**Viable Utility Committee of the State Water Infrastructure Authority**  
**North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality**  
**August 13, 2021**  
**Meeting Via WebEx**  

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The State Ethics Act (North Carolina General Statute Chapter 138A) mandates that the Chair inquire as to whether there is any known conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest with respect to any matters before the Authority today. If any member knows of a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, please identify the conflict at the time the conflict becomes apparent.

*The times indicated for each Agenda Item are merely for guidance. The Committee will proceed through the Agenda until completed.*

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**AGENDA**

**Jon Risgaard, Acting Chair, Presiding**

10:00  **A. Call to Order – Acting Chair Risgaard**

1. Welcome
2. Reminder of Conflict of Interest and Compliance with State Government Ethics Act
3. Please set electronic devices to off or vibrate
4. Attendance roll call

10:05  **B. Approval of June 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Acting Chair Risgaard**  
**Action Item**

10:10  **C. Process and Guidance for Rate Studies and MRF Studies – Victor D’Amato**  
**Action Item**

10:25  **D. Partnership Leads for Rate Studies and MRF Studies – Victor D’Amato**

10:35  **E. Discussion on Prioritization for Viable Utility Reserve Project Funding and Relationship with ARPA – Acting Chair Risgaard**

10:55  **F. Approval of Timing for Reassessment of Distressed Designations for Identification Criteria 1 and 2 – Linda Culpepper**  
**Action Item**

11:00  **G. Reassessments using FY2019 Financial Audit Data and Consideration of Designation – Linda Culpepper**

11:10  **H. Concluding Remarks by Committee Members**

11:25  **I. Adjourn**

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**Reminder to All Authority Members:** Members having a question about a conflict of interest or potential conflict should consult with the Chair or with legal counsel.

**Reminder to Authority Members Appointed by the Governor:** Executive Order 34 mandates that in transacting Commission business each person appointed by the Governor shall act always in the best interest of the public without regard for his or her financial interests. To this end, each appointee must recuse himself or herself from voting on any matter on which the appointee has a financial interest.