



News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Nov. 19, 2012

Public Utilities Division

Contact: Amy Hall, Administrative Program Officer

Telephone: (910) 678-7682

E-mail: ahall@co.cumberland.nc.us

Southpoint Water System Early Sign-Up Deadline Is Dec. 3

FAYETTEVILLE, NC – The early sign-up deadline for customers to connect to the Southpoint Water System is Dec. 3. The Cumberland County Public Utilities Division mailed notices to almost 100 property owners earlier this fall about the new water system and the sign-up procedures.

The tap (connection) fee for early sign-up is \$50, which does not include permit and inspection fees. After the Dec. 3 deadline, the tap fee will increase to the cost of actual construction of the water tap to include labor, equipment and materials for installation.

Southpoint is a subdivision off Chickenfoot Road in southwestern Cumberland County where wells were found to be contaminated. The project will bring public drinking water to the Southpoint community from the Bladen County Regional Water System. Although bulk water will be purchased from Bladen County, Cumberland County will own the water lines, read water meters and bill the customers.

Property owners located along the water line who do not sign up for the water system will be required to pay a minimum monthly availability fee of \$12 per month. The fee for customers connected to the system will be a minimum charge of \$22 for the first 2,000 gallons and additional charges for exceeding this amount.

Early sign-ups will provide the county an accurate customer count so it can finalize tap locations.

An early sign-up form is available online at http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/public_utility/southpoint.aspx.

Contact the Cumberland County Public Utilities Division at (910) 678-7682 or in the Historic Courthouse at 130 Gillespie St., Room 215, in downtown Fayetteville. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

-end-