

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-218

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of

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| AQUA NORTH CAROLINA, INC. )  |                                                                                                                                            |
| Docket No. W-218, Sub 272 )  |                                                                                                                                            |
| Docket No. W-218, Sub 319 )  |                                                                                                                                            |
| Docket No. W-218, Sub 325 )  |                                                                                                                                            |
| Docket No. W-218, Sub 327 )  |                                                                                                                                            |
| Docket No. W-218, Sub 526 )  |                                                                                                                                            |
| Docket No. W-218, Sub 539 )  |                                                                                                                                            |
| Docket No. W-218, Sub 557 )  |                                                                                                                                            |
| Docket No. W-218, Sub 558 )  |                                                                                                                                            |
| Docket No. W-218, Sub 559 )  |                                                                                                                                            |
| Docket No. W-218, Sub 561 )  |                                                                                                                                            |
| Docket No. W-218, Sub 570 )  |                                                                                                                                            |
| Docket No. W-218, Sub 571 )  |                                                                                                                                            |
| Docket No. W-218, Sub 572 )  |                                                                                                                                            |
| Docket No. W-218, Sub 573 )  |                                                                                                                                            |
| Docket No. W-218, Sub 573A ) |                                                                                                                                            |
| Docket No. W-218 Sub 577 )   |                                                                                                                                            |
|                              | MOTION<br>OF COUNSEL FOR<br>AQUA NORTH<br>CAROLINA, INC., AQUA<br>AMERICA, INC., and<br>ESSENTIAL UTILITIES<br>FOR APPROVAL TO<br>WITHDRAW |

Pursuant to Rules R1-7, R1-22, and R1-23 of the Rules of the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“NCUC” or “Commission”), and Rule R1.16 of the North Carolina State Bar Rules of Professional Conduct, the undersigned requests the Commission to allow withdrawal of Jo Anne Sanford and the Sanford Law Office, PLLC (“Sanford”) from representation of Aqua North Carolina, Inc., Aqua America, Inc., and Essential Utilities (“Aqua”) in all open dockets filed with the Commission in which Sanford participated on behalf of Aqua.

The listed dockets represent the ones identified as those in which Sanford participated and which are still open in the docket system. The request for withdrawal extends to all open matters in which Sanford has represented the Aqua companies, and the undersigned is pleased to note that David Drooz and the law firm of Fox Rothschild, having served as co-counsel with Sanford Law Office in recent matters, now handles Aqua's engagements before the Commission.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Motion for Withdrawal of Counsel.

This the 3d day of January, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

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