

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1297, SUB 14

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
MRT-1, LLC,)	
Complainant)	
)	ORDER GRANTING
v.)	EXTENSION OF TIME
)	
Harkers Island Sewer Company,)	
Respondent)	

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: This proceeding was instituted by the filing of a complaint with the Commission on May 2, 2019, by Pinnacle Bank, as successor by merger with Bank of North Carolina, against Harkers Island Sewer Company (Respondent). Pursuant to the Commission's Order of October 22, 2020, MRT-1, LLC (Complainant), was substituted as the party-complainant.

On December 18, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Establishing Procedural Schedule, and Adopting Discovery Guidelines. That Order required, among other things, that the direct testimony and exhibits of Respondent shall be filed on or before Monday, March 29, 2021 and requires that the rebuttal testimony and exhibits of Complainant shall be filed on or before Monday, April 12, 2021. By the same Order, the Commission scheduled this matter for hearing on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

On Monday, March 29, 2021, the date Respondent's testimony and exhibits were due, Respondent filed a motion for an extension of time to make said filings stating that it needs additional time to file direct testimony and exhibits due to the impacts of COVID-19 on Respondent's work duties, on coordinating and meeting with Respondent's engineer, and on coordinating and meeting with Respondent's legal counsel. In its Motion, Respondent states that Complainant MRT-1, LLC, does not oppose the motion so long as it is granted one additional week for the filing of rebuttal testimony and exhibits. No other parties have intervened in this matter.

Based on the record and the pending April 27 hearing date, the Presiding Commissioner finds cause to extend the deadline for Respondent to file direct testimony and exhibits until Friday, April 2, 2021, on the express condition that a full and complete copy is provided to MRT's counsel via email no later than 5:00 pm on Friday,

April 2, 2021¹. The Presiding Commissioner also extends the time for Complainant to file rebuttal testimony and exhibits until Friday, April 16, 2021.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 30th day of March, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberley A. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk

¹ Because Friday, April 2, 2021, is a state holiday, the Commission will not receive Respondent's filing, and said filing will not be available to the Complainant or the public via the Commission's website, until Monday, April 5, 2021. Hence, the requirement that Respondent provide a full and complete copy of its filing to MRT's counsel via email no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, April 2, 2021, effectively allowing Complainant an identical four day extension as the extension granted to Respondent.