote Public Witness Registration form located on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov/hearings/remotepublicregister.html. A confirmation email will be sent to the email provided after the registration form is submitted. Further instructions, including the call-in number, will be provided to you by email on or before Monday, November 2, 2026. Witnesses calling from a different number than provided at registration may experience delays or other difficulties in providing their testimony. If assistance is needed, contact 919-733-0837.

Only the first 20 individuals registered by 5:00 p.m. on October 30, 2026, will be allowed to testify at the November 3, 2026, remote public witness hearing. This hearing will be canceled if no one registers to testify by 5:00 p.m. on October 30, 2026;

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include the customer's name, contact information, and any information that the writer wishes to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter, and such statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4326.

Consumer statements may be submitted to the Commission via the web form available on the Commission's website at https://www.ncuc.gov/contactus.html. Consumer statements are not evidence unless those persons appear at a public witness hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their consumer statements.

Information regarding this proceeding can also be accessed from the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov under Docket Number "W-218 Sub 648."

This the 21st day of October, 2026.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Taylor C. Berry, Deputy Clerk