

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-40, SUB 163

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Frontier Natural Gas Company)
for Annual Review of Gas Costs Pursuant to)
N.C.G.S. § 62-133.4(c) and Commission)
Rule R1-17(k)(6))
ORDER EXCUSING EXPERT
WITNESSES, ACCEPTING
TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS,
AND REQUIRING PROPOSED
ORDERS

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On December 1, 2021, Frontier Natural Gas Company (Frontier), filed the testimony and exhibits (testimony), of Taylor B. Younger and Nathan Bell in the above-captioned docket relating to an annual review proceeding pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6).

On December 9, 2021, the Commission issued an Order that, among other things, scheduled this matter for a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

On February 14, 2022, the Public Staff filed the testimony of Jordan A. Nader, R. Tyler Allison, and Sonja R. Johnson. On February 15, 2022, the Public Staff filed a corrected page six of witness Allison's testimony.

No other person intervened or filed testimony in this proceeding.

On February 16, 2022, Frontier and the Public Staff (Movants), filed a joint motion requesting that Frontier's and the Public Staff's expert witnesses be excused from attending the public hearing on March 1, 2022. Movants stated counsel for Movants have conferred with respect to the matters before the Commission in this proceeding, have agreed to waive cross-examination of each other's witnesses, and have no objection to the introduction of the witnesses' prefiled testimony into evidence.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to excuse all Frontier and Public Staff witnesses from testifying at the hearing, and to receive the witnesses' prefiled testimony and exhibits into evidence.

Further, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to require that Frontier and the Public Staff file proposed orders, or a joint proposed order, on or before April 1, 2022, and that the parties file briefs by the same date, if they desire to file briefs.

Finally, the public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh,

North Carolina, will be held as scheduled for the sole purpose of receiving testimony of public witnesses, if any such witnesses appear and desire to testify. However, counsel and representatives of Frontier and the Public Staff are not required to attend the public witness hearing.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Frontier's and the Public Staff's witnesses are excused from testifying at the hearing on March 1, 2022, and the witnesses' prefiled testimony and exhibits are hereby admitted into evidence;

2. That the hearing scheduled for March 1, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, shall be held as scheduled for the sole purpose of receiving testimony of public witnesses; and

3. That on or before April 1, 2022, Frontier and the Public Staff shall file proposed orders, or a joint proposed order, and may file briefs if they so desire.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 23rd day of February, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erica N. Green". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk