

**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 GRANTING MOTION TO
)	CONSOLIDATE DOCKETS
DOCKET NO. G-39, SUB 47)	
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In the Matter of)	
Application of Cardinal Pipeline)	
Company, LLC, for an Adjustment)	
in its Rates and Charges)	

BY THE CHAIR: On October 26, 2021, Cardinal Pipeline Company, LLC (Cardinal), filed with the Commission in Docket No. G-39, Sub 46 (Sub 46), a Depreciation Rate Study pursuant to Commission Rule R6-80, which requires each natural gas utility to submit a depreciation study for Commission approval every five years. Among other things, Cardinal stated that its existing depreciation rates were contained in Cardinal's 2016 Depreciation Study and were implemented in Docket No. G-39, Sub 38, Cardinal's last general rate case effective May 1, 2017. The Depreciation Rate Study recommends changes in the Company's existing depreciation rates, and Cardinal requests that the Commission allow Cardinal to implement the proposed changes in its depreciation rates in conjunction with Cardinal's next rate case.

On March 15, 2022, Cardinal filed in Docket No. G-39, Sub 47 (Sub 47 Rate Case), an Application of Cardinal Pipeline Company, LLC, For an Adjustment in its Rates and Charges (Application). Among other things, Cardinal's Application includes a request for approval to implement the depreciation rate changes included in its Depreciation Rate Study.

On March 28, 2022, the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) filed with the Commission in Subs 46 and 47 a Motion to Consolidate Dockets, requesting that the two dockets be consolidated. The Public Staff states that although the Depreciation Rate Study could be considered separate from the general rate case, it believes that judicial economy would be served by consolidating Sub 46 with the Sub 47 Rate Case. The Public Staff also states that its counsel has consulted with Cardinal's

counsel and is authorized to state that Cardinal has no objection to the Motion to Consolidate.

Based on the foregoing, the Chair is of the opinion that good cause exists to consolidate the above-captioned dockets.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 4th day of April, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joann R. Snyder".

Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk