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Via Electronic Submittal

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston
Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
430 N. Salisbury Street, Room 5063
Raleigh, NC 27603

Re: In the Matter of
Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc. for Authority to Adjust and
Increase Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Utility Service in All
Service Areas in North Carolina
Docket No. W-218, Sub 573
Response of Aqua to the Public Staff's Response on Refunds of Commission-
Authorized Temporary, Interim Rates Collected Under Bond Pursuant to
N.C.G.S. §62-135

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Attached for electronic filing in the above referenced docket, please find Aqua North Carolina, Inc.'s Response to the Public Staff's Response on Refunds of Commission-Authorized Temporary, Interim Rates Collected Under Bond Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §62-135.

As always, thank you and your staff for your assistance. Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,
/s/ David T. Drooz
David T. Drooz
Attorney for
Aqua North Carolina, Inc.

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Enclosures

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 573

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc.,
202 MacKenan Court, Cary, North
Carolina 27511, for Authority to Adjust and
Increase Rates for Water and Sewer Utility
Service in All Its Service Areas in North
Carolina) RESPONSE OF AQUA TO
) THE PUBLIC STAFF
) RESPONSE ON REFUNDS
) OF COMMISSION-
) AUTHORIZED
) TEMPORARY, INTERIM
) RATES COLLECTED
) UNDER BOND PURSUANT
) TO N.C.G.S. § 62-135

NOW COMES AQUA NORTH CAROLINA, INC. (“Aqua” or “Company”),
by and through the undersigned counsel, to respond to the “Response of the Public
Staff to Aqua Notice That No Refunds of Commission-Authorized Temporary,
Interim Rates Collected Under Bond Are Required Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-
135”, filed on September 28, 2023.

On July 28, 2023, Aqua filed a notice that no refunds were due related to
the interim rates that were authorized by the Commission effective February 19,
2023. In this filing, the Company compared the annual revenue requirements - by
rate entity – from the interim rates effective February 19, 2023, to the annual
revenue requirements from the final order. That analysis showed that, for each
rate division, the revenue requirement used for developing the rates under bond
was less than the amounts in the final rate order and thus no refunds were

warranted. This was consistent with the Company's no refund filing from Docket No. W-218, Sub 526.

Based on the NC Public Staff filing of September 28, 2023, the Company agrees to (1) issue refunds to Aqua Uniform Sewer customers charged under the Hawthorne at the Greene Apartments, Woodland Farm (Rocky Ridge), and Beaver Farms Subdivision – Mecklenburg County rate classification of \$1.07 per 1,000 gallons plus interest at a rate of 10% per annum, for usage during the effective period of temporary rates from February 19, 2023, through June 4, 2023; (2) that, prior to issuing refunds, Aqua consult with the Public Staff when determining whether refunds are necessary and, if so, the appropriate amount of refunds; and (3) that Aqua file notice in the subject docket within 14 days of issuing the required refunds.

Respectfully submitted this the 19th day of October 2023.

Electronically Submitted

/s/ David Drooz

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**ATTORNEY FOR AQUA NORTH
CAROLINA, INC.**


VERIFICATION

Shannon V. Becker, being duly sworn, deposes and says: that he is the President of Aqua North Carolina, Inc. and that he has read and is familiar with the facts set out in this RESPONSE OF AQUA TO THE PUBLIC STAFF RESPONSE ON REFUNDS OF COMMISSION-AUTHORIZED TEMPORARY, INTERIM RATES COLLECTED UNDER BOND ARE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. § 62-135; and that the same is true of his knowledge except as to those matters stated therein on information and belief, and as to those he believes them to be true.



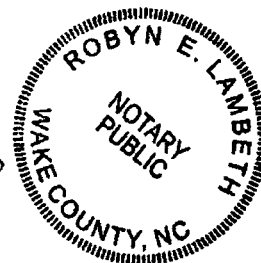
Shannon V. Becker, President

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
the 19th day of October, 2023.



Robyn E. Lambeth
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: May 13 2026



I signed this notarial certificate on October 19, 2023, according to the emergency video notarization requirements contained in G.S. 10B-25.

Notary Public location during video notarization: Wake County
Stated physical location of principal during video notarization: Wake County

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing RESPONSE OF AQUA TO THE PUBLIC STAFF RESPONSE ON REFUNDS OF COMMISSION-AUTHORIZED TEMPORARY, INTERIM RATES COLLECTED UNDER BOND ARE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. § 62-135; filed by Aqua North Carolina, Inc. in Docket No. W-218, Sub 573, has been served on each of the parties to this proceeding by emailing the parties or their counsel of record an electronic copy or by causing a paper copy of the same to be hand-delivered or deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to each.

This the 19th day of October, 2023.

**ATTORNEY FOR AQUA NORTH CAROLINA, INC.
Electronically Submitted**

/s/ David T. Drooz