

**NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR COMMISSION STAFF CONFERENCE**

**April 29, 2024**

The Regular Commission Staff Conference of the North Carolina Utilities Commission was held on Monday, April 29, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., with Chair Mitchell presiding.

The following were present:

**COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Duffley  
Commissioner Hughes  
Commissioner McKissick  
Commissioner Kemerait  
Commissioner Brawley  
Commissioner Tucker

**COMMISSION STAFF:** Mr. Watson, Ms. Duffy, Ms. Jarvis, Ms. Murrell, Ms. Walker, Ms. Ziegler, Ms. Cooke, Ms. Hall, Ms. Hilburn, Mr. Barber, Ms. Jayasheela, Ms. Winstead, Mr. McCoy

**PUBLIC STAFF:** Ms. Edmondson, Ms. Holt, Ms. Johnson, Mr. McLawhorn, Mr. Nader, Ms. Patel, Mr. Puglisi

**ATTORNEY GENERAL:**

**COURT REPORTER:** Ms. Clayton

**NATURAL GAS***ENERGY EFFICIENCY RIDER***Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. (PSNC)**

1. Docket No. G-5, Sub 670 – Application by PSNC for approval of energy efficiency rider rate adjustment (Rider F) (*Nader/Johnson/Holt*)

On January 16, 2024, Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. (PSNC or the Company), filed its Annual Energy Efficiency (EE) Program Filing addressing the operation of the Company's EE programs for the period between November 1, 2022, and April 30, 2024, and requesting authority to implement its proposed EE Rider rate adjustment for calendar year 2024.

The Public Staff stated it had reviewed the updated proposed EE Rider rate adjustments.

The Public Staff recommended approval of the updated proposed EE Rider rate.

It was moved and passed that the Public Staff's recommendation be adopted.

*BENCHMARK COST OF NATURAL GAS***Frontier Natural Gas Company (Frontier)**

2. Docket No. G-40, Sub 177 – Application of Frontier for an adjustment of its rates and charges to track changes in its wholesale costs of gas (*Puglisi/Johnson/Holt*)

On April 15, 2024, Frontier Natural Gas Company (Frontier or Company) filed an application pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.4, Commission Rule R1-17(k)(3), and Appendix A of Frontier's Gas Service Rules & Regulations, seeking authority to decrease its rates from \$5.95 per dekatherm (dts) to \$4.00 per dts effective May 1, 2024.

The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the application and the rate changes reflected on Exhibit A.

The Public Staff recommended approval as filed.

It was moved and passed that the Public Staff's recommendation be adopted.

The Minutes of the Regular Commission Staff Conference of April 22, 2024, were approved.

Minutes prepared by Le Anne Ackerman.