STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 361 DOCKET NO. W-1046, SUB 5

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North
Carolina, P.O. Box 240908, Charlotte, North
Carolina 28244, for Authority to Acquire the Water
and Sewer Utility System in Silverton Subdivision in
Cabarrus County, North Carolina from Pace Utilities
Group, Inc., 6719-C Fairview Road, Charlotte,
North Carolina 28210, and Approval of Rates

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission, by and through its Acting Executive Director, David Drooz, and respectfully requests the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) to issue an order excusing Public Staff witness Windley E. Henry from the May 29, 2019, evidentiary hearing in the above-captioned docket.

In support of this Motion, the Public Staff states the following:

- 1. On February 6, 2019, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC) filed an application seeking authority to acquire the franchise for providing water and sewer utility service in Silverton Subdivision in Cabarrus County North Carolina from Pace Utilities Group, Inc. (Pace Utilities), and for approval of rates.
- 2. By Order dated March 25, 2019, the Commission scheduled a public hearing for May 29, 2019, in Courtroom #1 of the Cabarrus County Courthouse,

Concord, North Carolina. The hearing was scheduled subject to cancelation if no significant protests were received by May 14, 2019.

- In a Certificate of Service of Customer Notice filed on March 27,
 2019, CWSNC indicated that all of the affected customers had been served with notice of its application to acquire the franchise of Pace Utilities and the hearing.
- 4. Several customers of Pace Utilities, within the time specified in the Commission's Order, filed protests and the hearing will proceed as scheduled by the Commission.
- 5. On May 9, 2019, the Public Staff filed the affidavit of Gina Y. Casselberry, Utilities Engineer, and the affidavit and exhibit of Windley E. Henry, Manager, Water and Communications Section, Accounting Division. The purpose of Mr. Henry's affidavit was to present the results of his investigation of the levels of net plant in service and acquisition adjustment for ratemaking purposes with respect to the transfer application filed by CWSNC.
- 6. There are no issues in dispute in this proceeding, and the Public Staff requests that Mr. Henry be excused from attending the May 29th evidentiary hearing and that his affidavit and exhibit be copied into the record and received into evidence.
- 7. The Public Staff recognizes that this request is contingent upon the Commission having no questions for Mr. Henry and will have him available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

8. The Public Staff is authorized to represent that CWSNC does not object to this Motion.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff prays:

9. That Public Staff witness Windley Henry be excused from appearing at the May 29, 2019, evidentiary hearing and that his affidavit and exhibit be copied into the record and received into evidence.

Respectfully submitted, this the 24th day of May, 2019.

PUBLIC STAFF
David Drooz
Acting Executive Director

Electronically submitted /s/Gina C. Holt Gina C. Holt Staff Attorney

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing upon each of the parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record by emailing them an electronic copy or by causing a paper copy of the same to be hand-delivered or deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to each.

This the 24th day of May, 2019.

Electronically submitted /s/Gina C. Holt