

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 722  
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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 722 )  
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In the Matter of )  
Consolidated Natural Gas Construction and )  
Redelivery Services Agreement Between )  
Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., and )  
Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC )  
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DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 781 )  
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In the Matter of )  
Application of Piedmont Natural Gas )  
Company, Inc., for an Adjustment of Rates, )  
Charges, and Tariffs Applicable to Service )  
in North Carolina )  
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DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 786 )  
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In the Matter of )  
Application of Piedmont Natural Gas )  
Company, Inc., for Modification to Existing )  
Energy Efficiency Program and Approval of )  
New Energy Efficiency Programs )

ORDER ESTABLISHING  
REMOTE PROCEDURES FOR  
EXPERT WITNESS HEARING

BY THE CHAIR: On March 22, 2021, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont), filed an application for a general rate case in Docket No. G-9, Sub 781. By various orders the Commission consolidated the additional proceedings referenced above with Piedmont's general rate case proceeding.

On June 8, 2021, the Commission issued an order scheduling an expert witness to be held in person in Raleigh, North Carolina, beginning on September 7, 2021 (June 8, 2021 Order).

On August 12, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Providing Hearing Procedures, which established procedures for labeling and providing proposed cross and redirect exhibits prior to the hearing and for filing cross and redirect exhibits accepted into evidence during the expert witness hearing (August 12, 2021 Order).

Based on the totality of the circumstances, including current high transmission rates of community spread of the delta variant of the novel coronavirus, the Chair finds good cause to direct that the hearing scheduled to begin September 7, 2021, shall be conducted remotely via Webex. Information on the remote hearing process including how to participate, how to submit an attorney appearance sheet, and how to request a technical check, can be found on the Commission's website under "Remote Expert Witness Process."

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the expert witness hearings in the above-captioned proceedings previously scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., will be conducted solely by remotely via Webex;

2. That the parties shall continue to adhere the procedures set forth in the August 12, 2021 Order;

3. That on or before Wednesday, September 1, 2021, each party shall file a statement consenting to the Commission holding the expert witness hearing by remote means, or a statement objecting to the same;

4. That on or before Wednesday, September 1, 2021, parties shall provide the name, phone number, and email address of each attorney and witness that will participate in the hearing on the party's behalf directly to the Commission via email at [ncucwebex@ncuc.net](mailto:ncucwebex@ncuc.net). The email providing the list of participants shall specify the rate case docket number (G-9, Sub 781) in the subject line;

5. That on or before Friday, September 3, 2021, counsel appearing at the remote hearing shall submit an appearance sheet to the Commission's Court Reporter via email at [reporter@ncuc.net](mailto:reporter@ncuc.net);

6. That parties and witnesses shall refrain from disclosing confidential information during the hearing, including during direct examination, cross-examination, and redirect examination;

7. That each attorney and witness appearing at the remote hearing shall have an individual connection to the hearing. Two or more individuals should not share a connection;

8. That all hearing participants shall logon to the Webex event at least 20 minutes before the start of the hearing each day for the purpose of testing their connection; and

9. That the hearing will be live-streamed on YouTube, a link to which will be made available on the Commission's website: <https://www.ncuc.net/>.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 30th day of August, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joann R. Snyder". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk