

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 439  
HOUSE BILL 530

AN ACT TO MAKE RATE-SETTING HEARINGS NONMANDATORY WHEN THERE IS  
NO SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC PROTEST AND ALL PARTIES ARE IN AGREEMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 62-81 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, or other provisions of this Chapter which would otherwise require a hearing, where there is no significant public protest received within 30 days of the publication of notice of a proposed rate change for a water or sewer utility, the commission may decide the proceeding based on the record without a trial or hearing, provided said utility and all other parties of record have waived their right to any such hearing. Any decision made pursuant to this subsection shall be made in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 62-133 or G.S. 62-133.1."

**Sec. 2.** This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 25th day of May, 1981.