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Re: Docket Nos. W-354, Sub 396, and W-1073, Sub 7 - Application for Transfer of Water Resource Management, Inc., to Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina and for Approval of Rates

Dear Ms. Sanford:

The North Carolina Utilities Commission - Public Staff (Public Staff) has carefully reviewed the application filed in the above-referenced dockets on April 22, 2022, by Water Resource Management, Inc. (Water Resource) and Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC). Based on its review, the Public Staff has determined that Water Resource and CWSNC failed to provide the required material data and information described below in the subject filing.

1. Application, page 8, Exhibits, Line 7. CWSNC is required to enclose a copy of the most recent fiscal year financial statements, audited if available, for CWSNC. In response, the application states "On File". The Public Staff does not consider this to be an acceptable response. Please file with the Commission CWSNC's most recent fiscal year financial statements, audited if available.
2. Application, page 8, Exhibits, Line 8. CWSNC is required to enclose a copy of the most recent fiscal year financial statements, audited if available, for the parent company of CWSNC. In response, the application states "On File". The Public Staff does not consider this to be an acceptable response. Please file with the Commission CWSNC's parent company's most recent fiscal year financial statements, audited if available.

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3. Application, page 10, Line 12. Line 12 requires the application be signed and verified by all Applicants. However, the application does not provide the signed and verified signature of Water Resource. The response to these items should identify the Docket No. and Sub that approved the current rates.

The Public Staff considers the application incomplete as filed due to the failure to include the material data and information described in items 1 through 3, above. Therefore, the Public Staff will not bring proposed Orders related to the application before the Commission until the application is considered by the Public Staff to be complete.

Provide to the Public Staff and file with the Commission the data and information described above to complete Water Resource and CWSNC's application.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (919) 733-0976. Company personnel are welcome to contact Mike Franklin at (919) 715-2666 on application-related questions.

Sincerely yours,

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