

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. W-1146, SUB 8

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of

Application by Total Environmental Solutions, Inc., Post)	ORDER
Office Box 14056, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898, for)	APPROVING
Authority to Amend its Tariff to Increase Rates for Providing)	TARIFF
Water Utility Service in Lake Royale Subdivision in Franklin)	REVISION
and Nash Counties, North Carolina)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On September 11, 2008, Total Environmental Solutions, Inc. (Applicant), filed a letter with the Commission requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along to its customers in Lake Royale Subdivision the increased cost of purchasing water utility service from Franklin County Public Utilities.

The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the Applicant's request and recommended that the Applicant be allowed to increase its base charge (zero usage) for water utility service by \$2.09 per month, from \$27.22 to \$29.31, and its usage charge by \$0.26 per 1,000 gallons, from \$5.47 to \$5.73, in order to recover the additional cost of purchased water utility service. The Public Staff stated that these increases would allow the Applicant to recover the additional cost of purchased water service without exceeding its authorized return.

Under the new rates, the average customer's monthly water bill will increase from \$43.63 to \$46.50, based on assumed consumption of 3,000 gallons.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission is of the opinion that the Applicant should be authorized to increase the water utility service rates in Lake Royale Subdivision as recommended by the Public Staff.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Total Environmental Solutions, Inc., is authorized to add the amount of \$2.09 to the monthly water base charge (zero usage), increasing the rate from \$27.22 to \$29.31 per 1,000 gallons, and \$0.26 per 1,000 gallons to the water usage rate, increasing the rate from \$5.47 to \$5.73 per 1,000 gallons.

2. That the Schedule of Rates, attached as Appendix A, is approved and is deemed filed with the Commission pursuant to G.S. 62-138. This Schedule of Rates shall become effective for utility service rendered to customers on and after the date of this Order.

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3. That a copy of this Order, including Appendix A, be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by the Applicant to all its customers along with the next billing of customers; and that the Applicant submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, no later than 15 days after the date of the next billing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

This the 23rd day of December 2008.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Gail L. Mount

Gail L. Mount, Deputy Clerk

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Commissioner William T. Culpepper, III, did not participate.

SCHEDULE OF RATES

for

TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, INC.

for providing water and sewer utility service in

LAKE ROYALE SUBDIVISION

Franklin and Nash Counties, North Carolina

Monthly Metered Water Utility Service:

Base charge, zero usage	\$ 29.31
Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 5.73

Monthly Metered Sewer Utility Service (based upon metered water utility service):

Base charge, per water meter size:	
Less than 1"	\$175.00
1"	\$262.50
2"	\$437.50

Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 52.16
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<u>Water Availability Rate:</u> ^{2/}	\$ 24.00 per year
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Connection Charge:

Water	\$300.00
Sewer	Actual cost of connection ^{3/}

Reconnection Charge:

If water service cut off by utility for good cause: ^{4/}	\$ 15.00
If water service discontinued at customer's request: ^{4/}	\$ 15.00

Reconnection Charge (continued):

If sewer service is disconnected by utility for good cause by disconnecting water: ^{5/}	None
If sewer service is disconnected by utility for good cause by any method other than noted above: ^{5/}	Actual Cost

<u>Bills Due:</u>	On billing date
<u>Bills Past Due:</u>	25 days after billing date
<u>Billing Frequency:</u>	Shall be monthly for service in arrears
<u>Availability Rate Billing Frequency:</u>	Shall be annually
<u>Finance Charge for Late Payment:</u>	1% per month will be applied to the unpaid balance of all bills still past due 25 days after billing date.

^{1/} No longer applicable.

^{2/} All availability charges accrued to a lot with no service connection after January 1, 2001, will be satisfied before an application for service to the lot will be accepted by Total Environmental Solutions, Inc. Regardless of customer status, a lot with no service connection will accrue the applicable annual fee for the availability of service.

^{3/} Including all materials, labor, site and roadway restoration, and inspection costs.

^{4/} Customers who ask to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection will be charged \$19.22 per month for the service periods that they were disconnected.

^{5/} If service is disconnected at the customer's request and reinstated less than nine months from the date of disconnection, the customer will be responsible for all monthly customer base charges that have been applicable during that period. Those charges, including any disconnect and reconnect fees, are due and payable before service is restored.