

15A NCAC 18C .1612 PUBLIC HEARINGS ON EXEMPTION SCHEDULES

(a) Before a schedule proposed by the Secretary pursuant to Rule.1611 of this Section may take effect, the Secretary shall provide notice and opportunity for public hearing on the schedule. Such notice may cover the proposal of more than one such schedule and a hearing held pursuant to such notice shall include each of the schedules covered by the notice.

(b) Public notice of an opportunity for hearing on an exemption schedule shall be circulated in a manner designed to inform interested and potentially interested persons of the proposed schedule, and shall include the following minimum requirements:

- (1) posting of a notice in the principal post office of each municipality or area served by the public water system, and publishing a notice in the newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the area served by the public water system;
- (2) mailing of a notice to the Public Water Supply Section, Division of Water Resources and to other appropriate state or local agencies at the Secretary's discretion; and
- (3) such notices shall include a summary of the proposed schedule and shall inform interested persons that they may request a public hearing on the proposed schedule.

(c) Requests for hearing may be submitted by any interested person. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for hearing may be denied by the Secretary. Requests shall be submitted to the Secretary within 30 days after issuance of the public notices provided for in Paragraph (b) of this Rule. Such requests shall include the following information:

- (1) the name, address and telephone number of the individual, organization or other entity requesting a hearing;
- (2) a brief statement of the interest of the individual, organization or other entity making the request in the proposed schedule and of information that the requestor intends to submit at such hearing; and
- (3) the signature of the individual making the request, or, if the request is made on behalf of an organization or other entity, the signature of a responsible official of the organization or other entity.

(d) Any hearing held pursuant to a request submitted by an individual, organization or other entity or on the Secretary's own motion shall be conducted in the manner set forth in G.S. 150B-22 through 150B-37.

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