

**BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
TOCCOA NATURAL GAS
DOCKET G-41, SUB 50**

DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

Harry Franklin Scott, Jr

August 9, 2017

1 Q. Mr. Scott , please state your name, your employer and business address.

2 A. My name is Harry Scott. I am employed by the City of Toccoa, Georgia (the
3 “City”), and my business address is Post Office Box 579, 92 N. Alexander Street,
4 Toccoa, Georgia 30577.

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6 Q. In what capacity are you employed by the City?

7 A. My title is Utilities Director.

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9 Q. What are your current responsibilities with the City?

10 A. My responsibilities, among others, include overseeing the operation of all the
11 utilities owned and operated by the City of Toccoa, including water, wastewater,
12 and the Toccoa Natural Gas (“Toccoa” or the “Company”) system. I am also
13 responsible for ensuring compliance with the statutes and regulations of the North
14 Carolina Utilities Commission, and the development and administration of all
15 components of firm and interruptible service.

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17 Q. Please summarize your professional background.

18 A. Please see *Exhibit 1, Biographical Sketch*.

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20 Q. Please describe generally Toccoa and its system.

21 A. Toccoa is a municipal gas system physically comprised of approximately 90 miles
22 of transmission line from the tap off Williams Pipeline in Elbert County, Georgia
23 to the city-gate at Franklin, North Carolina. The system contains approximately

1 90 miles of transmission main, 17 miles of which are in North Carolina, and 418
2 miles of distribution main, 71 miles of which are in North Carolina. Toccoa
3 serves approximately 6,567 retail customers, of which approximately 726 are in
4 North Carolina, and has two offices in Toccoa, Georgia and in Franklin, North
5 Carolina.

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7 Q. What communities does Toccoa serve?

8 A. Toccoa serves Bowersville, Lavonia, Martin, Avalon, Toccoa, Tallulah Falls,
9 Tiger, Lakemont, Clayton, Mountain City and Dillard in Georgia, and Otto and
10 Franklin in North Carolina.

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12 Q. Please briefly describe Toccoa's business and markets.

13 A. Toccoa is in the business of providing natural gas to residential, commercial, and
14 industrial customers in Northeast Georgia (parts of Elbert, Hart, Franklin,
15 Stephens, Habersham and Rabun Counties) and Western North Carolina (Macon
16 County). Approximately 470 residential, 254 commercial and 2 industrial
17 customers are served in North Carolina.

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19 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

20 A. Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6) requires Toccoa to submit to the Commission, on
21 or before September 1, 2017, Toccoa's actual gas costs and volumes of purchased
22 gas based on a twelve-month period ended June 30, 2017, and certain other
23 information as directed by the Commission. The Rule provides for a hearing on

1 the first Wednesday of November “in order to compare each LDC’s prudently
2 incurred gas costs with gas costs recovered from all its customers that it served
3 during the test period.” Toccoa is providing my testimony along with the
4 testimony and schedules of Mr. Trippe in compliance with this Rule. The primary
5 purpose of my testimony is to describe Toccoa’s system in North Carolina.
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7 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

8 A. Yes.
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