

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-218, SUB 573

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc., 202)
MacKenan Court, Cary, North Carolina 27511, for) MOTION OF THE PUBLIC
Authority to Adjust and Increase Rates for Water) STAFF FOR AN
and Sewer Utility Service in All Its Service Areas) EXTENSION OF TIME
in North Carolina and for Approval of a Water and)
Sewer Investment Plan)

NOW COMES the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission, by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and respectfully moves the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) for an extension of the deadline for filing proposed orders and briefs to and including March 20, 2023. In support of this motion, the Public Staff respectfully shows the Commission the following:

1. On January 19, 2023, the Commission issued a Notice of Due Date for Proposed Orders and/or Briefs establishing February 20, 2023, as the due date for proposed orders and briefs in this proceeding.

2. Thereafter, between January 30 and February 2, 2023, the parties filed late filed exhibits requested by the Commission during the evidentiary hearing.

3. The Public Staff has been working diligently to meet the Commission's February 20, 2023 filing deadline but, due to the number and complexity of the issues involved in this proceeding, the fact that this is one of two

cases of first impression in that the Company is seeking approval of a Water and Sewer Investment Plan pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.1B., the recent filing by the parties of late filed exhibits, and the press of other business involving counsel and essential Public Staff technical experts, additional time is needed for the preparation of proposed orders and briefs in this proceeding.

4. The Public Staff therefore requests that the Commission grant the parties an extension of time to file proposed orders and briefs in this proceeding, to and including March 20, 2023.

5. The Public Staff notified counsel for Aqua of its intent to request an extension but had not been made aware of the Company's position on the request as of the time of the filing of this motion.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order extending the due date for proposed orders and briefs in this proceeding to and including March 20, 2023.

This the 13th day of February, 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Motion on all parties of record in accordance with Commission Rule R1-39, by United States mail, postage prepaid, first class; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 13th day of February, 2023.

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