

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 428

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application by Carolina Water Service, Inc.	)	
of North Carolina for a Certificate of Public	)	ORDER CANCELING
Convenience and Necessity and for	)	PREFILING OF TESTIMONY
Approval of Rates to Provide Sewer Utility	)	AND EXPERT WITNESS
Service to Kimeplex Park in Carteret	)	HEARING
County, North Carolina	)	

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On October 3, 2023, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC) filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of Rates (Application) to provide sewer utility service to Kimeplex Park in Carteret County, North Carolina. CWSNC filed supplemental information on December 13, 2023.

On February 12, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing and Establishing Discovery Guidelines (Scheduling Order), which among other things, scheduled a hearing for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony to begin on July 1, 2024. The Scheduling Order also required CWSNC to prefile direct testimony and exhibits by May 2, 2024, required the Public Staff and intervenors to prefile direct testimony and exhibits by May 22, 2024, and required CWSNC to file any rebuttal testimony and exhibits by June 11, 2024.

On March 19, 2024, CWSNC and the Public Staff (collectively, the Parties) filed a joint motion to cancel the requirement for prefiled testimony and cancel the expert witness hearing in this proceeding. In support of the motion, the Parties state that they have reached an agreement to recommend approval of the Application and, therefore, there are no contested issues to be resolved through the presentation of prefiled expert witness testimony. The Parties further state that the verified Application, as amended, provides a factual background sufficient to support approval without expert witness testimony. The Parties indicate that the Public Staff plans to submit this matter as an agenda item for the Commission's regular Staff Conference in lieu of a hearing. The Parties represent that excusing the requirement to prefile expert witness testimony will promote administrative efficiency and save time and costs.

On April 8, 2024, the Public Staff submitted this matter as an agenda item at the Commission's regular Staff Conference with a recommendation to grant the Application. The Commission moved and passed that the Public Staff's recommendation be adopted.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to cancel the requirement for prefiled testimony in this matter and cancel the expert witness hearing scheduled for Monday, July 1, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 8th day of April, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tamika D. Conyers". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk