STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc., 202 MacKenan Court, Cary, North Carolina 27511, for Authority to Adjust and Increase Rates for Water and Sewer Utility Service in All Service Areas in North Carolina

ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF FILING SCHEDULE

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On January 18, 2019, Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua or Company), through counsel, filed a Correspondence Acknowledging its Obligation to Prepare Certain Amendments to its Tariffs as Requested by the Commission (Correspondence) in the above-captioned proceeding. In the Correspondence, Aqua North Carolina shows the Commission that in the December 18, 2018 Order Approving Partial Settlement and Stipulation, Granting Partial Rate Increase, and Requiring Customer Notice, Decretal Paragraph No. 24 provides as follows:

24. That Aqua NC shall prepare amendments to its tariffs detailing its connection/capacity fee practices and procedures on a subdivision-bysubdivision basis. Within 30 days following issuance of this Order, Aqua NC shall propose for Commission approval a proposed schedule in which it will include in its tariffs all connection fees included in its rates, as ordered by the ordering paragraph.

Aqua also shows the Commission that it is conducting a review of its contractual agreements for subdivisions throughout the Company's franchise territory. Currently, Aqua provides water and wastewater service to approximately 1,300 subdivisions in North Carolina. The subdivisions are serviced under contractual agreements between Aqua and developers or, in older established subdivisions, agreements negotiated by predecessor utility companies acquired by Aqua.

Aqua further shows the Commission that such subdivisions which it serves are unique with regard to the number of connections which Aqua is obligated to serve through water and wastewater capacity. If there are connection and/or capacity fees, then they are established and set in the individual agreements. According to Aqua, there are a voluminous number of contracts entered into over the history of the Company and the predecessor companies; therefore, Aqua proposes to complete its review and file any proposed necessary changes to its tariffs on or before Friday, May 17, 2019. Finally, Aqua informs the Commission that it has contacted all the parties of record to inquire whether they oppose the requested compliance schedule, and no opposition has been indicated. The Presiding Commissioner has reviewed the record, including Aqua's Correspondence and is of the opinion that good cause exists to change the due date of the compliance filing in this matter.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Aqua shall prepare amendments to its tariffs detailing its connection/capacity fee practices and procedures on a subdivision-by-subdivision basis and file them with the Commission on or before Friday, May 17, 2019; and

2. That this Order shall be served on the parties of record by electronic mail, delivery confirmation requested.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 7th day of March, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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