

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 771

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Piedmont Natural Gas Company ) of North Carolina, Inc., for Annual Review of ) Gas Costs Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.4(c) ) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6) ) ) )	ORDER SCHEDULING REMOTE EXPERT WITNESS HEARING, REQUIRING FILING OF CROSS-EXAM AND REDIRECT EXHIBITS, AND ADDRESSING OTHER MATTERS
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BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On August 4, 2020, the Commission issued a Scheduling Order in the above-captioned docket. The Scheduling Order, among other things, set a public hearing on the annual review of gas costs for Piedmont Natural Gas Company , Inc. (Piedmont), to be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, and directed Piedmont to publish a Public Notice of the hearing. As is the Commission’s usual procedure, the Commission planned to proceed to receive expert witness testimony following the testimony by public witnesses.

The Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to confirm that the public witness hearing will be held at the time and place set in the Scheduling Order, and to inform the parties and their attorneys that they are not required to attend the public witness hearing, but may attend if they desire to do so. Further, all persons attending the public witness hearing will be required to wear a mask or other appropriate face covering, and will be required to seat themselves in the hearing room at least six feet (three chairs) apart from other persons.

Due to the larger number of persons anticipated to be involved in the expert witness portion of the hearing, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to hold the expert witness portion of the hearing by remote means on Webex. The expert witness hearing will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, and will be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) On or before Monday, September 21, 2020, all parties shall file a statement consenting to holding the expert witness hearing by remote means, or a statement objecting to same;
- (2) On or before Monday, September 21, 2020, all parties shall send the email addresses of the attorneys, witnesses, and other persons

that will participate in the hearing on the party's behalf directly to the Chief Clerk's Office at: ncucwebex@ncuc.net;

(3) On or before Tuesday, September 22, 2020, parties shall file a list of potential cross-examination exhibits, and provide written copies of said exhibits, pre-marked but not numbered, to the other parties and the Commission;

(4) On or before Friday, September 25, Piedmont shall file a list of potential redirect examination exhibits, and provide written copies of said exhibits, pre-marked but not numbered, to the other parties and the Commission;

(5) Within ten days after the hearing, parties shall file their cross-examination and redirect exhibits used in the hearing marked as indicated during the hearing; and

(6) Parties and witnesses will be required to refrain from disclosing confidential information during the hearing, including during direct examination, cross-examination, and redirect examination. If a party believes that this requirement will materially affect the party's presentation of evidence or examination of a witness, the party shall bring this to the attention of the Presiding Commissioner at the beginning of the hearing.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 24th day of August, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janice H. Fulmore".

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk