

6. Accordingly, there is no need for the Parties to go through the effort of pre-filing testimony, and there is no need for the Commission to conduct a hearing as set out in the Scheduling Order. Cancellation of the testimony pre-filing requirements and the hearing would serve administrative efficiency and result in cost savings for ONSWC and time savings for both Parties without prejudice to ratepayers. The Application may be decided on the basis of the existing filings and the Public Staff's agenda item for the July 8, 2024, regular Staff Conference.

7. In the unlikely event that another party does intervene by the September 25, 2024, deadline, the Commission has the authority under N.C.G.S. § 62-80 rescind any order approving the Application, require ONSWC to prefile rebuttal testimony and exhibits by October 15, 2024, and hold an evidentiary hearing on November 4, 2024.

WHEREFORE, the Parties move that the Commission issue an order cancelling the testimony pre-filing requirements and the hearing previously ordered in this matter.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of July, 2024.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing JOINT MOTION TO CANCEL PREFILING OF TESTIMONY AND CANCEL HEARING on all parties of record, or their attorneys, or both, by United States mail, first class or better; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 3rd day of July, 2024.

Electronically Submitted

/s/ Elizabeth Sims Hedrick