



**NORTH CAROLINA  
PUBLIC STAFF  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

October 8, 2023

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
4325 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

Re: Docket No. W-354, Sub 399 – Application by Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Water Utility Service to the Carteret County Water System, and for Approval of Rates

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph No. 7 of the Commission's Order Granting Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, Approving Rates, and Requiring Compliance Filing, Bond, and Customer Notice issued on August 29, 2023, in the above-referenced docket, the Public Staff has worked with CWSNC and recommends a bond of \$75,000 for the Carteret County Water System consistent with the considerations identified in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.3. The System consists of two water systems, North River/Mill Creek and Merrimon, and serves over 1,250 water utility customers. These considerations further include the number of water and wastewater franchises CWSNC holds in North Carolina, CWSNC's record of operation, the number of customers CWSNC serves in North Carolina, the amount of bond already posted by CWSNC, and the condition of the Carteret County water utility systems. By copy of this letter, I am forwarding a copy to all parties of record by electronic delivery.

Sincerely,

Electronically submitted  
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