

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 398
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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of)	
Application by Carolina Water Service, Inc.)	
of North Carolina, 5821 Fairview Road, Suite)	
401, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209, for)	
Determination of Fair Value of Utility Assets)	
Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.1A and)	PUBLIC STAFF'S MOTION
Establishing Rate Base for Acquisition of the)	FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
Carteret County Water System)	NUNC PRO TUNC
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In the Matter of)	
Application by Carolina Water Service, Inc.)	
of North Carolina, 5821 Fairview Road, Suite)	
401, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209, for a)	
Certificate of Public Convenience and)	
Necessity to Provide Water Utility Service to)	
the Carteret County Water System, and for)	
Approval of Rates)	

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff), by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and pursuant to the North Carolina Utilities Commission’s (Commission) Order Extending Time for Filing Response to Customer Concerns, Allowing Public Staff Response, and Directing Both to be Filed in CPCN Docket and Fair Value Docket issued on November 21, 2022, and requests an extension of time *nunc pro tunc*, to

December 19, 2022, to submit its verified response to Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina's (CWSNC or Company) Response to Customer Concerns – Beaufort, NC Public Hearing October 18, 2022 (Response to Customer Concerns), which was due to be filed on December 12, 2022.

In support thereof, the Public Staff states the following:

1. On September 13, 2022, in both the Fair Value Docket and the CPCN Docket, the Commission issued the Order Scheduling Hearings, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Customer Notice (Scheduling Order). Among other things, the Scheduling Order ordered a public witness hearing to be held in both the Fair Value Docket and the CPCN Docket on October 18, 2022 and directed CWSNC to file a report addressing all customer service and service quality complaints expressed at the public hearing within 14 days after the public witness hearing (the Response to Customer Concerns).

2. The Company's Response to Customer Concerns was due November 1, 2022.

3. On November 7, 2022, CWSNC filed a Request for Extension of Time to Complete and File Response to Customer Service Quality Complaints, requesting an extension of time to file the Customer Report until November 8, 2022.

4. On November 7, 2022, the Company filed its Response to Customer Concerns.

5. On November 21, 2022, the Commission issued an Order granting the Company an extension to file its Response to Customer Concerns, Allowing Public Staff Response, and Directing Both to Be Filed in CPCN Docket and Fair Value

Docket. Decretal paragraph 4 of the Order provided that the Public Staff shall have 14 days from the date of its Order to file a response to the Company's Response to Customer Concerns such that the Public Staff's response would be due by December 12, 2022.

6. Due to the significant press of other matters, the Public Staff inadvertently missed the deadline for filing a response and respectfully requests an extension to November 19, 2022 to file its response to the Company's Response to Customer Concerns filed on November 7, 2022.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff respectfully requests that the Commission extend the time *nunc pro tunc* for filing the response to CWSNC's Response to Customer Concerns until December 19, 2022.

Respectfully submitted, this the 16th day of December, 2022.

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**CERTIFICATE OF
SERVICE**

I certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Motion for Extension of Time 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 electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 16th day of December, 2022.

Electronically submitted
/s/ Gina C. Holt