STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. W-1034, SUB 13

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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) ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION
) OF TIME TO FILE REBUTTAL
) TESTIMONY
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BY THE HEARING EXAMINER: On December 29, 2023, Water Resources, Inc. (Applicant or WRI), filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to increase its rates for providing water utility service in the Rocky River Plantation Subdivision (Rocky River) in Cabarrus County and the River Walk Subdivision (River Walk) in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. On January 3, 2024, the Applicant filed an amended application. On January 22, 2024, the Applicant filed a letter with the Commission updating the proposed effective date of the rates requested in its amended application. The Applicant provides water utility service to approximately 115 residential customers in the Rocky River service area and approximately 39 residential customers in the River Walk service area.

On March 1, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearings, Establishing Procedural and Filing Requirements, and Requiring Customer Notice (Scheduling Order), which requires, among other things, that WRI's rebuttal testimony and exhibits, if any, shall be filed on or before Friday, April 26, 2024.

On April 26, 2024, WRI sent an email to the Public Staff and Commission Staff requesting an extension of time until Monday, April 29, 2024, to file its rebuttal testimony. In support of its request, WRI provides that it has been working diligently to review the supporting workpapers provided by the Public Staff for the Public Staff's April 12, 2024 prefiled testimony and exhibits and to also review the Public Staff's supplemental testimony and exhibits filed earlier today. However, WRI states that it needs additional time to complete its review and prepare its rebuttal testimony. WRI also states that it is authorized to notify the Commission that the Public Staff does not object to WRI's request for an extension of time to file its rebuttal testimony.

Based on the foregoing and the entire record herein, the Hearing Examiner finds good cause to grant WRI's request and extend the deadline to file WRI's rebuttal testimony to Monday, April 29, 2024. All other terms and conditions of the Scheduling Order shall remain in effect as stated in the initial order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 26th day of April, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk