

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 412

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application for Approval of Business)	
Combination between Carolina Water)	MOTION OF
Service, Inc. of North Carolina/Corix)	THE PUBLIC STAFF
Infrastructure (US) and SW Merger)	
Acquisition Corp.)	

NOW COMES the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff), pursuant to North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) Rules R1-5 and R1-7, and respectfully moves to excuse the appearance of Public Staff witness June Chui at the expert witness hearing and allow Public Staff witness Lynn Feasel to sponsor the areas of the joint testimony and exhibit pre-filed in the above-captioned proceeding originally addressed by Ms. Chui. In support of this motion, the Public Staff respectfully shows the Commission the following:

1. On November 23, 2022, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina, Corix Infrastructure (US) Inc., and SW Merger Acquisition Corp. (collectively, Applicants) filed with the Commission an Application for Approval of a Business Combination.

2. On April 25, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearings, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Customer Notice (Scheduling Order).

3. On June 30, 2023, in accordance with the Scheduling Order, the Public Staff filed the joint testimony of Lynn Feasel, Financial Manager, Accounting Division; June Chui, Public Utilities Regulatory Analyst, Accounting Division; Lindsay Q. Darden, Public Utilities Engineer, Water, Sewer, and Telephone Division; and John R. Hinton, Director, Economic Research Division.

4. As set forth in the joint testimony, Ms. Feasel is familiar with the subject matter of this docket and with the content of the joint testimony. She will be able to answer questions from the Commission and the Applicants at the expert witness hearing in the same capacity as Ms. Chui.

5. Given that Ms. Feasel would address the areas of the joint testimony and exhibit previously addressed by Ms. Chui in this docket, no party will be prejudiced by this motion.

6. The Public Staff notified the Applicants and no party objected to this motion or the relief requested herein.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff respectfully requests that Ms. Chui be excused, Ms. Feasel be allowed to address the areas of the joint testimony and exhibit pre-filed in this proceeding originally addressed by Ms. Chui, and that Ms. Feasel be permitted to testify in place of Ms. Chui at the expert witness hearing on this matter.

Respectfully submitted this 25th day of July, 2023.

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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 25th day of July, 2023.

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