



**NORTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC STAFF
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

July 18, 2019

A. Shonta Dunston, Deputy Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
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Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325

Re: Docket No. W-218 Sub 497

Dear Ms. Dunston:

In connection with the above-captioned docket, I transmit herewith for filing on behalf of the Public Staff the Motion for an Extension of Time to File Comments and Proposed Order.

By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record.

Sincerely yours,

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 497

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 AN EXTENSION
OF TIME TO FILE
COMMENTS

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission, by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and moves for an extension of time to file its comments to the Commission’s *Order Allowing Comments* issued on June 27, 2019 (June 27, 2019 Order). The interested parties deadline to file comments regarding Aqua NC’s *Response to Ordering Paragraph No. 24 of the North Carolina Utilities Commission’s General Rate Case Order of December 18, 2018* filed May 17, 2019, relating to amendments to tariffs regarding connection and capacity fees, was July 12, 2019. In support of this motion the Public Staff respectfully shows unto the Commission:

1. On July 12, 2019, staff members integral to the completion of the Public Staff’s response to the Commission’s June 27, 2019 Order have been out of the office due to both exigent circumstances and planned absences. For this reason, the Public Staff is in need of six additional weeks to complete its response in compliance with the Commission’s June 27, 2019 Order. The Public Staff,

therefore, requests a further extension of time, to and including Friday, August 30, 2019, to file its response in this docket.

2. That on or before Friday, September 13, 2019, Aqua NC may file reply comments.

3. The other parties to this proceeding do not object to the Public Staff's request.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff prays:

1. For an extension of time to and including Friday, August 30, 2019, to file its response in compliance with the Commission's June 27, 2019 Order Allowing Comments.

2. For reply comments for Aqua NC be extended to Friday, September 13, 2019.

2. For such other and further relief as the Commission may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this the 18th day of July, 2019.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this Motion of the Public Staff for a Extension of Time to File Comments 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 18th day of July, 2019.

Electronically submitted
/s/ William E. Grantmyre

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 497

Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc., 202)
MacKenan Court, Cary, North Carolina 27511,) ORDER GRANTING
for Authority to Adjust and Increase Rates for) EXTENSION OF TIME TO
Water and Sewer Utility Service in All Service) FILE COMMENTS
Areas in North Carolina)

BY THE COMMISSION: The beginning of this proceeding was the January 31, 2019, filing of an Application for rate increase by Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua NC). An Order was issued by the Commission's *Order Allowing Comments* issued on June 27, 2019 (June 27, 2019 Order). The interested parties deadline to file comments regarding Aqua NC's *Response to Ordering Paragraph No. 24 of the North Carolina Utilities Commission's General Rate Case Order of December 18, 2018* filed May 17, 2019, relating to amendments to tariffs regarding connection and capacity fees, was July 12, 2019.

On July 12, 2019, staff members integral to the completion of the Public Staff's response to the Commission's June 27, 2019 Order have been out of the office due to both exigent circumstances and planned absences. For this reason, the Public Staff is in need of six additional weeks to complete its response in compliance with the Commission's June 27, 2019 Order.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission is of the opinion the response comments scheduled for July 12, 2019 to be extended six weeks to Friday, August 8, 2019 and for Aqua NC's reply comments to be due Friday, September 13, 2019.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED as follows:

1. That the interested parties deadline to file comments is Friday, August 30, 2019.
2. That the reply comments for Aqua NC are filed by Friday, September 13, 2019.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

This the _____ day of July, 2019.

North Carolina Utilities Commission

(SEAL)

A. Shonta Dunston, Deputy Clerk