STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 384

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application by Carolina Water Service,	)	
Inc., of North Carolina, 4944 Parkway	)	ORDER EXCUSING WITNESSES,
Plaza Boulevard, Suite 375, Charlotte,	)	ACCEPTING TESTIMONY,
North Carolina 28217 for Authority to	)	CANCELING EXPERT WITNESS
Adjust and Increase Rates for Water	)	HEARING, AND REQUIRING
and Sewer Utility Service in All of Its	)	PROPOSED ORDERS
Service Areas in North Carolina.	)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On October 8, 2021, the Commission issued a Scheduling Order in the above-captioned docket that, among other things, scheduled an expert witness hearing to be held on December 7, 2021. Expert witness testimony was filed in this docket by Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC) and the Public Staff.

On November 30, 2021, CWSNC and the Public Staff (Movants) filed a Joint Settlement Agreement and Stipulation (Stipulation) and exhibits and supporting schedules for the Stipulation. Also on November 30, 2021, the Movants filed a joint motion requesting that the Commission excuse all expert witnesses from testifying at the December 7, 2021, expert witness hearing and accept the prefiled testimony and exhibits into the record. Movants state that they agree to waive cross-examination of CWSNC's and the Public Staffs' witnesses. No other parties intervened in this matter.

Based on Movants' motion and the record, the Commission finds good cause to excuse all CWSNC and Public Staff witnesses from testifying at the expert witness hearing and to receive the witnesses' prefiled testimony and exhibits into the record. Further, the Commission finds good cause to cancel the expert witness hearing and to require that the parties file proposed orders, or a joint proposed order, on or before January 3, 2022.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 3rd day of December, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk