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PLACE: Via Webex
DATE: Monday, October 24, 2022
DOCKET NO.: W-354, Sub 400
TIME: 6:30 p.m. - 6:35 p.m.
BEFORE: Commissioner Kimberly W. Duffley, Presiding
Commissioner Floyd B. McKissick, Jr.
Commissioner Karen M. Kemerait

IN THE MATTER OF:
Application by
Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina,
4944 Parkway Plaza Boulevard, Suite 375,
Charlotte, North Carolina 28217,
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

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A P P E A R A N C E S:
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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Good evening. Let
3 us come to order and go on the record. I am
4 Commissioner Kimberly W. Duffley, presiding
5 Commissioner for this hearing. With me this evening
6 are Commissioners Floyd B. McKissick, Jr., and Karen
7 M. Kemerait.

8 Tonight, the Commission will resume and
9 finalize the public witness hearing that began at
10 the Watauga County Courthouse in Boone, North
11 Carolina, in Docket Number W-354, Sub 400, In the
12 Matter of Application by Carolina Water Service,
13 Inc. of North Carolina for the Authority to Adjust
14 and Increase Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer
15 Utility Service in All Service Areas of North
16 Carolina and Approval of a Three-Year Water and
17 Sewer Investment Plan.

18 Due to safety concerns, I opened the
19 hearing and then recessed the hearing to tonight to
20 record via Webex the public witness testimony of
21 Mr. Tom Rigsby, the sole public witness in
22 attendance at the hearing in Watauga County.

23 Let the record reflect that Mr. Rigsby has
24 not yet called into this public witness hearing via

1 Webex.

2 Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute
3 138A, I remind members of the Commission of our duty
4 to avoid conflicts of interest, and inquire at this
5 time as to whether any Commissioner has a known
6 conflict of interest with respect to this docket?

7 (No response)

8 Let the record reflect that I have no such
9 conflict and that my fellow Commissioners have not
10 identified any such conflict.

11 I now call upon counsel for the parties to
12 announce their appearance for the record, beginning
13 with the Applicant.

14 MS. SANFORD: Good evening, Commissioner
15 Duffley. I'm Jo Anne Sanford with the Sanford Law
16 Office in Raleigh and I represent Carolina Water
17 Service, Inc. of North Carolina. With us tonight is
18 State President of Carolina Water Service, Mr. Don
19 Denton. We have some other staff people from the
20 Company on the line that I can't tell down the row
21 who they are, but I know we have some others who are
22 available as well. But Mr. Denton, as he has been
23 with the other hearings, is here tonight.

24 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Thank you,

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

1 Ms. Sanford.

2 Public Staff?

3 MR. LITTLE: Yes, Your Honor. John
4 Little, Staff Attorney with the Public Staff. And
5 also present is Charles Junis, the Director of the
6 Water, Sewer, and Telephone Division of the Public
7 Staff.

8 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Thank you,
9 Mr. Little.

10 And I will go ahead and check one more
11 time. Mr. McCoy, has Mr. Rigsby called in?

12 MR. McCOY: He has not.

13 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Okay. With that,
14 since there's no other business to conduct, this
15 hearing is adjourned.

16 (The proceedings were adjourned)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, KIM T. MITCHELL, do hereby certify that the proceedings in the above-captioned matter were taken before me, that I did report in stenographic shorthand the proceedings set forth herein, and the foregoing pages are a true and correct transcription to the best of my ability.

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