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Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 4325 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325

Via Electronic Delivery

Re: Motion to Withdraw as Counsel Docket No. W-218, Sub 272 Docket No. W-218, Sub 319 Docket No. W-218, Sub 325 Docket No. W-218, Sub 327 Docket No. W-218, Sub 526 Docket No. W-218, Sub 539 Docket No. W-218, Sub 557 Docket No. W-218, Sub 558 Docket No. W-218, Sub 559 Docket No. W-218, Sub 561 Docket No. W-218, Sub 570 Docket No. W-218, Sub 571 Docket No. W-218, Sub 572 Docket No. W-218, Sub 573 Docket No. W-218, Sub 573A Docket No. W-218 Sub 577

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed please find a Motion requesting that Jo Anne Sanford and the firm of Sanford Law Office, PLLC be allowed to withdraw as counsel for Aqua North Carolina, Inc./Aqua America, Inc. / Essential Utilities ("Aqua companies") in the above-referenced dockets, as well as in any other dockets---not yet closed---in which the undersigned or her firm has participated on behalf of the Aqua companies.

As always, I thank you and your staff for your assistance; please feel free to contact me if there are questions or if additional information is required.

Electronically Submitted

/s/Jo Anne Sanford

North Carolina State Bar No. 6831

Attorney of Record for Aqua North Carolina, Inc., Aqua America, Inc., and Essential Utilities (Aqua companies)

c: Public Staff
Parties of Record

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the attached Motion was served electronically or by depositing a copy of the same in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, at the addresses contained in the official service lists in these proceedings.

This the 3d day of January, 2024.

/s/ Jo Anne Sanford

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