

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1226, SUB 4

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application by Fairfield Water Company)	
for Authority to Adjust and Increase)	JOINT MOTION TO CANCEL
Rates for Water Utility Service in Fairfield)	EVIDENTIARY HEARING
Water's Service Area in Henderson)	
County, North Carolina)	

Fairfield Water Company (Fairfield), by and through its owner George W. Morosani, and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff), by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers (collectively the Parties), move the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) to issue an order cancelling the Wednesday, July 10, 2024, evidentiary hearing. In support of this motion, the Parties respectfully show the Commission the following:

1. On January 16, 2024, Fairfield filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to increase its rates for providing water utility service in Fairfield's service area in Henderson County, North Carolina (Application). The Application states that Fairfield serves 12 customers (11 quadrplexes and one church) in the Fairfield service area. On April 5, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Customer Notice setting this matter for hearing on July 10, 2024.

2. The Parties have reached a settlement that resolves all issues in this matter. The Parties filed a Settlement Agreement and Stipulation (Stipulation) setting forth the terms of the settlement on Friday, May 31, 2024. The Public Staff also filed on May 31, the Joint Settlement Testimony and Exhibit of Public Staff witnesses Kuei Fen Sun, Patrick A. Fahey and Shashi M. Bhatta (Joint Settlement Testimony).
3. To date no other parties have intervened, and the only parties in this docket are the Public Staff and Fairfield. Neither the Company nor the Public Staff have information indicating there might be an intervention by any other party.
4. Because the Parties have reached agreement on all issues, and the Parties have waived cross-examination of each other's witnesses, there are no issues to be resolved through presentation of prefiled expert witness testimony at hearing, unless, of course, the Commission has questions for the Parties' witnesses.
5. The Stipulation and Joint Settlement Testimony provide a factual background and evidence sufficient to support an order without expert witness testimony.
6. Cancellation of the evidentiary hearing will serve administrative efficiency, save time, and save cost.

7. The Parties propose to file a Joint Proposed Order within 30 days of the filing of this motion.

WHEREFORE, the Parties move:

1. That the Commission cancel the evidentiary hearing scheduled for July 10, 2024;
2. That a Joint Proposed Order be submitted to the Commission by Friday, July 28, 2024; and
3. For such other and further relief as the Commission may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted, this the 31st day of May, 2024.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing Motion upon each of the parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record by emailing them an electronic copy or by causing a paper copy of the same to be hand-delivered or deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to each.

This the 31st day of May, 2024.

Electronically submitted
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