

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1300, SUB 60

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
Application by Old North State Water)	
Company, LLC, 3212 6th Avenue South,)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION
Suite 200, Birmingham, Alabama 35222,)	OF THE PUBLIC STAFF FOR
for Authority to Adjust and Increase Rates)	EXTENSIONS OF TIME
for Water Utility Service in All Its Service)	
Areas in North Carolina)	

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On June 29, 2021, Old North State Water Company, LLC (ONSWC or Company) filed an Application for Rate Increase in Docket No. W-1300, Sub 60 (Sub 60 Rate Case).

On July 26, 2021, the Commission declared the proceeding to be a general rate case and suspended rates for up to 270 days.

On September 21, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Establishing Discovery Guidelines, Scheduling Hearings, and Requiring Public Notice (Procedural Order).

On November 16, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Rescheduling Expert Witness Hearing and Extending Time to Provide Testimony (Rescheduling Order) which, among other things, rescheduled the expert witness hearing to March 8, 2022; required the Public Staff and intervenors to file direct testimony on or before February 1, 2022; and ordered the Company to file its rebuttal testimony and exhibits, if any, by February 15, 2022. The Rescheduling Order also required the Company to consult with all other parties and file, no later than Friday, February 18, 2022, a list of witnesses to be called at the expert witness hearing, the order of witnesses, and each party's estimated time for cross-examination. The Rescheduling Order further ordered the remaining parties to make a filing indicating their points of disagreement with the Company's filing, if consensus was not reached, no later than Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

On January 28, 2022, the Public Staff filed the Motion of the Public Staff for Waiver of Deadlines and Extensions of Time to File Testimony (Motion). In its Motion, the Public Staff explained that it would not be in a position to file testimony by February 1, 2022, due to a medical emergency impacting key personnel assigned to this docket. Accordingly, the Public Staff, requested that the Commission waive the testimony filing deadlines set forth in Commission Rule R1-24 and extend the due date for the filing of the direct testimony and exhibits of intervenors and the Public Staff to February 8, 2022, and for the filing of the rebuttal testimony and exhibits of the Company, if any, to February 22, 2022.

Further, the Public Staff requested that the Commission extend the discovery request and response deadlines connected to the testimony filing deadlines.

Finally, the Public Staff also requested that the deadline for the Company to file a list of witnesses to be called at the expert witness hearing, the order of witnesses, and each party's estimated time for cross-examination be extended until Friday, February 25, 2022, and, if appropriate, the deadline for the remaining parties to make a filing indicating their points of disagreement with the Company's filing be extended until Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

In its Motion, the Public Staff stated that it had contacted counsel for the Company and that the Company did not object to the proposed extensions.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the time for the filing of intervenor and Public Staff testimony and exhibits is extended to February 8, 2022;
2. That the time for the filing of Company rebuttal testimony and exhibits, if any, is extended to February 22, 2022;
3. That the time for serving and responding to discovery requests connected to these testimony deadlines is extended to February 25, 2022; and
4. That the time for filing witness lists, cross-examination times, and related items for the Company and other parties is extended to March 1, 2022.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 1st day of February, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joann R. Snyder", is written over a light gray circular stamp.

Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk