

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 497

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Aqua North Carolina,)
Inc., for Authority to Adjust and) ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION
Increase Rates for Water and Sewer) OF TIME TO FILE REPORT AND
Utility Service in All Service Areas in) REVISING FUTURE REPORTING DATES
North Carolina)

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On December 18, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Approving Partial Settlement Agreement and Stipulation, Granting Partial Rate Increase, and Requiring Customer Notice (Order) in the above-captioned proceeding. In pertinent part, the Order required Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua NC or Company), to file certain written reports on or before February 1, 2019.

On January 3, 2019, Aqua NC filed a Motion for Extension of Time and Request to Change Future Filing Dates for Semi-Annual Reports Regarding Secondary Water Quality Concerns (Motion). In the Motion, Aqua NC states that pursuant to Decretal Paragraph No. 10 of the General Rate Case Order issued on December 18, 2018, in Docket No. W-218, Sub 497, Aqua and the Public Staff are required to jointly file their Tenth Semi-Annual Report Regarding Secondary Water Quality Concerns on or before Friday, February 1, 2019. The report will cover the six-month reporting period ended December 31, 2018. The Eleventh Semi-Annual Report is now due to be filed on or before Thursday, August 1, 2019. These Reports were previously required to be filed by February 15th and August 15th of each year. Thus, in the Sub 497 General Rate Case Order, the Commission adjusted the annual filing dates for these reports to make them due February 1 and August 1, or 14 days earlier than the current filing dates.

Aqua NC acknowledges that historically there has been difficulty meeting the February 15th and August 15th filing dates, which resulted in requests for extension of time. The information and data necessary to prepare the reports is generally not available to Aqua NC for a week or more after the close of the reporting periods. Moreover, the reports must be jointly prepared and reviewed by both Aqua NC and the Public Staff prior to filing. Because the current preparation period of approximately 45 days has frequently been insufficient to allow timely filings, Aqua NC requests that the Commission (1) grant the Company an extension of time until Friday, March 1, 2019, to file its Tenth Semi-Annual Secondary Water Quality Report in this docket; and (2) to revise the filing dates for future Semi-Annual Reports to March 1 and September 1 of each year. Aqua NC represents to the Commission that the Public Staff supports this request and that both the Attorney General and Pro se Intervenor Eric Galamb do not oppose it.

After reviewing the record, including Aqua NC's Motion, the Presiding Commissioner concludes that good cause exists to grant the extension of time and to revise the filing dates for future Semi-Annual Reports.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Aqua NC is granted an extension of time from February 1, 2019, until and including March 1, 2019, to file its Tenth Semi-Annual Secondary Water Quality Report as ordered in this docket;

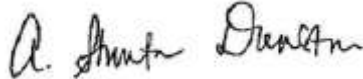
2. That the future Semi-Annual Secondary Water Quality Reports are revised to be filed by Aqua NC with the Commission on March 1 and September 1 of each year; and

3. That this Order shall be served on all the parties by electronic mail, delivery confirmation requested.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 4th day of January, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



A. Shonta Dunston, Acting Deputy Clerk