

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 497

In the Matter of)	
Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc.,)	MOTION FOR
202 MacKenan Court, Cary, North Carolina)	EXTENSION OF
27511, for Authority to Adjust and Increase)	TIME TO FILE
Rates for Water and Sewer Utility Service in)	PROPOSED ORDERS
All Service Areas in North Carolina)	

NOW COMES Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (“Aqua” or “Company”), by and through counsel, to request that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission” or “NCUC”) grant the Company and all other parties an extension of time until Tuesday, October 30, 2018, to file Proposed Orders in this docket.

In support of this request, Aqua respectfully states the following:

1. The Commission, by ruling from the bench on September 25, 2018, directed that Proposed Orders be due by Tuesday, October 23, 2018, which is 28 days from the close of evidentiary hearing. Aqua acquiesced without objection, aspiring to file the Proposed Order as soon as possible in the pursuit of the opportunity for rate relief and mindful of the amount of time this case has consumed, for all involved. Despite diligent effort on the part of all Aqua counsel and Company personnel, the available time is insufficient to complete the task of developing the Proposed Order. Additional time is required and thus requested herein.
2. The hearing in this case took parts of three weeks and included examination of over fifteen (15) witnesses. The transcripts number sixteen (16)

volumes, the issues remaining in controversy at close of hearing were significant in number and complexity, and even the late-filed exhibits have turned out to be extensive.

3. An extension of the due date for Proposed Orders until Tuesday, October 30th affords the parties thirty-five (35) days from close of hearing to complete and file their proposals and allows the Commission two months to deliberate and issue its order on or prior to the January 1, 2019 expiration of the statutory 270-day period.

4. As the Commission noted in its scheduling order of April 5, 2018, “Aqua has voluntarily extended the date upon which it would be entitled to place temporary rates into effect under bond pursuant to G.S. 62-135(a) until November 9, 2018.” See “*Order Establishing General Rate Case, Suspending Rates, Scheduling Hearings, And Requiring Public Notice,*” p. 1. This waiver was agreed upon to resolve scheduling issues variously posed by Aqua, by the Public Staff, and by the Commission. The duration of the waiver was for 34 days---or from October 6, 2018.

5. The Public Staff agrees with this request for Extension of Time and neither the Attorney General nor Mr. Galamb object.

6. The attorney for Aqua, upon whom all pleadings and notices should be served, is:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing **Motion for Extension of Time to File Proposed Orders**, by electronic or hand delivery, to:

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