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July 31, 2023

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 4325 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

**Via Electronic Delivery** 

Re: Docket No. W-354, Sub 400

> Application by CWSNC for Authority to Adjust and Increase Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Utility Service in All Service Areas of North Carolina and Approval of a Three-Year Plan

> > Regarding Temporary Rates Under Bond---Notice of Refunds

Via Bill Credit

Dear Ms. Dunston:

By its Order Approving Customer Notice of Temporary Rates Subject to an Undertaking to Refund, of January 20, 2023, the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Commission") authorized Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina ("CWSNC" or "Company) to impose temporary rates under bond, consistent with N.C.Gen. Stat. § 62-135. The Commission also required that CWSNC would refund to its customers any rates found to be excessive, plus up to 10% interest per annum.

CWSNC advised the Public Staff that all its temporary rates under bond were lower than those confirmed in the Commission's May 12, 2023 Order Approving Schedules of Rates, Schedules of Connection Fees, and Customer except for those imposed in the Bradfield Farms/Fairfield Harbour commercial sewer consumption charge. On June 7, 2023, the Company requested authority from the Commission to make those refunds by bill credit and on July 6, 2023, the Public Staff filed a letter in the docket indicating it had no

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objection to CWSNC's refund plan. On July 12, 2023, the Commission issued an order approving the refund plan and requiring that notice be filed when the refunds are complete.

CWSNC hereby notifies the Commission that refunds have been made in the manner requested---in the amount of \$139.20, plus interest---to fifteen commercial sewer customers in the Bradfield Farms/Fairfield Harbour service areas.

As always, thank you and your staff for your assistance; please feel free to contact me if there are any questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,

**Electronically Submitted** Sanford Law Office, PLLC

**/s/Jo Anne Sanford** N.C. State Bar No. 6831

**Attorney for CWSNC** 

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing Notice of Refund, filed by Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina in Docket No. W-354, Sub 400, has been served on the Public Staff.

This the 31st day of July, 2023.

**Electronically Submitted** 

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Attorney for Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina