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

Via Electronic Filing

Re: Docket No. W-218, Sub 526A

REPORTING REQUIREMENT DOCKET

Aqua North Carolina, Inc. - Bi-Monthly Report on Secondary Water

**Quality Concerns** 

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Attached for filing electronically please find Aqua North Carolina, Inc.'s Bi-Monthly Report on Secondary Water Quality Concerns, which was required by the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Commission") in its October 26, 2020 Order Approving Partial Settlement Agreement and Stipulation, Deciding Contested Issues, Granting Partial Rate Increase, and Requiring Customer Notice ("2020 Rate Case Order"), in Docket No. W-218, Sub 526. The Commission imposed various reporting requirements, including a bi-monthly report on secondary water quality concerns, in Ordering Paragraph 17, at pages 170-171.

As always, thank you and your staff for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Electronically Submitted

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### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 526A

#### BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of

Reporting Requirements From Docket No. W-218, Sub 526 - Aqua North Carolina, Inc., 202 MacKenan Court, Cary, North Carolina 27511

AQUA NORTH CAROLINA, INC'S BI-MONTHLY REPORT ON RESPONSES TO SECONDARY WATER QUALITY CONCERNS RAISED BY CUSTOMERS IN THE COACHMAN'S TRAIL, BARTON'S CREEK BLUFFS, AND LAKE RIDGE AERO PARK SUBDIVISIONS

NOW COMES Aqua North Carolina, Inc. ("Aqua" or "Company"), in response to the *Order Approving Partial Settlement Agreement and Stipulation, Deciding Contested Issues, Granting Partial Rate Increase, and Requiring Customer Notice* ("2020 Rate Case Order") issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Commission" or "NCUC") on October 26, 2020, in Docket No. W-218, Sub 526, to file this Bi-Monthly Report on the status of secondary water quality concerns raised by customers in the Company's Coachman's Trail, Barton's Creek Bluffs, and Lake Ridge Aero Park subdivisions. In response to the 2020 Rate Case Order, the Company states the following:

 Ordering Paragraph No. 17 of the referenced 2020 Rate Case Order, at pages 170 - 171, requires:

That Aqua NC shall continue to file bi-monthly reports addressing secondary water quality concerns raised by customers in the Coachman's Trail, Barton's Creek Bluffs, and Lake Ridge Aero Park subdivisions in situations where the iron and manganese concerns remain pending further Order of the Commission. Such reports shall describe measures taken by Aqua NC to address water quality

issues and shall include summaries of customer concerns raised, results of water laboratory analyses (including soluble and insoluble concentration levels of iron and manganese) to measure baseline concentration levels and the effectiveness of chemical sequestration treatment, flushing regimens, and cost estimates to install filtration systems (greensand or other filtration options deemed appropriate) or to procure alternate water sources.

2. Ordering Paragraph No. 23 of the 2020 Rate Case Order provides as follows:

That at any time after a year from the issuance of this Order, Aqua NC may request that the Commission revise or eliminate the regular and periodic reporting requirements ordered herein due to demonstrated and significant progress in customer satisfaction with improvements made in water quality related to levels of iron and manganese.

# SYSTEMS SUBJECT TO REPORTING REQUIREMENTS DUE TO RATE CASE ORDER IN DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 526

Three systems are subject to reporting requirements due to the Commission's Sub 526 Order of October 26, 2020, in Aqua's rate case. They are Coachman's Trail, Barton's Creek Bluffs, and Lake Ridge Aero Park.

#### **BARTON'S CREEK BLUFFS**

Aqua is pleased to report that no customer complaints were received from Barton's Creek Bluffs during the November and December 2021 reporting period. Additionally, except for one customer complaint registered in June 2021, no secondary water quality complaints were made by customers at Barton's Creek Bluffs during the fourteen-month period beginning with the month of September 2020 through the month of October 2021. Thus, during the most recent 16-month period ended December 31, 2021, Aqua received one customer secondary water quality complaint regarding the Barton's Creek Bluffs water system.

#### **COACHMAN'S TRAIL**

Aqua is pleased to report that no customer complaints were received from Coachman's Trail during the November and December 2021 reporting period. In addition, no customer complaints were received at Coachman's Trail during the seven-month reporting period from September 2020 through March 2021, and for the months of June, July, September and October 2021. One customer complaint was received during each of the months of April and May 2021 and two complaints were received in August 2021. Thus, a total of four complaints were received from Coachman's Trail customers during the previous sixteen months.

#### LAKE RIDGE AERO PARK

Aqua is pleased to report that no customer complaints were received from Lake Ridge Aero Park during the November and December 2021 reporting period. Additionally, except for two customer complaints registered in August 2021, no secondary water quality complaints were made by customers at Lake Ridge Aero Park during the eleven-month period beginning with the month of September 2020 through July 2021, and for the months of September and October 2021. Thus, during the most recent 16-month period ended December 31, 2021, Aqua received two customer secondary water quality complaints regarding the Lake Ridge Aero Park water system.

Respectfully submitted this the 11th day of January 2022.

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#### **VERIFICATION**

Shannon V. Becker, being duly sworn, deposes and says: that he is the President of Aqua North Carolina, Inc. and that he is familiar with the facts set out in this BI-MONTHLY REPORT ON RESPONSES TO WATER **QUALITY CONCERNS RAISED** BY **CUSTOMERS** IN THE COACHMAN'S TRAIL, BARTON'S CREEK BLUFFS, AND LAKE RIDGE AERO PARK SUBDIVISIONS filed in Docket No. W-218, Sub 526A; that he has read the foregoing Bi-Monthly Report and knows the contents thereof; and that the same is true of his knowledge except as to those matters stated therein on information and belief, and as to those he believes them to be true.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of January 2022.

Robyn E. Lambeth **Notary Public** 

My Commission Expires:

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022, a copy of the foregoing BI-MONTHLY REPORT ON RESPONSES TO WATER QUALITY CONCERNS RAISED BY CUSTOMERS IN THE COACHMAN'S TRAIL, BARTON'S CREEK BLUFFS, AND LAKE RIDGE AERO PARK SUBDIVISIONS has been duly served upon all parties of record to Docket No. W-218, Sub 526A by electronic service, addressed as shown below:

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