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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 364

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application by Carolina Water Service, Inc. of) PUBLIC STAFF'S MOTION North Carolina, 4944 Parkway Plaza Boulevard,) Suite 375, Charlotte, North Carolina 28217, for Authority to Adjust and Increase Rates for) Water and Sewer Utility Service in All of Its Service Areas in North Carolina

FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PROPOSED ORDER

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF - North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff), by and through its Chief Counsel, David Drooz, and moves that the Commission issue an order granting the Public Staff and all parties to this proceeding additional time to file proposed orders in the above-captioned docket. In support of this Motion, the Public Staff respectfully shows unto the Commission:

1. On June 28, 2018, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina. (Applicant or CWSNC), filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to adjust and increase its rates for providing water and sewer utility service in all of its service areas in North Carolina for approval of a Conservation Rate Pilot Program, and for modification to certain terms and conditions for providing water and sewer service

2. On July 15, 2019, the Commission issued its Order Suspending Rates and Establishing a General Rate Case.

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3. On August 2, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearings and Requiring Customer Notice.

4. An evidentiary hearing was held as scheduled by Commission Order on December 2, 2019. At the close of the evidentiary hearing, Chair Tonola Brown-Bland requested that all parties file proposed orders within 30 days of the filing of the last hearing transcript or January 6, whichever is later. The last transcript of the evidentiary hearing was filed on December 9, 2019, and, therefore, proposed orders are to be filed by January 8, 2020.

5. The Public Staff and the Company are still in the process of determining an agreed upon amount of regulatory commission expense, related to settled issues, that was to be reflected in the Partial Joint Settlement Agreement and Stipulation filed on November 27, 2019. The Public Staff will need this information to prepare late-filed exhibits that reflect its updated revenue requirement, which incorporates all settled and unsettled issues in this docket. The Public Staff also intends to file a schedule of rates, based on the updated revenue requirement.

6. Because the Company and the Public Staff are still in the process of determining an agreed upon level of regulatory commission expense, the Public Staff needs an extension until Friday, January 10, 2020, to file a proposed order and accompanying schedules.

7. There is no opposition to this request for an extension of time.

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WHEREFORE, the Public Staff respectfully requests:

1. That the Commission approve an extension of time to January 10,

2020, for the Public Staff and all other parties to file Proposed Orders;

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

and proper.

Respectfully submitted, this the 6th day of January, 2020.

PUBLIC STAFF David T. Drooz Chief Counsel

<u>Electronically submitted</u> Gina C. Holt Staff Attorney <u>gina.holt@psncuc.nc.gov</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this Motion for Extension of Time has been served on all parties of record or their attorneys, or both, by electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 6th day of January, 2020.

Electronically submitted Gina C. Holt