BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. E-35, Sub 51

In the Matter of:

Application of Western Carolina University

(i) WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION

For an Adjustment of Rates and Charges

(ii) FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

(iii) AND CONSENT TO REMOTE

(iii) HEARING

NOW COMES Western Carolina University ("WCU"), by and through counsel, and hereby withdraws its Motion for Extension of Time previously filed in the above-captioned docket and consents to a remote hearing in this matter. In support hereof, WCU states as follows:

- 1. On July 17, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing and Requiring Customer Notice (the "Order") in Docket No. E-35, Sub 51. In the Order, the Commission set the hearing for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g) for Thursday, September 10, 202 at 7:00 pm. The Order further required WCU to mail notice to its customers no later than 30 days after the date of the Order and to publish the same notice via newspaper once a week for two consecutive weeks. Finally, the Order required each party in this proceeding to file a statement with the Commission on or before Monday, August 10, 2020, consenting to the Commission holding the hearing by remote means, or a statement objecting to the same.
- 2. On August 4, 2020, WCU filed a Motion for Extension of Time, seeking an extension of the customer notification deadline sufficient to permit WCU to include the customer notice via billing insert on August 21, 2020, and for a corresponding extension of the public hearing schedule.

3. In discussions with Legal Staff from the Commission, WCU was informed that it

would be difficult or impossible to reschedule the hearings.

4. Through considerable effort, WCU has made arrangements to export customer

addresses from its billing software and prepare a mass mailing in compliance with the original

deadline set by the Order.

5. Consequently, WCU hereby withdraws its August 4, 2020 Motion for Extension of

Time.

6. In accordance with paragraph 8 of the Commission's Order, WCU hereby consents to

the Commission holding the public hearing scheduled for September 10, 2020 by remote means.

Respectfully submitted this the 6th day of August, 2020.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing by electronic mail to the following person at the following address which is the last known address to me:

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This the 6th day of August, 2020.

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