

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1034, SUB 13

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
Application by Water Resources, Inc., 6201)	
Fairview Road Suite 200, Charlotte, North)	MOTION TO EXCUSE
Carolina 28210, for Authority to Adjust and)	PUBLIC STAFF WITNESS
Increase Rates for Water Utility Service)	GREGORY REGER FROM
(Application) in Rocky River Plantation)	ATTENDING EVIDENTIARY
Subdivision in Cabarrus County and River)	HEARING
Walk Subdivision in Mecklenburg County,)	
North Carolina)	

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission, by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and moves that its witness be excused from attending the evidentiary hearing for Docket No. W-1034, Sub 13 scheduled for May 13, 2024.

In support of this motion, the Public Staff shows the following:

1. On December 29, 2023, Water Resources, Inc. (WRI or Company) filed an application with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) seeking authority to increase its rates for providing water utility service in Rocky River Plantation Subdivision in Cabarrus County and River Walk Subdivision in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. On January 3, 2024, the Applicant filed an amended application.

2. On March 1, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearings, Establishing Procedural and Filing Requirements, and Requiring Customer Notice (Scheduling Order). The Scheduling Order, among other things, provided that the Public Staff and any intervenors shall file direct testimony on or before April 12, 2024, and scheduled the evidentiary hearing on WRI's application to begin on Monday, May 13, 2024.

3. On April 12, 2024, the Public Staff filed the Affidavit of witness Gregory Reger.

4. Decretal paragraph 11 of the Commission's Scheduling Order also required that WRI consult with all parties and file, not later than May 6, 2024, a list of witnesses to be called at the expert witness hearing, the order of witnesses, and each party's estimated time for cross-examination of each witness.

5. On May 6, 2024, the Public Staff and WRI filed a list of witnesses they intend to cross examine and the estimated times for cross-examination of those witnesses listed.

6. The Company did not include Public Staff witness Gregory Reger on its list of witnesses it intends to cross examine.

7. The Public Staff, therefore, moves that witness Reger be excused from attending the evidentiary hearing and that the pre-filed Affidavit of witness Reger be admitted into evidence.

8. The Public Staff contacted counsel for WRI and has been authorized to represent that the Company does not object to this motion.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff respectfully requests:

1. That the Commission excuse Public Staff witness Gregory Reger from attending the evidentiary hearing in Docket No. W-1034, Sub 13; and
2. That the pre-filed Affidavit of witness Reger be accepted and admitted into evidence.

Respectfully submitted this the 8th day of May, 2024.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Motion on all parties of record in accordance with Commission Rule R1-39, by United States mail, postage prepaid, first class; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement with the receiving party.

This the 8th day of May, 2024.

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