

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.,)
202 MacKenan Court, Cary, North)
Carolina 27511, for Authority to Adjust)
and Increase Rates for Water and Sewer)
Utility Service in All Service Areas in)
North Carolina)

MOTION OF THE PUBLIC
STAFF FOR AN EXTENSION
OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSE

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission, by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and moves for an extension of time to and including Friday, June 7, 2019, to file its response to the Commission’s Order Clarifying Rate Base Reduction Concerning CIAC and Requesting Response issued on May 17, 2019. In support of this motion the Public Staff respectfully shows unto the Commission:

1. On May 9, 2019, the Clerk’s Office accepted for filing what the Commission subsequently referred to as the Public Staff’s Motion for Clarification. The Public Staff’s motion requested clarification from the Commission regarding the \$2,000,925 in contributions in aid of construction (CIAC) collected by Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua NC), from the developers of the Buffalo Creek development through the date of the evidentiary hearing in this docket.

2. On May 14, 2019, Aqua NC filed comments in which it reserved the right to file a response to any future order of the Commission’s regarding the Public Staff’s Motion for Clarification and any filing by the Public Staff regarding the

affidavit of Aqua NC Controller II Edward P. Thill.

3. On May 17, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Clarifying Rate Base Reduction Concerning CIAC and Requesting Response. The Order “confirms the Public Staff’s interpretation of the Rate Order that the entire amount of [‘YTD 2018’ CIAC in the amount of \$2,000,925] (less amortization) reduced the rate base for Aqua NC Sewer Operations in the general rate proceeding.” Further, the Order requests that the Public Staff file a response indicating the “precise amount of the \$2,000,925 which is included in the supplemental exhibit of Public Staff witness Cooper filed on September 13, 2018” within five business days.

4. Due to exigent circumstances involving Public Staff personnel, the Public Staff is in need of two additional weeks to complete its response in compliance with the Commission’s May 17, 2019 Order. The Public Staff, therefore, requests an extension of time to and including Friday, June 7, 2019, to file its response in this docket. Aqua NC and the North Carolina Attorney General do not object to this request.¹

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff prays:

1. For an extension of time to and including Friday, June 7, 2019, to file its response in compliance with the Commission’s May 17, 2019 Order Clarifying Rate Base Reduction Concerning CIAC and Requesting Response.

2. For such other and further relief as the Commission may deem just and proper.

¹ On May 24, 2019, the Public Staff asked all parties of record via email whether they objected to the Public Staff’s Motion for Extension of Time to File Response. One party, Intervenor Eric Galamb, had not responded as of the time of filing of this motion.

This the 24th day of May, 2019.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this Motion of the Public Staff for an Extension of Time to File Response has been served on all parties of record or their attorneys, or both, by United States mail, first class or better; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 24th day of May, 2019.

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