## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

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## BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application by Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina, 2335 Saunders Road, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, for Authority to Adjust and Increase Rates for Water and Sewer Utility Service in All of Its Service Areas in North Carolina

ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING IN PART PUBLIC STAFF MOTION TO EXCUSE WITNESSES FROM APPEARING

BY THE CHAIRMAN: On October 16, 2016, the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) filed a Motion for Order Excusing Witnesses from Hearing (Motion) in this docket. In the Motion, the Public Staff requested that the Commission excuse Public Staff witnesses Katherine A. Fernald, Windley E. Henry, Fenge Zhang, Gina Y. Casselberry, and Calvin C. Craig, III, from appearing at the evidentiary hearing scheduled for October 20, 2015, and admit all witnesses' pre-filed testimony and exhibits into evidence.

After careful consideration, the Chairman finds that good cause exists to grant in part and deny in part the Public Staff's Motion. Specifically, the Chairman finds that good cause exists to excuse Public Staff witnesses Katherine A. Fernald, Fenge Zhang, and Calvin C. Craig, III, respectively from appearing at the October 20, 2015, evidentiary hearing. As to those witnesses, they need not appear and their pre-filed testimony and exhibits shall be admitted into evidence and made a part of the evidentiary record in this case.

As to Public Staff witnesses Windley Henry and Gina Y. Casselberry, the Commission has identified portions of their testimony or exhibits for which it seeks clarification or elaboration and the Motion to excuse their appearance at the evidentiary hearing is hereby denied.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the <u>19<sup>th</sup></u> day of October, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Jackie Cox, Deputy Clerk