

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-390, SUB 13  
DOCKET NO. W-390, SUB 14  
DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 358

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Request by Public Staff for )  
Appointment of Carolina Water )  
Service, Inc. of North Carolina as )  
Emergency Operator of the Riverbend )  
Estates Water System, Inc. in Macon )  
County, North Carolina )

STIPULATION

In the Matter of )  
Application for Transfer of Public Utility )  
Franchise from Riverbend Estates )  
Water System, Inc., to Carolina Water )  
Service, Inc. of North Carolina and )  
Approval of Rates )

NOW COMES the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) and Riverbend Estates Water System, Inc. (REWS) and enter into the following Stipulation:

1. On February 22, 2018, the Public Staff filed with the Commission a Proposed Order Approving Transfer, Granting Franchise, Approving Rates, and Requiring Customer Notice (Proposed Order) in these three dockets.

2. On March 2, 2018, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (Carolina Water) filed a letter with the Commission agreeing to the Proposed Order including:

- a. the rates in the Proposed Order;
- b. in order to provide without further filing or hearing quicker rate reduction to the customers of the Riverbend Estates water system, that the rates in the Proposed Order shall be effective the date of the Commission's order approving the transfer and rates; and

c. that Carolina Water participated in the preparation of the Proposed Order and supports and endorses the Proposed Order.

3. That the Public Staff and REWS agree that ordering paragraph no. 4 of the Proposed Order should be modified to read:

"4. The Schedule of Rates attached as Appendix B is approved for water utility service in Riverbend Estates Subdivision, effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Order."

4. That it is not necessary for the Commission to hold another hearing in Franklin, North Carolina, prior to issuing the Commission's transfer Order.

5. That REWS agrees with the Proposed Order as modified in Carolina Water's March 2, 2018 letter, and this Stipulation, and requests the Commission issue the Proposed Order as modified.

The foregoing is agreed and stipulated to, this the 7 day of March, 2018.

Riverbend Estates Water System, Inc.

By: 

Stuart Sloan, Attorney for Riverbend Estates Water System, Inc.

Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission

By: 

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