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October 11, 2023

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

Via Electronic Delivery

Re: Application by Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina and Water Resource Management, LLC for Authority to Transfer the Echota Water Utility System, the Seven Devils Wastewater Utility System and Public Utility Franchise in Watauga County, North Carolina, and for Approval of Rates
Docket Nos. W-354, Sub 396 and W-1073, Sub 7
Verified Report Regarding Proposed Meter Installation Schedule for Echota Service Area and Efforts to Obtain Individual Customer Water Consumption Data

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina hereby files the Company's Response to Ordering Paragraph No. 6 of the final order entered by the Commission in Docket Nos. W-354, Sub 396 and W-1073, Sub 7. That order required the Company to file a report regarding its proposed meter installation schedule for the Echota service area and efforts to obtain individual customer water consumption data from the Town of Seven Devils for customers of the Seven Devils wastewater system.

CWSNCs Report is verified Gary Peacock, the Company's Director, State Operations - West Region.

I hereby certify that a copy of this filing has been served upon the formal parties to these dockets.

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As always, we thank you and your staff for your assistance; please feel free to contact me if there are questions or if additional information is required.

Electronically Submitted

/s/Jo Anne Sanford
North Carolina State Bar No. 6831
Attorney for Carolina Water Service, Inc. of
North Carolina

c: Parties of Record



Carolina Water Service
of North Carolina™

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Re: Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC or Company)
Proposed Meter Installation Schedule for the Echota service area and efforts to obtain consumption data from the Town of Seven Devils for customers of the Seven Devils wastewater system.

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Ordering Paragraph No. 6 in the final order issued by the Commission in Docket No. W-354, Sub 396 states the following:

6. That no later than 90 days after the effective date of this Order, CWSNC shall file a proposed meter installation schedule for the Echota service area based upon its comprehensive research and cost estimates currently available. CWSNC shall include in this filing a report on its additional efforts to obtain individual customer water consumption data from the Town of Seven Devils for customers of the Seven Devils wastewater system. Thereafter, CWSNC shall file quarterly update reports with the Commission regarding the meter installation project until installation is completed;

The Company hereby submits the following report.

Echota Meter Installation Cost and Schedule:

CWSNC has begun gathering information regarding costs, lead times, and an installation schedule for the Echota water system. The Company has not finalized the closing of this system yet, and the schedule and costs below are still being reviewed.

Expected costs to install ~675 new water meters to the units are as follows:

Meter Equipment Cost: \$370,937

Meter Setter Materials and Installation Cost: \$670,250

Captive/AFUDC: \$101,145

Contingency: \$187,734 (17.14%)

Total Estimated Cost: \$1,330,066

The estimated completion date is January 2025 and the schedule is provided below.

ID	Task Mode	Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish
1		Echota Water Meter Installation	319 days	Wed 9/27/23	Tue 12/17/24
2		Study	319 days	Wed 9/27/23	Tue 12/17/24
3		Quotes	4 days	Wed 9/27/23	Mon 10/2/23
4		Propogation Study Start	0 days	Tue 10/17/23	Tue 10/17/23
5		Propogation Study	12 wks	Tue 10/17/23	Mon 1/8/24
6		Propogation Study Complete	0 days	Tue 1/9/24	Tue 1/9/24
7		Procurement	190 days	Wed 10/18/23	Tue 7/9/24
8		Meters Ordered	1 day	Tue 1/9/24	Tue 1/9/24
9		Meters - Lead Time	8 mons	Wed 10/18/23	Tue 5/28/24
10		Setters Ordered	1 day	Tue 10/31/23	Tue 10/31/23
11		Setters - Lead Time	36 wks	Wed 11/1/23	Tue 7/9/24
12		Execution/Installation	144 days	Wed 5/29/24	Tue 12/17/24
13		Installation Start	0 days	Wed 5/29/24	Wed 5/29/24
14		Install Setters	10 wks	Wed 5/29/24	Tue 8/6/24
15		Install Meters	94 days	Wed 8/7/24	Mon 12/16/24
16		Installation Complete	0 days	Tue 12/17/24	Tue 12/17/24

Seven Devils Consumption Data:

CWSNC has contacted the Town of Seven Devils in an effort to receive regular water meter reads. The Town of Seven Devils has stated that they are unable to provide the public enterprise billing information due to G.S. 132-1.1. The Company continues to explore its options regarding this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (704) 525-5049.

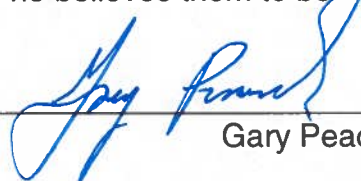
Respectfully submitted,

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 Gary Peacock
 Director, State Operations – West Region

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VERIFICATION

Gary Peacock, being duly sworn, deposes and says: that he is the Director, State Operations – West Region for Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina; that he is familiar with the facts set out in the attached Verified Report Regarding Proposed Meter Installation Schedule for Echota Service Area and Efforts to Obtain Individual Customer Water Consumption Data, filed in NCUC Docket Nos. W-354, Sub 396 and W-1073, Sub 7; that he has read the foregoing Verified Report and knows the contents thereof; and that the same are true of his knowledge except as to those matters stated therein on information and belief and, as to those, he believes them to be true.



Gary Peacock

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
the 10 day of October, 2023

 Donna Stegall
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 01/08/2024

