

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. W-1141, SUB 8

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by 904 Georgetown Treatment)
Plant, LLC, for Authority to Increase Rates) **PUBLIC STAFF'S MOTION FOR**
for Sewer Utility Service in Sandpiper Bay) **LEAVE TO FILE SETTLEMENT**
Golf and Country Club in Brunswick County,) **AGREEMENT AND TESTIMONY**
North Carolina)

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff), by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and respectfully seeks leave to file the joint testimony of Iris Morgan and Evan M. Houser in response to the Settlement Agreement and Stipulation (Stipulation) between 904 Georgetown Treatment Plant, LLC (Georgetown or the Company), and the Public Staff (together with the Company, the Stipulating Parties) dated and requested to be filed in this docket on November 13, 2023. In support thereof, the Public Staff shows the following:

1. The evidentiary hearing in the above-captioned docket is to commence at 1:00 p.m. today, November 13, 2023.
2. On Thursday, November 9, 2023, following considerable rounds of negotiation, Georgetown and the Public Staff agreed to settle all issues in this rate case such that no contested issues remain between the parties.

3. Also on November 9, 2023, representatives for the Stipulating Parties informed the Hearing Examiners in this docket of the agreement between the Stipulating Parties.

4. Friday, November 10, 2023, was a State holiday in observance of Veterans Day.

5. The Stipulating Parties have now memorialized their agreement in the Stipulation.

6. Because the agreement was reached at the end of the final business day before the scheduled evidentiary hearing, the Stipulating Parties request leave to file the Stipulation on the day of the evidentiary hearing and to file the joint testimony of Public Staff witnesses Morgan and Houser in support of the Stipulation.

7. Therefore, the Public Staff seeks to file the Stipulation and testimony to support the agreement of the Stipulating Parties and to show the effects of the Stipulation on rates should the Commission accept the Stipulation.

8. The Company has indicated to the Public Staff that it supports this Motion.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff respectfully requests that the Commission grant the Public Staff leave to file the Stipulation and the joint testimony of Iris Morgan and Evan M. Houser today, November 13, 2023.

Respectfully submitted this the 13th day of November 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this Motion has been served on all parties of record or their attorneys, or both, by United States mail, first class or better; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 13th day of November 2023.

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