

HOUSE BILL 752: Utilities/Water and Wastewater Rates.

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 752 authorizes the Utilities Commission (Commission) to adopt, implement, modify, or eliminate a rate adjustment mechanism for regulated water and wastewater utilities to reflect changes in customer usage in a general rate case.

CURRENT LAW: The rates for regulated water and wastewater public utilities are fixed by the Commission in a general rate case pursuant to G.S. 62-133.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 752 would allow the Commission to adopt a rate adjustment mechanism to track and true-up variations in customer usage, provided it finds the mechanism in the public interest. This would allow regulated water and wastewater utilities to have their rates adjusted to accurately reflect sales volume of water between general rate cases. The Commission may also modify or eliminate the rate adjustment mechanism in a general rate case.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective when it becomes law.