

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 526

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc.,)
202 MacKenan Court, Cary, North)
Carolina 27511, for Authority to Adjust)
and Increase Rates for Water and Sewer)
Utility Service in All Service Areas in North)
Carolina)
	MOTION OF THE PUBLIC
	STAFF FOR EXTENSION OF
	TIME

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission, by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and moves the Commission to extend the time for the Public Staff to file its report of its findings regarding Aqua North Carolina, Inc.'s (Aqua NC) modified Utility Plant in Service (UPIS) accounting procedures and policies. In support thereof, the Public Staff respectfully shows the Commission the following:

1. On October 26, 2020, in the present docket, the Commission issued an Order Approving Partial Settlement Agreement and Stipulation, Deciding Contested Issues, Granting Partial Rate Increase, and Requiring Customer Notice. In the Order, the Commission directed Aqua NC to review its UPIS accounting procedures and policies for determining when projects are complete, in-service, and booked to plant in-service, and to file its findings and any plans or recommendations to change the procedures and policies within 90 days.

2. On January 25, 2021, as directed by the Commission, Aqua NC made a filing detailing its review of its accounting procedures and policies and its plans to modify those procedures and policies upon approval by the Commission.

3. On March 30, 2021, the Commission issued its Order Approving Change in Accounting Policy in which it authorized Aqua NC to modify its UPIS accounting practices to utilize the Completed Construction but Not Classified functionality provided by PowerPlan. The Commission also directed the Public Staff to review a representative sample of Aqua NC's modified UPIS accounting procedures and policies and report on its findings by January 31, 2022.

4. The Public Staff has worked diligently to review the representative sample provided by Aqua NC as well as responses to discovery requests, but needs additional time to complete these tasks and compile its report of its findings. The Public Staff therefore requests an extension of time to and including March 2, 2022, to file its report in compliance with the Commission's Order Approving Change in Accounting Policy.

5. The Public Staff has consulted Aqua NC and the North Carolina Attorney General's Office and is authorized to represent that neither party objects to the Public Staff's request.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff requests that the Commission enter an order granting an extension until March 2, 2022, for the Public Staff to file its report.

This the 28th day of January, 2022.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Motion on all parties of record in accordance with Commission Rule R1-39, by United States mail, postage prepaid, first class; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 28th day of January, 2022.

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