



April 5, 2024

RE: Proposed Interbasin Transfer Modification – Notice of Public Meetings

Dear Stakeholder,

In the spirit of transparency and cooperation, Charlotte Water will hold five public meetings to receive comments on its plans to submit to the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission (EMC) a Request for Modification of its existing 2002 Interbasin Transfer (IBT) Certificate. While not required as part of the Request for Modification process, these meetings are intended to identify potential issues and solutions that allow Charlotte Water to continue meeting the needs of a dynamic and growing region while minimizing the impact on stakeholders in surrounding communities.

An IBT allows for water transfer from the Catawba-Watauga Basin (source basin) to the Rocky River Subbasin (receiving basin) of the Yadkin-Pee Dee River Basin. Its 2002 IBT Certificate authorized the transfer of up to 33 million gallons per day on a maximum day basis, which was projected at the time to support Charlotte Water's IBT needs through 2030.

As the largest public water and wastewater utility in North Carolina, serving more than a million customers throughout Mecklenburg County, Charlotte Water actively monitors water consumption trends, plans for future water demands, tracks and reports on interbasin transfer rates, implements conservation efforts, and seeks all options to ensure reliable water supply into the future. The greater Charlotte region has seen a high growth rate over the past decade, which is expected to continue, and Charlotte Water is committed to ensuring the community it serves has a reliable water supply that maintains pace with this development and meets the region's water demands into the future.

To keep up with this demand, a Notice of Intent to request a modification of the 2002 IBT Certificate was submitted to the EMC on February 22, 2024. Charlotte Water will be requesting an increase to its currently authorized amount of interbasin transfer to meet the region's growing needs through the 30-year planning period required by the State of North Carolina. The exact increase in the IBT amount has yet to be determined and Charlotte Water is still determining whether co-applicants will be added to this IBT Modification Request.

In close coordination with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ), Charlotte Water will prepare and submit to NCDEQ an environmental document that describes the purpose and need for the IBT Modification, discusses alternatives to meet the purpose and need, and describes the potential of impacts on the natural and human environment. Charlotte Water will host a series of public meetings to provide interested parties and the public at large with information on the nature and extent of the proposed transfer modification and secure comments for this environmental document outlining alternatives and issues that stakeholders in the community believe should be addressed. This environmental document must be finalized and approved by the NCDEQ before Charlotte Water can submit its Request for Modification to the EMC.

The schedule of confirmed public meetings is below – options for virtual attendance can be found on Charlotte Water’s IBT website at CharlotteWaterIBT.org:

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Meeting #1 - Hickory, NC

- Wednesday, May 8, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- Ridgeview Branch Library – Z. Anne Hoyle Community Room
- 706 1st St. SW, Hickory, NC 28602

Meeting #2 - Charlotte, NC

- Thursday, May 9, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- Charlotte Water
- 4100 W Tyvola Rd., Charlotte, NC 28208

Meeting #3 - Albemarle, NC

- Wednesday, May 15, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- EE Waddell Community Center – Banquet Room
- 621 Wall St., Albemarle, NC 28001

Meeting #4 - Florence, SC

- Wednesday, May 29, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- Francis Marion University – Frank B. Lee Nursing Building, Room 137
- 4822 E. Palmetto St., Florence, SC 29506

Meeting #5 - Camden, SC

- Thursday, May 30, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- The Catery on Broad
- 514 Rutledge St., Camden, SC 29020

Those interested are encouraged to participate in person; however, a virtual option will be available for those needing to attend remotely.

Each meeting will include an approximately 30-minute overview presentation of the IBT modification request followed by public questions and comments. Meetings will consist of a short presentation by the NC DEQ’s Division of Water Resources and a brief presentation by Charlotte Water. The same presentation will be presented at each of the five meetings.

The length of verbal comments at each meeting may be limited based on the number of people wishing to comment. All statements at the meeting will be recorded and responses included as part of future environmental reports. Individuals who choose to provide written comments must submit comments no later than June 21, 2024. Written statements should be submitted via Charlotte Water’s IBT website at CharlotteWaterIBT.org.

Written comments may also be mailed before June 21, 2024 to:

Charlotte Water
Attn: Jennifer Frost/IBT Modification Comments
4222 Westmont Drive
Charlotte, NC 28217

Interested parties will have future opportunities to provide input during the overall IBT modification request process. Charlotte Water's IBT website details when those opportunities will occur, as well as additional information regarding this IBT request.