## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

**DOCKET NO. W-1300, SUB 83** 

## BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application by Old North State Water Company,	)	
Inc., for a Certificate of Public Convenience and	)	
Necessity to Provide Water Utility Service in	)	JOINT MOTION TO CANCEL
The Reserve at Falls Lake, Phase 4	)	PREFILING OF TESTIMONY
Subdivision, in Wake County, North Carolina,	)	AND CANCEL HEARING
and for Approval of Rates	)	

NOW COME the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff), and Old North State Water Company (ONSWC or the Company), through counsel (collectively, the Parties), and request that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) cancel the requirement for pre-filed testimony and cancel the hearing scheduled for this matter. In support of this Joint Motion, the Parties show the following:

- 1. On March 28, 2024, Old North State Water Company, Inc. (ONSWC), filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of Rates (Application) to provide water utility service in Phase 4 of The Reserve at Falls Lake (the Reserve) subdivision, in Wake County, North Carolina, in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.
- 2. On April 19, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Finding Application Incomplete and Request for Additional Information. Also on April 19, 2024, ONSWC filed supplemental information. On April 26, 2024, the Public Staff filed a letter with the Commission indicating this docket includes all the information required for a complete application.
- 3. On April 29, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Finding Application Complete and Requiring the Public Staff to Provide Specific Application Data. On May 10, 2024, the Public Staff provided the information requested by the Commission. Also on May 10, 2024, ONSWC filed an amended application.
- 4. On May 15, 2024, the Commission issued its Order Scheduling Hearing and Establishing Discovery Guidelines (Scheduling Order).
- 5. The Public Staff plans to submit this matter as an agenda item for the Commission's regular Staff Conference on July 8, 2024, with a recommendation to grant the Application. ONSWC is in agreement with the Public Staff's proposed order.

- 6. Accordingly, there is no need for the Parties to go through the effort of prefiling testimony, and there is no need for the Commission to conduct a hearing as set out in the Scheduling Order. Cancellation of the testimony prefiling 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 prefiling requirements and the hearing previously ordered in this matter.

Respectfully submitted this 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2024.

**Electronically Submitted** 

/s/ Elizabeth Sims Hedrick