

Interbasin Transfer Certificate for Union County

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 6:00 PM
Norwood Community Building
247 West Turner Street, Norwood, NC 28128

The North Carolina Environmental Management Commission will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement prepared for Union County's interbasin transfer (IBT) certificate request.

The Union County Public Works Water System (Union County) is a provider of drinking water to citizens of Union County, excluding the City of Monroe, serving customers in both the Catawba River basin and the Rocky River basin. Union County is requesting a 23.0 million gallons per day (mgd) transfer from the Yadkin River IBT basin to the Rocky River IBT basin, calculated on an average day of the maximum month basis, per current statutory regulation. The requested transfer amount is based upon 2050 water demand projections to meet anticipated growth in Union County's Rocky River IBT basin.

Currently, most of the water supplied by Union County is sourced from the Catawba River through the Catawba River Water Treatment Plant in Lancaster County, South Carolina. To support the Rocky River IBT basin service area, Union County transfers a maximum of 5.0 mgd, as allowed by an existing grandfathered authorization, from the Catawba River IBT basin to the Rocky River IBT basin. The proposed request will avoid the need for an increase in the amount transferred from the Catawba River IBT basin. The proposed intake will be on Lake Tillery near the existing location of the intake for the Town of Norwood in the Yadkin River IBT basin.

The public hearing will start at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2015, at the Town of Norwood Community Building. The supporting environmental documents will be available for review two weeks prior to the public hearing at: <http://www.ncwater.org/?page=420>, as well as through the North Carolina Department of Administration State Environmental Review Clearinghouse.

The purpose of this announcement is to encourage interested parties to attend and/or provide relevant written and verbal comments. Division of Water Resources staff requests that parties submit written copies of oral comments. Based on the number of people who wish to speak, the length of oral presentations may be limited.

If you are unable to attend, you may mail written comments to Kim Nimmer, Division of Water Resources, 1611 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1611. Comments may also be submitted electronically to kim.nimmer@ncdenr.gov. Mailed and emailed comments will be given equal weight. All comments must be postmarked or emailed by October 16, 2015.