STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application by Carolina Water Service, Inc., of North Carolina, for Authority to Adjust and Increase Rates for Water and Sewer Utility Service in All Service Areas of North Carolina Except Corolla Light and Monteray Shores Service Areas and Elk River Development

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO FILE TESTIMONY

BY THE CHAIRMAN: On March 31, 2017, Carolina Water Service, Inc., of North Carolina (Applicant or CWSNC) filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to increase rates for water and sewer utility service in all of its service areas in North Carolina except Corolla Light and Monteray Shores service areas and Elk River Developments. On, June 2, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing and Requiring Customer Notice (the Order). The Order, among other things, required the Public Staff and intervenors to pre-file testimony on or before August 31, 2017 and the Applicant to pre-file rebuttal testimony by September 13, 2017.

On August 30, 2017, the Public Staff filed a motion requesting that the Commission grant additional time for the Public Staff and Intervenors to pre-file testimony until September 12, 2017, and for the Applicant to file rebuttal testimony until September 15, 2017. In support of the motion, the Public Staff stated that the Public Staff and the Applicant are engaged in settlement discussions and need additional time to complete those discussions. Further, the Public Staff stated that all parties consent to the motion.

After due consideration of the Motion and the record proper, the Chairman concludes that good cause exists to extend the time for the Public Staff and the Intervenors to pre-file testimony until September 12, 2017 and for the Applicant to pre-file rebuttal testimony until September 15, 2017.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the <u>1st</u> day of September, 2017.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk