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Ms. M. Lynn Jarvis, Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission Dobbs Building, Fifth Floor 430 North Salisbury Street Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

> Re: Docket No. G-9, Sub 710; Piedmont Natural Gas Company's Annual Review of Gas Costs

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

We enclose for filing in the above-referenced matter, on behalf of Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc. ("CUCA"), an original and 33 copies of CUCA's Petition to Intervene. Kindly date-stamp and return to us via our courier the three additional enclosed copies. Please let me know, at your early convenience, if you have any questions concerning this filing.

Very truly yours,

CRISP & PAGE, PLLC

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Sharon Miller Parties of Record

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In the Matter of Application of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., for Annual Review of Gas Costs Pursuant to G.S. 62-133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6)

Petition of Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc. to Intervene

Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc. ("CUCA"), by and through its undersigned counsel, files this Petition pursuant to G.S. 62-72 and Rule R1-19 of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Commission") that CUCA be permitted to intervene and participate in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of this petition, CUCA states as follows:

1. CUCA is a corporation duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of the State of North Carolina, with its principal office located at Suite 210, Trawick Professional Center, 1708 Trawick Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27604. The names and addresses of its principal officers are:

> Chair: David J. Lyons Gerdau Long Steel North America 384 Old Grassdale Road NE Cartersville, GA 30121

Vice Chair: Sean M. Finsel Moen, Inc. 2609 Cox Mill Road Sanford, NC 27332-9727

Executive Director: Sharon C. Miller Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc. Suite 210, Trawick Professional Center 1708 Trawick Road Raleigh, North Carolina 27604 Email: smiller@cucainc.org

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2. CUCA's attorney, to whom all communications and pleadings should be addressed, is shown below. Copies of all communications and pleadings should also be served on CUCA's Executive Director Sharon-Miller.

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3. CUCA is an organization of industrial utility customers whose member companies maintain numerous industrial manufacturing facilities and employ thousands of workers throughout the State of North Carolina, including the territory in which Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont") has been authorized by the Commission to sell natural gas at retail.

4. CUCA's member companies use natural gas sold and/or transported by Piedmont in the operation of their manufacturing plants. The availability of an adequate supply of natural gas at a reasonable price is critical to the economic viability of CUCA's member companies. Piedmont's filing will affect the rates associated with Piedmont's sale and transport of natural gas to CUCA members. As a result, CUCA has a vital interest in the matters at issue in the abovecaptioned proceeding and should be permitted to intervene and participate.

5. CUCA agrees to accept electronic service of all filings in the Docket.

WHEREFORE, CUCA respectfully requests that the Commission enter an order allowing CUCA to intervene and fully participate in the above-captioned proceeding, including the right to discovery, and to otherwise exercise all statutory rights provided to Intervenors under North Carolina law. This the 9th day of August, 2017.

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By:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned counsel for CUCA, do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene was served upon all parties of record in this proceeding, or their legal counsel, by electronic mail

This the 9th day of August, 2017.

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Electronic Service List

Mr. James H. Jeffries, IV, Moore and Van Allen - jimjeffries@mvalaw.com

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

VERIFICATION

COUNTY OF WAKE

------Sharon C.-Miller, being-duly-sworn, deposes and says-that-she is the Executive Director of Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc., the Intervenor herein; that she has read the foregoing Petition of Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc., to Intervene, and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of her own knowledge, except as to those matters herein state upon information and belief, and as to those, she believes them to be true; and that this verified petition be used as an affidavit.

This the $\underline{9^{13}}$ day of August, 2017.

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SWORN to and subscribed before me, This the <u>9</u>th day of August, 2017.

My Commission Expires: <u>2-3-2020</u>

