STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 565

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Public Service Company)	
of North Carolina, Inc., for a General)	ORDER CORRECTING TARIFF
Increase in its Rates and Charges)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On March 31, 2016, Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc., (PSNC or Company) filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) an application in this docket seeking, in addition to a general increase in rates and charges, certain revisions to the Company's service regulations and tariff. These revisions included proposed changes to the pool balancing provisions in Article VIII of the Transportation Pooling Agreement. During the course of the proceedings PSNC, the Public Staff, Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc., and Blue Ridge Paper Products Inc., d/b/a Evergreen Packaging (Stipulating Parties), ultimately reached a settlement of all issues in the case. Among other things, the Stipulating Parties agreed to make an additional revision to Article VIII of the Transportation Pooling Agreement. Specifically, the interstate pipeline transportation component of the cashout procedure for short imbalances was changed to mirror that component for long imbalances.

The settlement reached by the Stipulating Parties was embodied in an Amended Stipulation filed with the Commission on August 30, 2016. Under section 11 of the Amended Stipulation, the Stipulating Parties agreed that the revised form Transportation Pooling Agreement and other tariff changes attached as Exhibit H to the Amended Stipulation should be approved. The Commission's Order Approving Rate Increase and Integrity Management Tracker (Rate Order) dated October 28, 2016, approved the Amended Stipulation without modification. On November 3, 2016, PSNC filed a revised tariff reflecting those changes approved by the Rate Order.

On August 24, 2017, pursuant to Rules R1-5 and R6-1 of the Rules and Regulations of the Commission, PSNC petitioned the Commission for an order correcting the Company's form Transportation Pooling Agreement, found in Appendix A to the Rules and Regulations of the Company's tariff. PSNC stated that it recently discovered that the revised form Transportation Pooling Agreement included in Exhibit H to the Amended Stipulation and approved by the Rate Order inadvertently failed to change both paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article VIII for short imbalances, as agreed to by the Stipulating Parties. Paragraph 1 addresses short imbalances that are less than or equal to 2% of customer usage, while paragraph 2 addresses those greater than 2%. The Amended Stipulation changed paragraph 1 but not paragraph 2.

Prior to discovering the error, PSNC stated it billed poolers under Article VIII as the revised provision was originally agreed upon so no pooler was affected by the error, nor will any pooler be affected if the correction is made at this time. Accordingly, the Company requests that the correction be allowed nunc pro tunc to November 1, 2016, the date the tariff revisions approved by the Rate Order were made effective.

PSNC stated it is authorized to state that the Stipulating Parties do not oppose correcting the form Transportation Pooling Agreement.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on September 11, 2017. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the petition and recommended that the corrected tariff be approved.

Based on its review of the filing and the recommendation of the Public Staff, the Commission concludes that PSNC's request to correct its tariff should be approved.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

- 1. That PSNC is authorized to correct its form Transportation Pooling Agreement as detailed in Attachment A to its petition, effective nunc pro tunc, to November 1, 2016.
- 2. That PSNC file a corrected form Transportation Pooling Agreement in accordance with Ordering Paragraph 1 within five (5) days of the date of this order.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the <u>12th</u> day of September, 2017.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Commissioner Lyons Gray did not participate in this decision.