

The guidelines regarding discovery in this docket, subject to modification for good cause shown, are as follows:

1. Any deposition shall be taken before the deadline for filing of Public Staff and other intervener testimony. Notice of deposition shall be served on all parties at least seven business days prior to the taking of the deposition. Notice of deposition and all other discovery notices, requests, and motions shall be served on the appropriate parties by hand delivery or facsimile or by electronic delivery if the receiving party has agreed to receipt by electronic delivery.

2. Any motion for subpoena of a witness to appear at the expert witness hearing shall be filed with the Commission before the deadline for filing of Public Staff and other intervener testimony, shall be served on the person sought to be subpoenaed at or before the time of filing with the Commission, and shall make a reasonable showing that the evidence of such person will be material and relevant to an issue in the proceeding. See N.C.G.S. § 62-62. Unless an objection is filed, the Chief Clerk shall issue the requested subpoena within one business day after such a motion is filed.

3. Formal discovery requests related to the Application and LUCI's prefiled direct and supplemental testimony shall be served on LUCI not later than 14 calendar days prior to the deadline for filing of Public Staff and other intervener testimony. The party served shall have up to ten calendar days to file with the Commission objections to the discovery requests on an item-by-item basis, but in no event shall objections be filed later than ten business days prior to the deadline for filing of Public Staff and other intervener testimony.

4. Formal discovery requests related to the Public Staff or other interveners' prefiled direct testimony shall be served not later than three business days after such testimony is filed. The party served shall have up to three calendar days to file with the Commission objections to the discovery requests on an item-by-item basis, but in no event shall objections be filed later than five business days after that party's testimony was filed.

5. Formal discovery requests related to LUCI's prefiled rebuttal testimony shall be served not later than two business days after such testimony is filed. The party served shall have up to two calendar days to file with the Commission objections to the discovery requests on an item-by-item basis, but in no event shall objections be filed later than three business days after the rebuttal testimony was filed. Discovery related to rebuttal testimony shall be limited to new material introduced in such rebuttal testimony and will be carefully scrutinized upon objection that such discovery should have been sought during the initial period of discovery from LUCI.

6. Discovery requests need not be filed with the Commission when served; however, any party filing objections shall attach a copy of the relevant discovery request to the objections. Each discovery request, or part thereof, to which no objection is filed shall be answered by the time objections are due, subject to other agreement of the

affected parties or other order of the Commission. Upon the filing of objections, the party 4 seeking discovery shall have two business days to file with the Commission a motion to compel, and the party objecting to discovery shall have one business day thereafter to file a response. All objections, motions to compel, and responses shall be served on the other affected party at or before the time of filing with the Commission.

7. A party shall not be granted an extension of time to pursue discovery due to that party's late intervention or other delay in initiating discovery.

The Chairman urges all parties to work in a cooperative manner and to attempt to accommodate discovery within the time available. Discovery in most proceedings before the Commission is typically conducted without the need for Commission involvement or enforcement of the guidelines. The guidelines established in this Order are without prejudice to the parties' conducting informal discovery or exchanging information by agreement at any time with the understanding that such will not be enforceable by the Commission if outside the guidelines.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That a hearing for the purpose of receiving public witness testimony on LUCI's Application shall be, and is hereby scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, in the Forsyth County Courthouse located at 175 Chestnut Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101;

2. That the public witness hearing will be conducted solely for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses 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);

3. That LUCI is required to file a report addressing all customer service and service quality complaints expressed at the public hearing within 21 days after the public witness hearing;

4. That a hearing for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony on LUCI's Application is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, and continuing as necessary until conclusion. The hearing will be held in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603;

5. That the test year period to be used by all parties to this proceeding shall be the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2024;

6. That the parties shall comply with the discovery guidelines established herein;

7. That LUCI shall file its testimony, pursuant to Commission Rule R1-24, on or before June 12, 2026;

8. That petitions to intervene in this proceeding shall be filed pursuant to Commission Rules R1-5, R1-7, and R1-19 not later than July 2, 2026;

9. That the Public Staff and interveners' direct testimony and exhibits, if any, shall be filed on or before July 6, 2026;

10. That LUCI's rebuttal testimony and exhibits, if any, shall be filed on or before July 17, 2026;

11. That LUCI shall consult with all other parties and file, not later than July 30, 2026, a list of witnesses to be called at the expert witness hearing, the order of witnesses, and each party's estimated time for cross-examination of each witness. If the parties cannot reach agreement, the remaining parties shall, no later than noon on August 3, 2026, make a filing indicating their points of disagreement with LUCI's filing. The Commission expects the parties to adhere to their estimated times for cross examination to the greatest extent possible;

12. That all parties filing supporting exhibits in either PDF or Excel format shall provide the Commission Staff electronic versions of the exhibits filed in native Excel format via email at NCUCexhibits@ncuc.gov or file sharing software, including all of the supporting worksheets and formulas, within three days of the filing of such exhibits (or within three business days of the issuance of this Order if already filed with the Commission); and that LUCI and all other parties filing exhibits and workpapers that include tables of numbers and calculations shall provide the Public Staff and any other party upon request an electronic version of all such exhibits and workpapers, with formulas intact;

13. That by 3:00 p.m. at least three business days prior to the commencement of the expert witness hearing, each party shall:

- a. File an exhibit index of potential cross-examination exhibits; and
- b. Provide electronic copies of the index and potential cross-examination exhibits to all other parties via email or file-sharing software. Additionally, electronic copies shall be sent to the Commission at ncucexhibits@ncuc.gov via email or file sharing software. Each potential exhibit shall be separated, one from the other, as separate files;

14. That by 3:00 p.m. at least one business day prior to the commencement of the expert witness hearing, each party shall provide electronic copies of potential redirect exhibits and potential documents for judicial notice consideration, including an index listing each potential redirect exhibit and document for judicial notice consideration by number, to all other parties via email or file-sharing software. Additionally, electronic copies shall be sent to the Commission at NCUCexhibits@ncuc.gov via email or file-sharing software;

15. That, at the commencement of the expert witness hearing, each party shall provide six exhibit notebooks, or a set of six exhibit notebooks, bound in a three-ring binder and containing those exhibits listed on the party's filed exhibit indices. Each notebook shall contain an exhibit index and a copy of each exhibit. Each exhibit shall be separately tabbed and arranged numerically in the notebook, consistent with the index. Each notebook shall be labeled with the sponsoring party's name on the cover and the spine of the notebook. Exhibit notebooks shall be placed in the designated area behind the witness stand in the hearing room no later than 15 minutes prior to when the hearing commences;

16. That each potential cross-examination exhibit and potential redirect examination exhibit shall be labeled with the sponsoring party's name and numbered sequentially in the upper right corner on the face of the document. Potential exhibits, whether cross-examination or redirect examination, shall be numbered consecutively, with the numbering for each party's potential cross-examination or redirect exhibits starting with the next consecutive number after that party's potential cross exhibits ended (e.g., "Sponsoring Party's Name Potential Cross Exhibit 1," "Sponsoring Party's Name Potential Redirect Exhibit 2," etc.);

17. That any corrections to a witness' prefiled testimony or exhibits must be filed with the Commission at least one business day prior to calling the witness to the stand, and each party shall file in the docket the following:

- a. An errata filing of any corrections to the witness' prefiled testimony, and a complete copy of the witness' corrected testimony; and
- b. An errata filing of any corrections to the witness' prefiled exhibits, and a complete copy of the corrected exhibits;

18. That, at least two business days prior to calling a witness to the stand, each party shall file in Docket No. W-1349, Sub 2A, a summary of the witness' testimony. Parties are hereby instructed to refrain from reading witness summaries into the record during the expert witness hearing. In lieu of reading the witness' summary into the record, the witness' testimony, errata, and summary should be moved into the record at the time the witness is made available for cross-examination;

19. That should extenuating circumstances require a party to seek to introduce a potential exhibit outside of this procedure, that party shall seek leave, for good cause, from the Chairman orally during the hearing and shall be prepared with a sufficient number of paper copies of the requested exhibit to provide to the witness, Court Reporter, Commissioners, Commission Staff, and opposing counsel;

20. That within 24 hours after a cross-examination or redirect exhibit is admitted into the record, the sponsoring party shall file in Docket No. W-1349, Sub 2A docket the following:

- a. An exhibit index of that party's cross-examination and redirect exhibits as marked when moved into the record, including the potential exhibit number, noted by date and by witness; and
- b. A copy of that party's cross-examination and redirect examination exhibits moved into the record, marked as identified during the hearing;

21. That proposed orders and post-hearing briefs shall be filed with the Commission no later than September 3, 2026;

22. That LUCI shall, at its own expense, publish in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in its service area, the Public Notice, attached hereto as Appendix A, once a week for two successive weeks. The Public Notice shall cover no less than one-fourth of a page;

23. That LUCI shall mail each of its customers a copy of the Public Notice no later than 30 days in advance of the hearing set herein;

24. That LUCI shall make a copy of the Public Notice prominently available on its website and provide an email with an electronic link to Public Notice for all customers receiving bills electronically; and

25. That LUCI shall file, no later than the date of the first public hearing, an affidavit of publication and certificate of service showing that it provided notice as required herein.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 10th day of April, 2026.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk

Notice of Application for General Rate Increase and Public Hearing
Docket No. W-1349, Sub 2

Application by Lewisville Utilities Corporation, Inc. for Adjustment of Rates and Charges Applicable to Wastewater Utility Service in North Carolina

Why am I receiving this notice?

On December 30, 2025, Lewisville Utilities Corporation, Inc. (LUCI), filed an application with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) requesting authority to increase the rates it charges to its customers for wastewater service in North Carolina (Application). LUCI seeks to charge a monthly amount of \$177.68, which would be an increase of approximately 196.2% over current rates. LUCI must prove to the Commission that the requested rates are just and reasonable and in the public interest.

Why is LUCI seeking a rate increase?

LUCI was formed in 2024 to assume responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the wastewater system serving the Lakes at Lissara and Estates at Lissara after the homeowner's association declined to assume responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the system. The pre-existing flat monthly rate of \$60 is insufficient to cover the costs of operating and maintaining the wastewater system originally placed in service in 2011. LUCI stated that its request is driven by operating and maintenance costs experienced to date, capital expenditures required to properly maintain a quality wastewater treatment facility of its age, and administrative costs associated with running a privately held, regulated public utility, including:

1. Current and projected increases in service and maintenance costs to operate the system;
2. Current and projected increases in treatment and testing costs;
3. Current and projected increases in utilities expenses to operate the system;
4. Professional fees incurred for LUCI to obtain necessary regulatory approvals to operate the system on a temporary and permanent basis; and
5. Current and projected increases in capital expenditures required to keep the equipment current and in optimal condition for a facility that discharges into surface waters.

Furthermore, LUCI requested a rate of return on common equity of 9.80%. This number is the return customers would pay investors on LUCI's capital investment, expressed as a percentage.

How are rates calculated?

Residents are charged a monthly flat rate for service, which must be adjusted to reflect the current and projected maintenance and operating costs of the wastewater system.

If LUCI's request is approved, how will it impact my bill?

If approved, the proposed total monthly bill for a residential customer would be as follows:

Current Monthly Flat Wastewater Rate (As set in Docket No. W-1349, Sub 0)	\$ 60.00
Proposed Monthly Flat Wastewater Rate (As proposed by LUCI)	\$ 177.68
Percent Increase	196.2%

When will my rates change?

Your rates will not increase immediately. The Commission has scheduled LUCI's request for investigation and hearing. The Commission should make its final determination as to LUCI's requested increase by October 28, 2026. You will receive another notice when the new rates are determined, which will indicate when they go into effect.

How can I participate?

Your input on LUCI's requested increase can help the Commission make an informed decision. You may (but are not required to) participate in several ways, including:

Option A: You can file a written consumer statement of position in the docket by visiting ncuc.gov/contactus.html. Please include the docket number that is listed at the top of this notice.

Option B: You can testify at a public hearing. Your testimony will become part of the evidence the Commission considers in making its decision. For helpful tips on how to give public witness testimony, visit ncuc.gov/documents/ncucbrochure.pdf. Public hearings will take place as follows:

Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Forsyth County Courthouse
175 Chestnut Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101

Please note that, at the public hearing, the Commissioners cannot answer questions. However, representatives from LUCI and from the Public Staff (the consumer

advocate) will be available to answer questions before and after the hearing. The Public Staff can answer questions before the hearing about how to testify.

In addition, the Commission will hold a hearing solely for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony from the parties' witnesses in this proceeding on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. If you're interested in watching the expert witness hearing, you can observe in person or you can watch it on the Commission's YouTube channel, which can be located at youtube.com/@NCUtilitiesCommission. Please note that, if there are no complaints or contested issues between the parties, the expert witness hearing may be canceled.

Who can I talk to about this petition?

The Public Staff represents customers in proceedings before the Commission. The Public Staff has a team of engineers, accountants, economists, and lawyers reviewing LUCI's requested increase and is scheduled to file its testimony outlining its recommendations by July 6, 2026. You can contact the Public Staff at (919) 715-2666 or by mail at 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4300.

If you would like to contact a representative of LUCI, you can do so at (336) 281-0955 or by mail at 5121 North Causeway Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27106.

Where can I find more information?

LUCI's application was filed pursuant to the following legal authorities:

N.C.G.S. §§ 62-113, 62-133, 62-134, and 62-135	ncleg.net/enactedlegislation/statutes/html/bychapter/chapter_62.html
Commission Rule R1-17	ncuc.gov/ncrules/rulstoc.html

You can find the materials filed by LUCI and other parties and orders issued by the Commission in this proceeding by typing "W-1349 Sub 2" into the Docket Number entry at the following website: starw1.ncuc.gov/NCUC/page/Dockets/portal.aspx.

You can learn more about the Public Staff at publicstaff.nc.gov.

You can learn more about LUCI at <https://www.lewisvilleutilitiescorp.com/>.