

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1095
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1100
DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 682

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
Application of Duke Energy Corporation)	
and Piedmont Natural Gas, Inc., to Engage)	ORDER GRANTING PETITION
in a Business Combination Transaction)	TO INTERVENE
and Address Regulatory Conditions and)	
Codes of Conduct)	

BY THE CHAIRMAN: On May 26, 2016, the North Carolina Waste Awareness and Reduction Network, The Climate Times and the North Carolina Housing Coalition (collectively, Movants), filed a petition with the Commission seeking to intervene in the above-captioned dockets involving the proposed merger of Duke Energy Corporation and Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (collectively, Applicants).

On June 9, 2016, the Commission issued an Order Provisionally Granting Petition to Intervene. The Commission noted that Movants' petition to intervene did not comply with the requirement of Commission Rule R1-19(a)(4) that petitions to intervene include "[a] statement of the exact relief desired." Further, the Commission stated that once the Movants complied with the rule the Chairman would issue an additional order in response to their petition to intervene and to the scope of Movants' participation in this proceeding.

On June 10, 2016, Movants filed a Response to the Order. In summary, Movants state that the relief they are seeking is the denial of the Applicants' proposed merger.

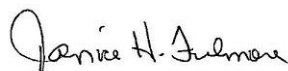
Based on the foregoing and the record, the Chairman finds good cause to grant the Movants' petition to intervene and to participate in this proceeding with respect to issues relevant to the proposed merger under G.S. 62-111.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 28th day of June, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk