

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1300, SUB 97

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application of Old North State Water)
Company, LLC for a Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity to Provide Water)
Utility Service to Baker Farms Subdivision in)
Franklin County, North Carolina and for)
Approval of Rates)
	ORDER CANCELING PREFILING OF TESTIMONY AND EXPERT WITNESS HEARING

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On January 23, 2024, Old North State Water Company, LLC (ONSWC) filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of Rates (Application) to provide water utility service to the Baker Farms subdivision in Franklin County, North Carolina in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110. On January 25, 2024, ONSWC filed confidential portions of the Application, and on February 27, 2024, ONSWC filed an amendment to the Application.

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 on the Application to begin on August 26, 2024. The Scheduling Order required ONSWC to prefile direct testimony and exhibits by June 27, 2024, required the Public Staff and intervenors to prefile direct testimony and exhibits by July 17, 2024, and required ONSWC to file any rebuttal testimony and exhibits by August 6, 2024.

On March 13, 2024, ONSWC 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 issues to be resolved through the presentation of prefiled expert witness testimony. The Parties state that the Public Staff plans to submit this matter as an agenda item for the Commission's regular Staff Conference, with a recommendation to grant the Application. The Parties represent that excusing the requirement to prefile expert witness testimony will serve administration efficiency and save time and costs.

On March 18, 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, August 26, 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 18th day of March, 2024

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tamika D. Conyers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk