



The Vehicle Registration Payment Portal is now live for passenger carriers.

Our office will be closed on December 22, 25, and 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday.

[SC Digital Drive](#)

[SC Energy Saver](#)

[SC Solar Information](#)

[SCEDP](#)

[Energy Office](#)

☰ Menu

[About ORS](#)

[Consumers](#)

[Regulated Utilities](#)

[Safety](#)

[Broadband](#)

[News](#)

[Contact ORS](#)

[Home](#) » [Recent News](#)

» [ORS Releases Consumer Information for Blue Granite Water Company Rate Case](#)

# ORS Releases Consumer Information for Blue Granite Water Company Rate Case

[View](#)[Edit](#)[Delete](#)[Revisions](#)

Wed, 01/15/2020

*Docket No. 2019-290-WS | PSC Order No. 2020-306*

In October 2019, Blue Granite Water Company (BGWC) asked the South Carolina Public Service Commission (PSC) for an increase in water and sewer rates. On April 9, 2020, the PSC made a decision on the requested increase. All rate increases are effective September 1, 2020. The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) is providing a [summary of the impact on consumers \(PDF\)](#).

[Blue Granite Water Company Rate Increase: Consumer Impact Summary \(PDF\)](#)

[How Your Rates May Change \(PDF\)](#)

[Service Territories – by County, Subdivision \(PDF\)](#)

[Blue Granite Water Company Rate Increase Request Overview \(PDF\)](#)

## About Blue Granite Water Company

BGWC provides multiple services including water supply, water distribution, sewer collection, and sewer treatment for:

- Over 17,000 water customers
- Over 13,000 sewer customers
- 140 subdivisions
- 16 counties in South Carolina

## Summary

	BGWC Application	Order No. 2020-306*
<b>Revenue Requirement Increase</b>	\$11,731,803	\$4,958,848
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<\$35,587,875	\$28,733,986
<b>Return on Equity</b>	10.70%	7.46%

<b>Operating Margin</b>	12.26%	10.54%
<b>Increase % for Water – Territory 1</b>	53.5%	23%
<b>Increase % for Water – Territory 2</b>	34.9%	12%
<b>Increase % for Sewer</b>	55.7%	24%

\*Following petitions for reconsideration of Order No. 2020-306, the PSC issued a directive on May 28, 2020 which revised the total revenue to \$29,191,874 due to revised calculations while retaining the return on equity of 7.46%. A full written order from the PSC reflecting the revisions in the directive is pending. Once the full written order is available, the ORS will update the summary table as necessary. The PSC’s directive on May 28, 2020 can be found [on the PSC’s website](#).

## How Can Consumers Participate?

Although the participation period has ended, below is a summary of how consumers were able to engage in this case.

**1. Fill out a Letter of Protest on the [PSC’s website](#).**

**2. Attend Public Hearings and Testify**

The Public Service Commission (PSC) held public hearings so consumers could let the Commissioners hear their concerns.

### **Town of Lexington Municipal Complex**

Conference Center

111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, SC 29072

Monday, January 27, 2020 | 6:00 PM

### **Irmo Municipal Building**

7300 Woodrow Street, Irmo, SC 29063

Thursday, January 30, 2020 | 6:00 PM

**Union City Hall**

101 Sharpe Avenue, Union, SC 29379  
Monday, February 3, 2020 | 6:00 PM

**Anderson County Council Chambers (Cancelled)**

101 South Main Street, Anderson, SC 29624  
Thursday, February 6, 2020 | 6:00 PM

**Greenville County Council Chambers**

301 University Ridge, Suite 2400, Greenville, SC 29601  
Thursday, February 13, 2020 | 6:00 PM

**York County Council Chambers (Rescheduled)**

6 South Congress Street, York, SC 29745  
Thursday, February 20, 2020 | 6:00 PM

*RESCHEDULED: Thursday, March 5, 2020 | 6:00 PM*

**Public Service Commission**

Saluda Building Hearing Room  
101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, SC 29210  
Thursday, February 27, 2020 | 6:00 PM



Federal Commissions, Boards, and Agencies

Other Sites

Disclaimer

Privacy Statement

Social Media Terms of Use

SC Office of Inspector General Fraud Hotline

State of South Carolina  
Office of Regulatory Staff  
1401 Main Street, Suite 900  
Columbia, SC 29201

General Information: (803) 737-0800  
Consumer Complaints and Inquiries:  
(803) 737-5230 (local)  
1-800-922-1531 (toll-free within South Carolina)

Copyright © 2023 State of South Carolina