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Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

Re: Docket No. W-218, Sub 573 – Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc., for Authority to Adjust and Increase Rates for Water and Sewer Utility Service in All Its Service Areas in North Carolina and for Approval of a Water and Sewer Investment Plan

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Attached for filing in the above-referenced docket is Public Staff Supplemental WSIP Exhibit 7 (Supplemental Exhibit). The Supplemental Exhibit reflects modifications made by the Public Staff to four of its recommended performance based metrics: Timely Completion of CIP Projects, Completion of CIP Projects on Budget, Safe Drinking Water Act Compliance, and Clean Water Act Compliance. The modifications are provided in recognition of the Commission's comments and questions during the evidentiary hearing in this matter indicating that the parties had failed to recommend sufficiently robust performance based metrics that will promote innovation, address rising rates, and incentivize good Company performance. The Public Staff requests that the Commission consider the Supplemental Exhibit in its deliberations and decision on performance based metrics in this docket.

By copy of this letter, I am forwarding copies to all parties of record.

Sincerely,

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