

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 411
DOCKET NO. W-1148, SUB 22
DOCKET NO. W-1148, SUB 20

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 411)	
DOCKET NO. W-1148, SUB 22)	
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In the Matter of)	
Application by Carolina Water Service, Inc.)	
of North Carolina, and Mountain Air Utilities)	
Corporation for Authority to Transfer the)	
Mountain Air Water and Wastewater Utility)	ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION
Systems and Public Utility Franchise in)	OF TIME TO FILE FINAL
Yancey County, North Carolina, and for)	ACCOUNTING, REQUEST TO
Approval of Rates)	ESTABLISH SURCHARGES AND
)	NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. W-1148, SUB 20)	
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In the Matter of)	
Petition by Mountain Air Utilities Corporation)	
for Appointment of Emergency Operator)	

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On May 4, 2021, in Docket No. W-1148, Sub 20, the Commission issued an Order Appointing Emergency Operator and Requiring Customer Notice (EO Order) appointing Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC or the Company) as emergency operator (EO) of the water and wastewater utility systems serving the Mountain Air Development in Yancey County, North Carolina (Mountain Air Development) effective May 10, 2021.

On September 26, 2022, in Docket Nos. W-354, Sub 411 and W-1148, Sub 22, CWSNC and Mountain Air Utilities Corporation (MAUC) filed with the Commission a Joint Application for Transfer of Public Utility Franchise and for Approval of Rates (Application) seeking authority to transfer the water and wastewater utility systems and public utility franchise serving the Mountain Air Development in Yancey County, North Carolina, from MAUC to CWSNC and approval of rates.

On November 14, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Approving Stipulation, Approving Transfer, Granting Franchise, Approving Rates, and Requiring Customer Notice (Transfer Order), that, among other things, required per Ordering

Paragraphs 12 and 13, that CWSNC file the following within 60 days of closing on the transfer:

1. Ordering Paragraph 12: That CWSNC shall file a final accounting with the Commission in the EO Docket within 60 days of closing on the transfer to reconcile the operating balance as EO, net of \$30,000.00 in bond funds, as stipulated; and
2. Ordering Paragraph 13: That CWSNC shall file a request with the Commission in these dockets within 60 days of closing on the transfer to establish the surcharges to recover the Lien Release regulatory asset, the Due Diligence and Transactions Costs regulatory asset, and the Unrecovered Operating Reserve, as stipulated. Such request shall include a proposed Notice to Customers concerning the proposed surcharges for approval by further order of the Commission.

On March 21, 2024, CWSNC filed a letter notifying the Commission that the closing and transfer took place on Friday, March 15, 2024.

On May 14, 2024, CWSNC filed a Motion for Extension of Time to file the supporting documents (Motion) requesting an extension of time to file its response on or before May 17, 2024. In support of its Motion, CWSNC states the calculations have been complicated and great care is being taken to be precise. Further, CWSNC states that the requirements of the filing combined with CWSNC's accounting workload necessitate this request for a two-day extension of time to Friday, May 17, 2024.

CWSNC represents that the Public Staff and MAUC do not oppose its Motion. CWSNC contacted counsel for the Mountain Air Property Owners Association but did not receive a response.

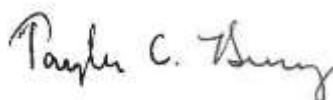
Based on the foregoing, and the entire record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to grant CWSNC's Motion and allow it to file the documents required by Ordering Paragraph's 12 and 13 of the Transfer Order on or before Friday, May 17, 2024.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 15th day of May 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Taylor C. Berry, Dputy Clerk