



**NORTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC STAFF
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

February 7, 2023

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

Re: Docket No. W-218, Sub 573 – Notice of Aqua North Carolina, Inc.'s
Intent to Place Temporary Rates in Effect Subject to an Undertaking
to Refund Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-135 and Request for
Approval of Notice and Undertaking

Dear Ms. Dunston:

On January 26, 2023, Aqua North Carolina, Inc., (Aqua or Company) filed a Notice of Intent to Place Temporary Rates in Effect Subject to an Undertaking to Refund Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-135 and Request for Approval of Notice and Undertaking (Notice). In its Notice, the Company requests that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) approve its proposed Notices to Customers which include the temporary rates to be implemented effective for service rendered on and after February 13, 2023.

On February 6, 2023, the Commission issued its Order Approving Public Notice of Temporary Rates Subject to an Undertaking to Refund (Order). The Order states that the Notices to Customers appended to the Order are approved for service rendered on and after February 13, 2023, and that Aqua shall mail or hand deliver to its customers copies of the applicable Notices to Customers within three days from the date of the Order.

On February 7, 2023, Aqua filed a Motion for Expedited Approval to Change Dates for Temporary Rates and the Related Customer Notices (Motion). In its Motion, the Company states that it will take eight days to prepare and mail the Notices to Customers, and requests authority to implement the temporary rates on February 15, 2023, or, in the alternative, on February 19, 2023. The Company's motion further states that the Company is informing the Public Staff of the Motion at the same time it is filing the Motion to determine whether the Public Staff will waive any objections.

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To better ensure that Aqua's customers receive the Notices to Customers before the temporary rates become effective, the Public Staff requests that the Commission authorize the Company to implement temporary rates no earlier than February 19, 2023.

By copy of this letter, I am forwarding copies to all parties of record.

Sincerely,

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cc: Parties of Record