

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1300, SUB 60

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application by Old North State Water	)	RESPONSE OF THE PUBLIC
Company, Inc., 3212 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue South,	)	STAFF TO ONSWC'S
Suite 200, Birmingham, Alabama 35222,	)	PROPOSED CREDIT
for Authority to Adjust and Increase Rates	)	ADJUSTMENT
for Water Utility Service in All Its Service	)	CALCULATIONS FOR
Areas in North Carolina	)	REFUND OF TEMPORARY
	)	RATES

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff), by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and files this response to Old North State Water Company, Inc.'s (ONSWC or Company) Proposed Credit Adjustment Calculations for Refund of Temporary Rates (Refund Proposal) filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) on June 29, 2022.

1. On June 13, 2022, the Commission entered its Order Approving Settlement Agreement and Stipulation, Granting Partial Rate Increase, and Requiring Customer Notice (Rate Case Order) in this docket.

2. Ordering Paragraph No. 9 of the Rate Case Order provides

That the parties shall work on a mutually acceptable methodology for determining how to calculate refunds owed for bills issued during the interim rate period, if rates charged during the interim period were higher than the rates approved

herein. The Company shall file a schedule listing the refund amounts, if any refunds are due, with the Commission within 15 days of this Order and the Public Staff shall file a response to the Company's schedule within 30 days of this Order. After the parties have filed their proposed refund schedules, the Commission will issue an order approving or modifying the refund schedule, and the Company shall make any refunds to customers within 30 days of such order[.]

3. On June 29, 2022, in response to Ordering Paragraph No. 9 of the Rate Case Order, ONSWC filed its Refund Proposal, which included schedules detailing the Company's comparison of the original rates, interim rates under bond, and final rates approved by the Commission's Rate Case Order and associated bill impacts.

4. The Public Staff has reviewed ONSWC's Refund Proposal and performed an independent analysis of the schedules of interim and approved rates. Based on its review and analysis, the Public Staff agrees with ONSWC's Refund Proposal and recommends that the Commission issue an order approving the refund schedule and requiring the Company to make the refunds to customers within 30 days of such order.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff requests that the Commission accept this filing in compliance with Ordering Paragraph No. 9 of its Order Approving

Settlement Agreement and Stipulation, Granting Partial Rate Increase, and Requiring Customer Notice issued in this docket on June 13, 2022.

This the 13th day of July 13, 2022.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Response on all parties of record in accordance with Commission Rule R1-39, by United States mail, postage prepaid, first class; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 13th day of July, 2022.

Electronically submitted  
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