STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 635

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Public Service Company of)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION
North Carolina, Inc., for Annual Review of)	TO ALLOW WITNESS LANDER
Gas Costs pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.4(c))	TO CORRECT CALCULATIONS
and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6))	INCLUDED IN HIS TESTIMONY

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On August 10, 2021, during the hearing held by the Commission in the above-captioned docket regarding an annual review of the gas costs of Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. (PSNC), Gregory M. Lander provided testimony on behalf of Haw River Assembly (HRA).

On September 30, 2021, HRA filed a motion requesting that the Commission amend the transcript of the hearing by allowing witness Lander to correct an erroneous calculation that witness Lander included in his testimony. In summary, HRA stated that the error involves a miscalculation that resulted in an incorrect estimate of the estimated total annual fixed cost of PSNC's purchase of year-round firm capacity on the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) and MVP Southgate pipeline. HRA stated that witness Lander used publicly available information to estimate that the capacity would cost PSNC about \$1.27 per dekatherm (dt) per day, and that the underlying miscalculation occurred when witness Lander converted his daily cost estimate to an annual cost estimate of approximately \$120 million per year. Tr., 151, lines 20–25. According to HRA, the correct calculation of \$1.27 per dt times 250,000 dt per day times 365 days in a year is \$115,887,500, not \$120,509,745. HRA further stated that subsequent cost comparisons in witness Lander's testimony were derived from his erroneously stated annual total and, thus, need to be corrected to reflect the actual estimate intended by witness Lander.

HRA submitted that the requested corrections would not change the substance of witness Lander's testimony, that the corrections all stem from the single error that had a ripple effect on other figures that were based on the annual total cost estimate, that the calculation error did not affect any of witness Lander's modeling inputs, and that the calculation error did not affect his findings and recommendations to the Commission because the differences between the incorrect and correct figures are small relative to the estimated costs involved.

HRA stated that its proposed revised version of the official transcript was attached to its motion, with the incorrect figures stricken through and the corrected figures inserted. In addition, HRA included the following table that it stated contains the requested changes to the hearing transcript necessary to remedy witness Lander's calculation error.

Page and Line	Current Version	Requested Change
Numbers	ф400 :III:	
Page 135, Line 3	\$120 million	\$115 million
Page 135, Line 4	\$324.22	\$311.92
Page 146, Line 15	\$5.95	\$5.595
Page 150, Line 25	\$324.22	\$311.92
Page 151, Line 10	\$324.22	\$311.92
Page 151, Line 24	\$120,509,745	\$115,887,500
Page 152, Line 1	\$320.72	\$308.42
Page 152, Line 3	\$324.22	\$311.92
Page 153, Line 21	\$324.22	\$311.92
Page 163, Line 2	\$120,509,745	\$115,887,500
Page 163, Line 3	\$2.20	\$2.11
Page 163, Line 5	\$0.22	\$0.21
Page 163, Line 11	\$0.22	\$0.21
Page 163, Line 12	\$0.465	\$0.455
Page 164, Line 12	\$2.20	\$2.11
Page 164, Line 13	\$0.22	\$0.21
Page 165, Line 9	\$2.20	\$2.11
Page 165, Line 11	\$1.10	\$1.055
Page 165, Line 19	\$2.20	\$2.11
Page 165, Line 20	\$17.56	\$16.84
Page 165, Line 20	\$0.0175	\$0.0168
Page 171, Line 8	\$120 million	\$115 million
Page 171, Line 9	\$324.22	\$311.92

Finally, HRA stated that counsel for the Public Staff and PSNC have informed HRA's counsel that they do not object to the relief sought by HRA's motion.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to grant HRA's motion by allowing witness Lander to correct his testimony by changing his calculations to reflect his intended conclusion, and to direct that the Court Reporter file an amended hearing transcript that makes the changes as detailed in the body of this Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 6th day of October, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Lindsey A. Worley, Acting Deputy Clerk

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