STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. G-39, SUB 46 DOCKET NO. G-39, SUB 47

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. G-39, SUB 46)
In the Matter of Cardinal Pipeline Company, LLC Depreciation Rate Study as of December 31, 2020)) ORDER ALLOWING IN PART) AND DENYING IN PART) JOINT MOTION TO EXCUSE
DOCKET NO. G-39, SUB 47) WITNESSES
In the Matter of Application of Cardinal Pipeline Company, LLC, for an Adjustment in Its Rates and Charges)))

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On July 6, 2022, Cardinal Pipeline Company, LLC (Cardinal or the Company), Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont), and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff, and collectively, Stipulating Parties), with Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. (PSNC, and collectively with Stipulating Parties, Movants) filed a joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses and Cancel Evidentiary Hearing (Joint Motion). Among other things, the Joint Motion states that PSNC was not an original Stipulating Party but has informed the Stipulating Parties that it will join the Settlement Agreement and Stipulation as a Stipulating Party. Movants also state that all parties have agreed to waive cross-examination of Cardinal's and the Public Staff's witnesses and do not object to the introduction of their testimony into the record.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to excuse Cardinal witnesses Kerri H. Miller, Michael P. Cousino, David J. Haag, and Steven R. Fall, and Public Staff witness Roxie McCuller, from attending the expert witness hearing on July 11, 2022, and to receive their testimony and exhibits into evidence without objection at the hearing. However, the Presiding Commissioner concludes that the Commission may need additional testimony from Public Staff witnesses John R. Hinton, Neha Patel, and Sonja R. Johnson and, therefore, declines to excuse these witnesses

or cancel the hearing. The Presiding Commissioner also finds good cause to allow Public Staff's witnesses to testify as a panel in order to respond to the Commission's questions more fully.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 8th day of July, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk