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Ms. M. Lynn Jarvis, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325

Via Electronic Delivery

Re: Docket Nos. W-390, Subs 13 and 14 and W-354, Sub 358
Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (Emergency Operator
of Riverbend Estates Water System)
Request for Approval of Immediate Reduction in Provisional Rates
Applicable to Customer Bills Rendered by Emergency Operator On
and After March 13, 2018

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina ("CWSNC" or "Company"), in its capacity as Emergency Operator ("EO") of the Riverbend Estates Water System ("Riverbend"), hereby requests that the Commission approve, as new EO provisional rates, the rates attached to the Proposed Order filed on February 22, 2018, by the Public Staff in Docket Nos. W-390, Subs 13 and 14 and W-354, Sub 358.¹ Specifically, CWSNC requests approval to immediately implement the new rates for bills issued effective on and after March 13, 2018. The new proposed provisional rates are lower than the provisional rates established in the EO docket (W-390, Sub 13), and early adoption of them by the Commission brings rate relief to the Riverbend customers.

CWSNC is authorized to state that the Public Staff stipulates to the Company's rate reduction proposal applicable to EO provisional rates for bills rendered on and after March 13, 2018.

In addition, CWSNC requests that the Commission defer, at this time, taking any action on the transfer application currently pending in Docket Nos. W-390, Sub 14 and W-354, Sub 358, while the Company performs additional due

¹ See Public Staff Proposed Order Approving Transfer, Granting Franchise, Approving Rates, and Requiring Customer Notice, Docket Nos. W-390, Sub 13, W-390, Sub 14, and W-354, Sub 358.

diligence to investigate certain easement and other related issues which have arisen pertaining to the Riverbend matter. CWSNC is consulting with the Public Staff and hopes to expeditiously resolve the easement and any other related issues. The Company will make a further filing in the transfer dockets at the appropriate time.

The parties to these dockets have been served with a copy of this letter by means of either electronic service or by U.S. Mail.

Thank you and your staff for your assistance; please feel free to contact me if there are any questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Electronically Submitted

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of North Carolina

c: Parties of Record