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Ms. Shonta Dunston  
Chief Clerk  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
430 N. Salisbury Street, Dobbs Building  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Re: Docket Nos. G-39, Sub 46 and G-39, Sub 47 - Cardinal Pipeline Company, LLC Depreciation Study as of December 31, 2020, and Application of Cardinal Pipeline Company, LLC for an Adjustment in its Rates and Charges

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed for filing by Cardinal Pipeline Company, LLC, the Public Staff-North Carolina Utilities Commission, Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc., and Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. in the above-referenced dockets, please find a Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses and to Cancel Evidentiary Hearing.

Sincerely,

Cardinal Pipeline Company, LLC

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**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	)	
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In the Matter of	)	
Cardinal Pipeline Company, LLC	)	
Depreciation Rate Study as of	)	
December 31, 2020	)	
	)	MOTION TO EXCUSE
DOCKET NO. G-39, SUB 47	)	WITNESSES AND TO
	)	CANCEL EVIDENTIARY
	)	HEARING
In the Matter of	)	
Application of Cardinal Pipeline	)	
Company, LLC for an Adjustment in	)	
its Rates and Charges	)	

Cardinal Pipeline Company, LLC (Cardinal or the Company), Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont), and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff), hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Stipulating Parties”, jointly request the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) to issue an order excusing all witnesses from testifying at the July 11, 2022 Evidentiary Hearing in this matter and canceling the Hearing. In support of this Joint Motion, the parties show the following:

A. On October 26, 2021, in Docket No. G-39, Sub 46 (Sub 46 Docket), Cardinal filed a Depreciation Rate Study (2021 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.

B. On March 15, 2022, Cardinal filed its general rate case application in Docket No. G-39, Sub 47 (Sub 47 Rate Case Docket) and data required by NCUC Form G-1 and the direct testimony and exhibits of (1) Kerri H. Miller, Lead Regulatory Analyst Cardinal Operating Company, LLC, as Operator of Cardinal; (2) Michael P. Cousino, a tax analyst, (3) David J. Haag, an economist; and (4) Steven R. Fall, an energy consultant.

C. On March 28, 2022, the Public Staff filed a motion to consolidate Cardinal's Sub 46 Docket and Sub 47 Rate Case Docket, which was approved by Commission Order dated April 4, 2022.

D. On March 29, 2022, Piedmont filed a petition to intervene, which was granted by Commission Order on April 4, 2022.

E. On March 31, 2022, Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. (PSNC) filed a petition to intervene, which was granted by Commission Order on April 4, 2022.

F. On April 7, 2022, the Commission issued its Order Establishing General Rate Case and Suspending Rates.

G. On June 10, 2022, the Public Staff filed the direct testimony and exhibits of witnesses: Roxie McCullar, Public Staff Depreciation Consultant, and John R. Hinton, Director of the Public Staff Economic Research Division. On June 13, 2022, the Public Staff filed the direct testimony and exhibits of Neha Patel, Manager of the Natural Gas Section of the Public Staff Energy Division and Sonja

R. Johnson, Manager for Natural Gas and Transportation with the Public Staff Accounting Division.

H. On June 27, 2022, Cardinal filed the Rebuttal Testimony of David J. Haag and Kerri H. Miller.

I. On July 5, 2022, the Stipulating Parties (PSNC was not an original Stipulating Party but has informed the Stipulating Parties that it will join in as a Stipulating Party) filed a Settlement Agreement and Stipulation (Stipulation) and the Public Staff filed Settlement Testimony on behalf of John R. Hinton and Sonya R. Johnson.

J. On July 5, 2022, Cardinal filed Settlement Testimony on behalf of David J. Haag, Steven Fall, and Kerri H. Miller.

K. Counsel for Cardinal has consulted with counsel for all parties in these dockets and all parties agree to waive cross examination of all witnesses and offer no objection to the introduction into evidence of all of their testimony and exhibits as well as the Stipulation.

L. All parties have authorized the undersigned to file this Joint Motion on their behalf.

WHEREFORE, Cardinal, Piedmont, PSNC, and the Public Staff request that all witnesses be excused from the July 11, 2022 Hearing in these dockets and that all pre-filed testimony and exhibits of the respective witnesses be received into evidence and made a part of the record in this matter; that Cardinal's General Rate

Case Application and the Settlement Agreement and Stipulation be received into the record as evidence in these proceedings; and that the Commission issue an order canceling the Evidentiary Hearing in this matter.

Respectfully submitted, this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

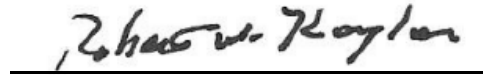
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this Motion to Excuse Witnesses and to Cancel Hearing has been served via e-mail to all parties in Docket Nos. G-39, Subs 46,47.

This the 6th day of July, 2022.

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