

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

DOCKET NO. W-1331, SUB 5

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has granted Royal Gorge Water Utility, LLC, (RGWU), an increase in its wastewater usage rate and base facility charge by meter size for customers in the Ridgecrest service area in Buncombe County, North Carolina.

RGWU filed a verified petition with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.11, requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along, to wastewater customers in the Ridgecrest service area in Buncombe County, an increase in the cost of purchasing wastewater utility service from the Metropolitan Sewerage District of Buncombe County (MSD). N.C.G.S. § 62-133.11(a) provides that the Commission shall allow a water or sewer utility to adjust its rates approved pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133 to reflect changes in its costs based solely on changes in the rates imposed by third-party suppliers of purchased water or sewer service.

The Public Staff reviewed MDS's rates and RGWU's petition and recommended that RGWU be allowed to increase its wastewater usage rate by \$0.37 per 1,000 gallons, from \$7.38 to \$7.75 per 1,000 gallons effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Notice. The Public Staff also recommended that RGWU be allowed to increase its wastewater base facility charge by meter size to the rates listed below.

<u>Base Facility Charge (BFC)</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
5/8-inch	\$ 1.90	\$ 2.00
3/4-inch	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.90
1-inch	\$ 4.80	\$ 5.10
1 1/2-inch	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.70
2-inch	\$ 19.40	\$ 20.60
4-inch	\$ 76.70	\$ 81.50

The new wastewater usage rate and base facility charge will increase the average residential customer's bi-monthly wastewater bill for a 5/8-inch meter by \$1.58, from \$31.42 to \$33.00, based on 4,000 gallons of usage.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 22nd day of July, 2025.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tamika D. Conyers".

Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk