

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1049, SUB 25
DOCKET NO. W-1328, SUB 2

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of A&D Water Services, Inc.)	
and Red Bird Utility Operating Company,)	ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION
LLC, d/b/a Red Bird Water for Transfer of)	OF TIME TO FILE REBUTTAL
Public Utility Franchise, and for Approval)	TESTIMONY
of Rates)	

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On October 9, 2020, Red Bird Utility Operating Company, LLC d/b/a Red Bird Water (Red Bird), and A&D Water Service, Inc. (A&D), filed with the Commission an Application for Transfer of Public Utility Franchise and for Approval of Rates (Application) seeking authority to transfer the water and/or wastewater utility systems and public utility franchise serving the Buffalo Meadows, Camelot, Cinnamon Woods, High Vista, Hunters Glen, Kirk Glen, Mountain Valley, Rolling Oaks Estates, Sherwood Forest, Skyview Park, and White Oak Village subdivisions, in Ashe, Henderson, Buncombe, Transylvania and Gaston Counties, North Carolina from A&D to Red Bird and approval of rates.

On January 23, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearings, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Customer Notice (Scheduling Order) that, among other things, established the deadline for Red Bird's prefiled rebuttal testimony to be filed on or before Friday, March 15, 2024.

On March 14, 2024, Red Bird filed a Motion for Extension of Time to file Rebuttal Testimony (Motion) requesting an extension of time to file its rebuttal testimony on or before Tuesday, March 19, 2024. In support of its Motion, Red Bird states subsequent to the filing of Red Bird's Application in this docket, the parties engaged in substantial discovery regarding the matters addressed in the Application, supplemental and additional materials filed in support of the Application. Additionally, since the filing of Red Bird's prefiled testimony and exhibits, on February 7, 2024, and the Public Staff's prefiled testimony and exhibits on March 6, 2024, the parties have conducted additional discovery. The parties have engaged in settlement discussions to resolve certain issues in dispute in this docket, and Red Bird believes that the additional time to file its rebuttal testimony will allow the parties the opportunity to resolve these issues.

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

Based on the foregoing, and the entire record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to grant Red Bird's Motion and allow it to file its rebuttal testimony on or before Tuesday, March 19, 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 14th day of March, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "A. Shonta Dunston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk