

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1259, SUB 5
DOCKET NO. W-1328, SUB 6

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Meadowlands)	
Development, LLC and Red Bird Utility)	
Operating Company, LLC, d/b/a Red)	ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION
Bird Water for Transfer of Public Utility)	OF TIME TO FILE TESTIMONY
Franchise in Meadowlands Subdivision)	
in Davidson County, North Carolina,)	
and for Approval of Rates)	

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On October 9, 2020, as amended October 21, 2020, Meadowlands Development, LLC (Meadowlands) and Red Bird Utility Operating Company, LLC d/b/a Red Bird Water (Red Bird) filed with the Commission a joint Application for Transfer of Public Utility Franchise and for Approval of Rates (Application) seeking authority to transfer the wastewater utility systems and public utility franchise serving the Meadowlands subdivision in Davidson County, North Carolina, from Meadowlands to Red Bird, and approval of rates. Meadowlands currently serves 558 residential flat-rate sewer customers.

On January 22, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearings, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Customer Notice (Scheduling Order) which, among other things, established the deadline for Public Staff and Intervenor testimony to be filed on or before Wednesday, February 28, 2024, and Red Bird's rebuttal testimony to be filed on or before Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

On February 28, 2024, the Public Staff filed a Motion for Extension of Time to file Testimony (Motion) requesting an extension of time to file its prefiled direct testimony on or before Friday, March 1, 2024. In support of its Motion, the Public Staff states that since the filing of Red Bird's prefiled testimony and exhibits, the Public Staff has conducted additional discovery. The parties now intend to engage in settlement discussions to resolve certain issues in dispute in this docket, and the Public Staff believes that the additional time in which to file its prefiled direct testimony will allow the parties opportunity to resolve these issues.

In connection with its Motion, the Public Staff also requests that the time for Red Bird to file any rebuttal testimony be extended by the same two-day interval to Thursday, March 21, 2024.

The Public Staff represents that Red Bird does not oppose its Motion.

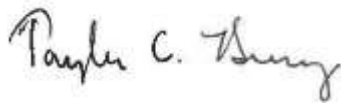
Based on the foregoing, and the entire record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to grant the Public Staff's motion to extend the deadline for filing its prefiled direct testimony to on or before Friday, March 1, 2024, and for Red Bird to file its rebuttal testimony on or before Thursday, March 21, 2024. With the exception of the specifically stated extensions, all other deadlines in the Scheduling Order remain as originally ordered.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 28th day of February, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Taylor C. Berry".

Taylor C. Berry, Deputy Clerk