

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 526A

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc.,) ORDER ALLOWING EXPERT
202 MacKenan Court, Cary, North) WITNESSES TO RESPOND TO
Carolina 27511, for Approval of Annual) TECHNICAL QUESTIONS AT ORAL
Adjustment to Conservation Pilot Program) ARGUMENT
Revenue Reconciliation Charge/Credit)

BY THE CHAIR: On February 14, 2022, Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua NC or the Company), filed a Conservation Pilot Program annual reconciliation request (Reconciliation Request) pursuant to the Commission's Order Approving Partial Settlement Agreement and Stipulation, Deciding Contested Issues, Granting Partial Rate Increase, and Requiring Customer Notice (Sub 526 Rate Case Order) issued on October 26, 2020, in Docket No. W-218, Sub 526 (Sub 526 rate case).

On May 4, 2022, the Commission issued an order in the above-captioned docket directing the parties to file verified responses to nine specific questions which are included in the order regarding the Conservation Pilot Program Annual Reconciliation Request (Reconciliation Request) filed by Aqua NC and scheduling the matter for oral argument on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 2 p.m.

On May 11, 2022, the Public Staff filed a motion requesting that expert witnesses be allowed to participate at the oral argument. The Public Staff notes in its motion that some of the questions posed by the Commission are highly technical, and allowing expert witnesses to respond to technical questions from the Commission would help ensure accurate and complete answers. The Public Staff notes that Aqua does not object to the motion and includes a request that expert witnesses be allowed to participate for both parties.

Based on the foregoing and the entire record herein, the Chair finds good cause to allow the parties to bring non-lawyer, expert witnesses to respond to technical questions posed by the Commission.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 12th day of May, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk