



On August 8, 2022, WRI filed an Updated Report in compliance with the Commission's July 29, 2022 order. With regard to the Harrisburg interconnection, WRI reported that Harrisburg had approved plans for the construction of the interconnection, that the current estimate of the cost to interconnect the water system with Harrisburg was approximately \$200,000, and that WRI had reached agreement in principle with the customer/landowner on the key terms of the acquisition of the easement required for the interconnection. WRI further reported that it was "working to prepare and finalize legal documents and working with the customer/landowner to schedule a date, likely within the next three weeks, to exchange payment and receive the signed deed of easement, which will be recorded in Cabarrus County upon receipt."

On September 19, 2022, WRI filed a Supplemental Compliance Status Update Report regarding the Harrisburg interconnection. In its supplemental report WRI indicated that despite more than two years of negotiation it has failed to reach agreement on the necessary easement. WRI further reported that it sent the customer/landowner a demand letter and that it will pursue condemnation if not resolved before the end of September. WRI now estimates that the cost of the interconnection will exceed \$250,000 — "exclusive of the costs associated with acquiring the easement, engineering work, legal representation, and internal staff time devoted to the project, among other miscellaneous expenses" — and anticipates a 10-month lead time to procure needed parts. Lastly, WRI reported that DEQ will not consent to further extensions of time or revisions to the timelines for compliance under the Consent Judgment and Revised Compliance Plan, and on September 12, 2022, DEQ filed a Motion for Entry of Order to Show Cause for Civil Contempt in Cabarrus County Superior Court.

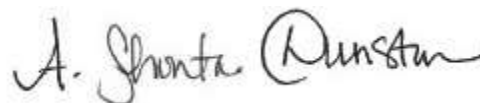
After careful consideration the Chair finds good cause to issue this Order acknowledging receipt of WRI's Supplemental Compliance Status Update Report. The Chair further finds good cause to require WRI, in addition to the reporting requirements in the Commission's July 29, 2022 order, to file a further supplemental status report at the earlier of the execution of a deed of easement by WRI and the customer/landowner or the filing by WRI of a condemnation complaint.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 23rd day of September, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Shonta Dunston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk