

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

**DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 686
DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1095
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1100
DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 682**

In the Matter of:)
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Application of Piedmont Natural Gas)
Company, Inc. for Approval of Deferred)
Accounting Treatment of Certain)
Distribution Integrity Management Costs)
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and)
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Application of Duke Energy Corporation)
and Piedmont Natural Gas Company,)
Inc. to Engage in a Business)
Combination Transaction and Address)
Regulatory Conditions and Code of)
Conduct)
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**NOTICE OF
WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION**

On January 15, 2016, Duke Energy Corporation (“Duke”) and Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Piedmont”) (collectively the “Applicants”) pursuant to G.S. 62-111(a), Rule R1-5 of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission”), filed an application in Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1095, E-7, Sub 1100, and G-9, Sub 682 (“Merger Dockets”) for authorization to: (i) engage in a business combination transaction (“Merger”); and (ii) revise and apply Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC’s (“DEC”) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC’s (“DEP”) Regulatory Conditions and Code of Conduct to Piedmont.

On March 11, 2016, Piedmont, through counsel and pursuant to Commission Rules R1-4 and R1-5, filed in Docket No. G-9, Sub 686 its Application for Approval of

Deferred Accounting Treatment of Certain Distribution Integrity Management Costs (“DIMP Petition”).

On June 10, 2016, the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Public Staff”) filed the Agreement and Stipulation of Settlement Between the Applicants and the Public Staff (“Settlement”) in order to resolve any outstanding issues between the Public Staff and the Applicants in the Merger Dockets. Article 2 of the Settlement stipulates that Piedmont will withdraw its Application for Approval of Deferred Accounting Treatment of Certain Distribution Integrity Management Cost.

On September 29, 2016, the Commission issued its Order Approving Merger Subject to Regulatory Conditions and Code of Conduct (“Merger Order”) in the Merger Dockets in which it approved the Merger and accepted the Settlement. Ordering paragraph 3 of the Merger Order requires that “upon closing the merger, Piedmont shall withdraw its DIMP deferral Application.”

On October 3, 2016, the Merger was closed.

In light of the recent closing of the Merger, and pursuant to Article 2 of the Settlement and decretal ordering paragraph 3 of the Merger Order, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. hereby notifies the Commission of its withdrawal of its Application for Approval of Deferred Accounting Treatment of Certain Distribution Integrity Management Costs previously filed in Docket No. G-9, Sub 686 on March 11, 2016.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of October, 2016.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the attached is being served this date upon all of the parties to this docket electronically or by depositing a copy of the same in the United States Mail, First Class Postage Prepaid, at the addresses contained in the official service list in this proceeding.

This the 4th day of October, 2016.

/s/ Richard K. Goley
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