

**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)	ORDER GRANTING
27511, for Authority to Adjust and Increase)	EXTENSION OF TIME
Rates for Water and Sewer Utility Service in)	TO FILE REPLY COMMENTS
All Service Areas in North Carolina)	

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On June 27, 2019, in the above-captioned docket, the Commission issued an Order Allowing Comments regarding Aqua North Carolina, Inc.'s (Aqua NC's or Company's) response filed on June 18, 2019 (the affidavit of Lisa Gresehover, National Metrology Manager, Aqua America, Inc.) to Ordering Paragraph Nos. 26 and 27 of the Commission's December 18, 2018 Order issued in Docket No. W-218, Sub 497. Affiant Gresehover provided comments concerning the status of sharing the 40-day read history collected by the Company's advanced meter reading (AMR) technology with AMR-metered customers and Aqua NC's report on AMR benefits in compliance with Ordering Paragraph Nos. 26 and 27, respectively. The deadline for interested parties to file comments regarding Aqua NC's June 18, 2019 response was July 26, 2019, and Aqua NC was allowed until August 9, 2019, to file reply comments.

On July 26, 2019, the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) filed its comments. In its comments, the Public Staff noted that, as of the time of its filing, Aqua NC had not provided responses to Items 8, 10, 11, and 12 of the Public Staff's July 9, 2019 Legal Data Request No. 1. The Public Staff stated that it reserved the right to file supplemental comments after evaluating Aqua NC's responses to Items 8, 10, 11, and 12. No other party filed comments.

On August 6, 2019, Aqua NC filed a motion for an extension of time to file reply comments regarding the Public Staff's July 26, 2019 comments. In its motion, Aqua NC stated that upon its review of the Public Staff's comments, in consideration of the Public Staff's reservation for an opportunity to file supplemental comments regarding the Company's responses to Items 8, 10, 11, and 12¹ of the Public Staff's July 9, 2019 Legal Data Request No. 1, and in light of the unavailability of key Aqua NC personnel this week, Aqua NC requires additional time to prepare its reply comments, which are currently due

¹ Aqua NC commented that the Company's responses to those four data request items were provided to the Public Staff on July 26, 2019. Further, Aqua NC noted that, to date, the Public Staff has not filed any supplemental comments.

on Friday, July 9, 2019. Aqua NC commented that its motion is also necessitated by the press of other matters now being addressed by the Company in the normal course of business and the need for careful review and evaluation of the “lengthy” comments filed by the Public Staff. Aqua NC requested that, in the interest of judicial economy, the Commission require the Public Staff to file any supplemental comments regarding the Company’s responses to the aforementioned four data request items no later than Tuesday, August 13, 2019, and to grant Aqua NC an extension of time until Wednesday, August 21, 2019, to make its responsive filing.

Aqua NC confirmed that the other parties to this proceeding (the Public Staff, the North Carolina Attorney General’s Office, and Intervenor Mr. Eric Galamb) do not object to the Company’s request.

Based on the foregoing, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause exist to grant Aqua NC’s motion. Accordingly, the Public Staff shall file any supplemental comments regarding Aqua NC’s responses to Items 8, 10, 11, and 12 of the Public Staff’s July 9, 2019 Legal Data Request No. 1, no later than Tuesday, August 13, 2019, and Aqua NC shall be granted an extension of time until Wednesday, August 21, 2019, to make its responsive filing.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 8th day of August, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janice H. Fulmore".

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk