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

Via Electronic Delivery

Re: Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina

Docket No. W-354, Sub 399

Request for Certificate of Convenience and

Necessity and for Approval of Rates Witness List and Time Estimates

Dear Ms. Dunston:

The Scheduling Order, issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) in this docket on September 13, 2022 directed the following in Ordering Paragraph 18 at page 8:

That CWSNC shall consult with all other parties and file, no later than Friday, April 7, 2023, a list of witnesses to be called at the expert witness hearing, the order of witnesses, and each party's estimated time for cross-examination. If the parties cannot agree, the remaining parties shall, no later than Monday, April 10, 2023, make a filing indicating their points of disagreement with CWSNC's filing.

Counsel for CWSNC has consulted with counsel for Carteret County and for the Public Staff, and has provided Commission counsel with a preliminary, informal report on some of the matters addressed herein. Recognizing that Friday, April 7th is a state holiday, this response to the Commission Scheduling order is being submitted to the Clerk's Office after hours on Thursday, April 6, and is simultaneously being provided to Commission counsel and all parties.

Please find below the order of witnesses and estimates of cross-examination times for Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina, Carteret County, and the Public Staff in the evidentiary hearing scheduled for April 11, 2023.

CAROLINA WATER SERVICE'S ORDER OF PRESENTATION OF ITS WITNESSES (<u>regarding Application only</u>), WITH ESTIMATE OF PUBLIC STAFF EXAMINATION TIME¹

Witness Public Staff Estimate

Panel: Denton and Schellinger² 20 minutes

PUBLIC STAFF'S ORDER OF PRESENTATION OF ITS WITNESSES FOR ITS TESTIMONY, WITH ESTIMATES OF CARTERET COUNTY & PUBLIC STAFF CROSS EXAMINATION TIME

Witness Public Staff Cross Estimate

Panel: Feasel and Junis CWSNC = 1 hour

Carteret County = 40 minutes

CARTERET COUNTY'S ORDER OF PRESENTATION OF ITS WITNESSES WITH ESTIMATES OF EXAMINATION FROM PUBLIC STAFF

Witness Public Staff Cross Estimate

Panel: Tommy Burns & Dee Meshaw 1 hour

CWSNC'S ORDER OF PRESENTATION OF WITNESSES ON REBUTTAL, WITH ESTIMATES OF EXAMINATION TIME FROM PUBLIC STAFF

Witness Public Staff Cross Estimate

Panel: Donald Denton &

Matthew Schellinger 1 hour

¹ Note that CWSNC did not submit Direct testimony. The Public Staff indicates it would like to examine the Company witnesses on the Application at the start of the proceeding. CWSNC is agreeable to offering the Panel for questions on the Application by the Public Staff and the Commission, reserving its right and stating its intention to offer them again as the closing panel on Rebuttal.

² All parties request the Commission's leave to present their witnesses as a panel.

I hereby certify that I have served all parties by electronic service and I thank you for your assistance. Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Electronically Submitted
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