

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 710

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Application of Piedmont Natural Gas )  
Company, Inc., for Annual Review of Gas ) ORDER EXCUSING WITNESSES  
Costs Pursuant to G.S. 62-133.4(c) and ) FROM ATTENDING HEARING  
Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6) )

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On August 1, 2017, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont), filed testimony and exhibits of Michelle R. Mendoza, Sarah E. Stabley and MaryBeth Tomlinson in the above-captioned docket relating to the annual review of Piedmont's gas costs pursuant to G.S. 62-133.4(c).

On August 2, 2016, the Commission issued an Order scheduling this docket for a public witness and expert witness hearing on October 3, 2017.

On September 18, 2017, the Public Staff filed joint testimony and exhibits of Poornima Jayasheela, Jan A. Larsen and Julie G. Perry.

On September 21, 2017, Piedmont and the Public Staff (Movants), filed a joint motion requesting that the Commission excuse their witnesses from attending the expert witness hearing. The Movants state that it does not appear that there are any issues in dispute between Piedmont and the Public Staff. Further, Movants stipulate that they have agreed to waive cross-examination of each other's witnesses and request that the witnesses' prefiled direct testimony and exhibits be received into the record. In addition, the Movants note that the only other party to this docket, Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc., did not file testimony, has agreed to waive cross-examination of all witnesses, and does not object to the introduction of the witnesses' testimony.

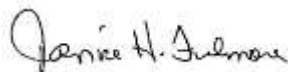
Based on the Movants' motion and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to grant the motion.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that all witnesses are hereby excused from attending the expert witness hearing on October 3, 2017, and that their prefiled direct testimony and exhibits will be admitted into evidence at the hearing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk