

1 PLACE: Dobbs Building, Raleigh, North Carolina

2 DATE: March 7, 2023

3 TIME: 10:07 a.m. to 10:13 a.m.

4 DOCKET: G-40, Sub 171

5 BEFORE: Hearing Examiner Jenny Li

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IN THE MATTER OF:

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Application of Frontier Natural Gas

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Company for Annual Review of Gas Costs

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Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.4(c) and

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Commissioner Rule R1-17(k) (6)

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## T A B L E O F C O N T E N T S :

(No witnesses present)

## E X H I B I T S :

(No exhibits were presented)

1 MS. LI: Good morning. Let's come to order,  
2 please, and go on the record. I'm Jenny Li, a hearing  
3 examiner with the North Carolina Utilities Commission,  
4 and I have been assigned to preside over this hearing  
5 today.

6 I now call for hearing Docket No. G-40, Sub  
7 171, In the Matter of an Application of Frontier  
8 Natural Gas Company, hereafter, "Frontier" for its  
9 Annual Review of gas costs pursuant to N.C. General  
10 Statutes § 62-133.4(c) and Commission Rule  
11 R1-17(k) (6).

12 On December 1, 2022, Frontier filed  
13 testimony and exhibits of witnesses Taylor B. Younger,  
14 Manager of Compliance and Operations for Frontier, and  
15 Nathan Bell, Comptroller of Frontier in this docket  
16 relating to an annual review of gas costs proceeding  
17 pursuant to N.C. General Statutes § 62-133.4(c) and  
18 Commission Rule R1-17(k) (6).

19 On December 6, 2022, the Commission issued  
20 an Order scheduling this docket for a public witness  
21 hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

22 On January 9, 2023, Frontier filed the  
23 Supplemental Direct Testimony and Supplemental Direct  
24 Exhibit of Nathan Bell.

1           On January 18, 2023, Frontier filed the  
2 Errata Supplemental Testimony of Nathan Bell.

3           On January 23, 2023, the Commission issued  
4 an Order Rescheduling Expert Witness Hearing which  
5 rescheduled the expert witness hearing from March 7,  
6 2023 to Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

7           On February 20, 2023, the Public Staff filed  
8 the testimony of witness Blaise C. Michna, Engineer,  
9 Energy Division, and the joint testimony of witnesses  
10 Hemanth Meda, Financial Analyst III, Accounting  
11 Division, and Sonja R. Johnson, Financial Manager,  
12 Natural Gas & Transportation Section, Accounting  
13 Division. No other person intervened or filed  
14 testimony in this Docket.

15           On February 24, 2023, Frontier and the  
16 Public Staff filed a joint motion to excuse appearance  
17 of witnesses and accept testimony stating that there  
18 does not appear to be any matters in dispute between  
19 Frontier and the Public Staff in this proceeding.

20           On March 2, 2023, the Commission issued an  
21 Order accepting all of the prefiled testimony and  
22 exhibits into the record and cancelling the hearing  
23 scheduled for March 14, 2023, for the purpose of  
24 receiving expert witness testimony.

1           That brings us up to date. We are here this  
2 morning to accept public witness testimony. Are there  
3 any preliminary matters which need to be addressed  
4 before the beginning of the public hearing? If not,  
5 let us proceed.

6                               (No response)

7           MS. LI: I now call Public Staff to identify  
8 any public witnesses.

9           MS. HOLT: Good morning. I'm Gina Holt with  
10 the Public Staff --

11           MS. LI: Good morning, Ms. Holt.

12           MS. HOLT: -- with the Legal Division.  
13 There are no public witnesses in attendance.

14           MS. LI: Thank you. For the record, Madam  
15 Court Reporter, please let the record reflect that  
16 there are no members of the public present today.  
17 This concludes the hearing, and we are adjourned  
18 today. Thank you.

19                               (The proceedings were adjourned)  
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## C E R T I F I C A T E

I, TONJA VINES, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the proceedings in the above-captioned matter were taken before me, that I did report in stenographic shorthand the Proceedings set forth herein, and the foregoing pages are a true and correct transcription to the best of my ability.



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Tonja Vines