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Ms. M. Lynn Jarvis, Chief Clerk  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
4325 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-4325

**Via Electronic Delivery**

Re: Docket No. W-390, Sub 13  
Petition for Appointment of CWSNC as Emergency  
Operator of Riverbend Estates Water System  
Docket No. W-354, Sub 358 and Docket No. W-390, Sub 14  
Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina  
& Riverbend Estates Water System, Transfer Dockets

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

I write on behalf of Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (“CWSNC” or “Company”) and with its consent to: (a) provide information and make certain procedural requests on behalf of the Company; (b) facilitate an Order from the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission” or “NCUC”) allowing immediate rate relief to the customers of Riverbend Estates Water System, Inc. (“Riverbend”) in Macon County; (c) amend the Company’s Application for Transfer and Approval of Rates, filed in Docket No. W-354, Sub 358, to request approval of the rates contained in the Proposed Order filed on February 22, 2018, by the Public Staff in these dockets; and (d) support and adopt by reference that Proposed Order, which addressed transfer, franchise, rates, and notice.

In support of this filing, CWSNC states the following:

1. As Emergency Operator for Riverbend,<sup>1</sup> CWSNC states on the record that it agrees to imposition by the Commission of the rates attached to the

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<sup>1</sup> Having been designated same by Order of the Commission, dated May 16, 2017, in Docket No. W-390 Sub 13.

Proposed Order filed on February 22, 2018, by the Public Staff in the dockets captioned herein.<sup>2</sup> Specifically, CWSNC agrees to imposition of those rates for bills issued after the date of any Commission Order which substitutes the proposed rates for the provisional rates. These proposed rates are lower than the provisional rates established in the Emergency Operator docket (No. W-390, Sub 13), and early adoption of them by the Commission brings rate relief to the Riverbend customers.

2. CWSNC files this notice in the “transfer dockets,” No. W-354, Sub 358 and No. W-390, Sub 14, to state on the record that:
  - a. It amends its Application for Transfer to request imposition of the rates contained in Appendix B, pp. 15-16 of the Proposed Order filed on February 22, 2018, by the Public Staff; and
  - b. It agrees to imposition of the rates, contained in Appendix B, pp. 15-16 of the Public Staff’s Proposed Order of February 22, 2018, with no further filing or hearing and with provision of appropriate customer notice.
3. Finally, CWSNC submits that: it participated in the preparation of the Proposed Order filed by the Public Staff in Docket Nos. W-354, Sub 358 and W-390, Sub 14; it supports and endorses that Proposed Order as written, including the Appendices which address rates and notice; and it adopts the Proposed Order by reference.

As always, thank you for your assistance and please feel free to contact me if there are questions or suggestions.

**Electronically Submitted**

**s/Jo Anne Sanford**

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c: Parties of Record

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<sup>2</sup> See Public Staff Proposed Order Approving Transfer, Granting Franchise, Approving Rates, and Requiring Customer Notice, Docket Nos. W-390, Sub 13, W-390, Sub 14, and W-354, Sub 358.