STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 526A

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc.,)
202 MacKenan Court, Cary, North) MOTION OF THE PUBLIC STAFF
Carolina 27511, for Approval of Annual) FOR PARTICIPATION OF EXPERT
Adjustment to Conservation Pilot Program) WITNESSES IN ORAL ARGUMENT
Revenue Reconciliation Charge/Credit)

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff), by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and respectfully requests that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) permit the participation of expert witnesses in the oral argument scheduled in the above-captioned docket on May 16, 2022. In support of this motion, the Public Staff shows unto the Commission:

- 1. On May 4, 2022, the Commission issued an order directing the parties to file verified responses to nine questions regarding the Conservation Pilot Program Annual Reconciliation Request (Reconciliation Request) filed by Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua or the Company), on February 14, 2022, and related subsequent filings by Aqua and the Public Staff. Some of the questions were highly technical, relating to the calculation of a refund based on numerous inputs.
- 2. The Commission's May 4, 2022 Order also schedules this matter for oral argument on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

3. The Public Staff requests permission for the parties to have one or more expert witnesses present at the oral argument to respond to any technical questions from the Commission. The Public Staff believes that permitting expert witnesses to participate in the oral argument will help to ensure that the Commission receives complete answers to its questions.

4. The Public Staff contacted Aqua and is authorized to represent that the Company does not object to the Public Staff's request.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff moves:

1. That the Public Staff and Aqua be permitted to have one or more technical witnesses present at the oral argument to respond to any technical questions from the Commission.

2. For such other and further relief as the Commission may deem just and proper.

This the 11th day of May, 2022.

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Electronically submitted /s/ Megan Jost Staff Attorney

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Motion on all parties of record in accordance with Commission Rule R1-39, by United States mail, postage prepaid, first class; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 11th day of May, 2022.

Electronically submitted /s/ Megan Jost