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Via Electronic Filing

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Interim Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325

Re: Docket No. W-218, Sub 526A
REPORTING REQUIREMENT DOCKET
Aqua North Carolina, Inc. - Bi-Monthly Report on Secondary Water
Quality Concerns

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Attached for filing electronically please find Aqua North Carolina, Inc.'s **Bi-Monthly Report on Secondary Water Quality Concerns**, which was required by the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Commission") in its October 26, 2020 *Order Approving Partial Settlement Agreement and Stipulation, Deciding Contested issues, Granting Partial Rate Increase, and Requiring Customer Notice* ("2020 Rate Case Order"), in Docket No. W-218, Sub 526. The Commission imposed various reporting requirements, including a bi-monthly report on secondary water quality concerns, in Ordering Paragraph 17, at pages 170-171.

As always, thank you and your staff for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Electronically Submitted
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Attorney for Aqua North Carolina, Inc.

c: Parties of Record

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 526A

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	AQUA NORTH CAROLINA,
Reporting Requirements From Docket No.	)	INC'S BI-MONTHLY REPORT
W-218, Sub 526 - Aqua North Carolina,	)	ON RESPONSES TO
Inc., 202 MacKenan Court, Cary, North	)	SECONDARY WATER
Carolina 27511	)	QUALITY CONCERNS RAISED
	)	BY CUSTOMERS IN THE
	)	COACHMAN'S TRAIL,
	)	BARTON'S CREEK BLUFFS,
	)	AND LAKE RIDGE AERO
	)	PARK SUBDIVISIONS

NOW COMES Aqua North Carolina, Inc. ("Aqua" or "Company"), in response to the *Order Approving Partial Settlement Agreement and Stipulation, Deciding Contested Issues, Granting Partial Rate Increase, and Requiring Customer Notice* ("2020 Rate Case Order") issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Commission" or "NCUC") on October 26, 2020, in Docket No. W-218, Sub 526, to file this Bi-Monthly Report on the status of secondary water quality concerns raised by customers in the Company's Coachman's Trail, Barton's Creek Bluffs, and Lake Ridge Aero Park subdivisions. In response to the 2020 Rate Case Order, the Company states the following:

1. Ordering Paragraph No. 17 of the referenced 2020 Rate Case Order, at pages 170 - 171, requires:

That Aqua NC shall continue to file bi-monthly reports addressing secondary water quality concerns raised by customers in the Coachman's Trail, Barton's Creek Bluffs, and Lake Ridge Aero Park subdivisions in situations where the iron and manganese concerns remain pending further Order of the Commission. Such reports shall describe measures taken by Aqua NC to address water quality

issues and shall include summaries of customer concerns raised, results of water laboratory analyses (including soluble and insoluble concentration levels of iron and manganese) to measure baseline concentration levels and the effectiveness of chemical sequestration treatment, flushing regimens, and cost estimates to install filtration systems (greensand or other filtration options deemed appropriate) or to procure alternate water sources.

2. Ordering Paragraph No. 23 of the 2020 Rate Case Order provides as follows:

That at any time after a year from the issuance of this Order, Aqua NC may request that the Commission revise or eliminate the regular and periodic reporting requirements ordered herein due to demonstrated and significant progress in customer satisfaction with improvements made in water quality related to levels of iron and manganese.

SYSTEMS SUBJECT TO REPORTING REQUIREMENTS DUE TO RATE CASE ORDER IN DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 526

Three systems are subject to reporting requirements due to the Commission's Sub 526 Order of October 26, 2020, in Aqua's rate case. They are **Coachman's Trail, Barton's Creek Bluffs, and Lake Ridge Aero Park.**

Aqua is pleased to report that no customer complaints were received from Lake Ridge Aero Park during the May and June 2021 reporting period. This tracks the experience during the September 2020 through April 2021 reporting period for this water system, during which there were also no customer complaints.

BARTON'S CREEK BLUFFS

No customer complaints were received in May 2021, and one customer complaint was received in June 2021 from the Barton's Creek Bluffs Subdivision.

On June 23, 2021, the customer residing at 5232 Barton's Enclave Lane, complained of black water that he had experienced for three days, only occurring

in the mornings and then clear later in the day. Aqua's Technical Services Specialist (TSS) tried to contact the customer on June 23 and 24, 2021, leaving a message for the customer to return her call. On June 24, 2021, the customer returned the call and stated the water was clear. As a follow-up to the complaint, the TSS contacted the customer on June 25, 2021, and the customer advised the water was clear. No further complaints have been received from the customer reporting water quality concerns.

The Barton's Creek Bluffs Subdivision was flushed in March 2021 and is scheduled to be flushed in March 2022. Prior to the most recent customer complaint registered in June 2021, no secondary water quality complaints were made by customers at Barton's Creek Bluffs during the period beginning with the month of September 2020 through the month of May 2021.

COACHMAN'S TRAIL

One customer complaint was received in May 2021 and no customer complaints were received in June 2021 from the Coachman's Trail Subdivision.

On May 2, 2021, the customer residing at 505 Brittany Bay complained of brown water. Aqua contacted the customer and advised her that the brown water was due to a main break which occurred on May 2, 2021, and that repairs were made that same day. The customer stated that the water had cleared. No further complaints have been received from the customer reporting water quality concerns.

The Coachman's Trail Subdivision was flushed February 22 – 26, 2021, and is scheduled to be flushed in February 2022.

Respectfully submitted this the 28th day of July 2021.

**ATTORNEYS FOR AQUA NORTH CAROLINA, INC.
Electronically Submitted**

/s/Jo Anne Sanford

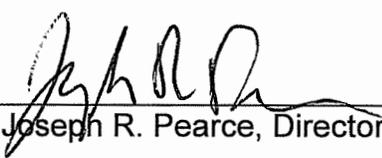
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VERIFICATION

Joseph R. Pearce, being duly sworn, deposes and says: that he is the Director of Operations of Aqua North Carolina, Inc. and that he is familiar with the facts set out in this **BI-MONTHLY REPORT ON RESPONSES TO WATER QUALITY CONCERNS RAISED BY CUSTOMERS IN THE COACHMAN'S TRAIL, BARTON'S CREEK BLUFFS, AND LAKE RIDGE AERO PARK SUBDIVISIONS** filed in Docket No. W-218, Sub 526A; that he has read the foregoing Bi-Monthly Report and knows the contents thereof; and that the same is true of his knowledge except as to those matters stated therein on information and belief, and as to those he believes them to be true.



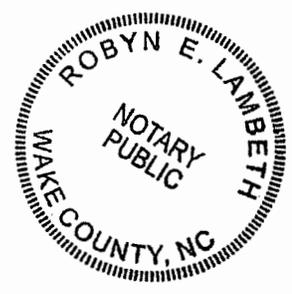
Joseph R. Pearce, Director of Operations

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
the 28th day of July 2021.



Robyn E. Lambeth
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: May 13, 2026



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this the 28th day of July 2021, a copy of the foregoing **BI-MONTHLY REPORT ON RESPONSES TO WATER QUALITY CONCERNS RAISED BY CUSTOMERS IN THE COACHMAN’S TRAIL, BARTON’S CREEK BLUFFS, AND LAKE RIDGE AERO PARK SUBDIVISIONS** has been duly served upon all parties of record to Docket No. W-218, Sub 526A by electronic service, addressed as shown below:

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