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Re: Docket No. W-354, Sub 399 – Application by Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina, 5821 Fairview Road, Suite 401, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Water Utility Service to the Carteret County Water System, and for Approval of Rates

Dear Ms. Sanford:

The Public Staff has reviewed the application filed in the above-referenced docket on August 2, 2022, by Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC or the Company). Based on its review, the Public Staff has identified the following material deficiencies that must be addressed in order for the application to be complete:

1. Application, page 1, lists reconnection charges of \$42 on lines 16 and 17 that are different from the \$30 listed in the Revised Form Application Exhibit 12 filed in Docket No. W-354, Sub 398, on August 11, 2022.
2. Application, page 1, line 19, states “[o]ther charges as approved by the Commission.” N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62.133.1A.(c)(8) states in pertinent part that, “[t]he selling utility’s rates shall be the rates charged to the customers of the acquiring public utility until the acquiring public utility’s next general rate case, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission for good cause shown.” It is not clear what other charges the Company is proposing to charge.

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3. Application, page 2, line 3, lists the number of days after billing that bills are past due as 45 days and this is different from the 21 days listed in the Revised Form Application Exhibit 12 filed in Docket No. W-354, Sub 398, on August 11, 2022.
4. The application includes a list of exhibits that must be attached to the application.
 - a. CWSNC is required to “[e]nclose a copy of a letter from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources granting approval of the plans for each water system.” CWSNC’s application states, “See attached Exhibit 4.” Exhibit 4 is the 2022 Permit to Operate a Community Public Water System for both the Merrimon and North River/Mill creek water systems, however, the letters approving the plans for each water system were not provided.
 - b. CWSNC is required to “[e]nclose a copy of a Division of Environmental Health (DEH) report on a chemical analysis of untreated water from each well.” CWSNC’s application states, “See attached Exhibit 6, 6(a), and 6(b).” Exhibit 6, 6(a), and 6(b) are volatile organic and inorganic chemical analysis results of the treated water, however, the chemical analysis results of the untreated water were not provided.

The Public Staff considers the Company’s application incomplete as filed for the reasons set forth above.

In order that the Public Staff may complete its review of the Company’s application and make a recommendation to the Commission, please file with the Commission and provide to the Public Staff the information described in items 1 through 4 above.

If you have any questions, please contact William E. H. Creech at (919) 733-0974. CWSNC personnel are welcome to contact Chuck Junis at (919) 733-0891 for engineering-related questions or Lynn Feasel at (919) 733-0943 for accounting-related questions.

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Sincerely,

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