

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 573

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc.,)
202 MacKenan Court, Cary, North Carolina)
27511, 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)
	ORDER GRANTING
	EXTENSION OF TIME TO
	FILE PROPOSED ORDERS
	AND BRIEFS

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On June 30, 2022, Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua or Company) filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to adjust and increase its rates for providing water and sewer utility service in all of its North Carolina service areas and for approval to establish and implement a three-year Water and Sewer Investment Plan (WSIP) pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.1B and Commission Rule R1-17A.

On January 19, 2023, the Commission issued a Notice of Due Date for Proposed Orders and/or Briefs, which required the parties to file proposed orders or briefs on or before February 20, 2023.

On February 13, 2023, the Public Staff filed a motion requesting that the Commission extend the deadline for filing proposed orders and briefs to March 20, 2023. In support of the motion, the Public Staff states that due to the number and complexity of issues involved in this proceeding, the fact that this is one of two cases of first impression for approval of a WSIP, the recent filing by the parties of late filed exhibits, and the press of other business, additional time is needed to prepare proposed orders and briefs. The Public Staff indicates that it notified counsel for Aqua of its intent to request an extension of time but had not been made aware of the Company's position on its request as of the time of filing the motion. On February 16, 2023, Aqua contacted the Commission indicating that the Company agrees to waive its right to seek to implement its original proposed rates by operation of N.C.G.S. § 62-134(b) for a period of four weeks, corresponding to the four-week extension requested by the Public Staff.

Based upon the foregoing and the entire record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to grant the Public Staff's motion. The parties shall file proposed orders and/or briefs on or before March 20, 2023.

Further, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to accept Aqua's waiver of its right to seek to implement its original proposed rates by operation of N.C.G.S. § 62-134(b) for a period of four weeks.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 16th day of February, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tamika D. Conyers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk