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PUBLIC STAFF
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

April 13, 2020

Ms. Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
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Re: Docket No. W-1324, Sub 0 and Docket No. W-406, Sub 6
Application of Springdale Golf Partners, LLC, d/b/a Springdale Water &
Sewer, LLC, 200 Golfwatch Road, Canton, North Carolina 28716, for
Transfer of Public Utility Franchise and for Approval of Rates

Dear Ms. Campbell:

On October 4, 2019, in the above-captioned dockets, Springdale Golf Partners, LLC, d/b/a Springdale Water and Sewer, LLC, (Springdale) filed an application with the Commission seeking authority for transfer of public utility franchise and for approval of rates for providing water and sewer utility service in Springdale Estates Subdivision and Springdale Country Club (together, Springdale Estates) in Haywood County, North Carolina.

On January 27, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearings and Requiring Customer Notice. The Order scheduled a public hearing on March 11, 2020, for the purpose of receiving testimony from Springdale's service area customers. The Order also scheduled an evidentiary hearing on April 23, 2020, for the purpose of receiving expert testimony from Springdale, the Public Staff, and intervenors, if any.

On March 11, 2020, the public hearing was held in Waynesville, North Carolina, with 5 individuals providing customer testimony. At the conclusion of the hearing, Springdale agreed to provide a response to the concerns expressed in the customer testimony by no later than April 1, 2020.

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On March 18, 2020, the Public Staff filed testimony describing the results and conclusions of its review of the Springdale application. No rebuttal testimony or petitions to intervene have been filed.

On March 24, 2020, Springdale agreed by letter with the Public Staff's recommended rates and bond amounts for both the water and sewer systems; Springdale's letter was filed in the above-captioned dockets on March 25, 2020.

On March 31, 2020, the applicant filed their response to the concerns identified at the customer hearing. The Public Staff has reviewed the applicant's response and found the response adequately addressed customer concerns.

On April 3, 2020, Springdale filed a request to cancel the evidentiary hearing.

The Commission has suspended all hearings until at least April 29, 2020, including the evidentiary hearing in this matter scheduled for April 23, 2020, due to the current state of emergency associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Based upon the above-referenced application, testimony, and filings in this matter, the Public Staff does not believe that an evidentiary hearing is required. The Public Staff respectively recommends that the hearing not be rescheduled, and instead be canceled.

A proposed order on the transfer of public utility franchise and for approval of rates will be provided at a later date.

Yours very truly,

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