

1 PLACE: Dobbs Building, Raleigh, North Carolina
 2 DATE: March 1, 2022
 3 TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 10:03 a.m.
 4 DOCKET: G-40, Sub 163
 5 BEFORE: Commissioner Floyd B. McKissick, Jr., Presiding
 6 Commissioner Kimberly W. Duffley

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IN THE MATTER OF:
 Application of Frontier Natural Gas
 Company for Annual Review of Gas Costs
 Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 62-133.4(c) and
 Commission Rule R1-17(k) (6)

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A P P E A R A N C E S :

FOR FRONTIER NATURAL GAS COMPANY:

No Attorney Present

FOR PUBLIC STAFF:

No Attorney Present

1 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Good morning. Let
2 us come to order and go on the record. I'm
3 Commissioner Floyd McKissick Jr., and I've been
4 assigned to preside over this hearing. With me this
5 morning is Commissioner Kimberly Duffley. Commissioner
6 Hughes may be joining us, but he's not joined us at
7 this time.

8 I now call for hearing Docket No. G-40,
9 Sub 163, In the Matter of an Application of Frontier
10 Natural Gas Company, hereafter, Frontier for Annual
11 Review of Gas Costs Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 62-133.4(c)
12 and Commission Rule R1-17(k) (6).

13 The purpose of the review is to compare
14 Frontier's prudently incurred costs with the gas costs
15 recovered from its customers served during the test
16 period in compliance with Rule R1-17(k) (6).

17 On December 1, 2021, Frontier filed
18 testimony and exhibits of two expert witnesses
19 relating to this Annual Review proceeding.

20 On December 9th, 2021, the Commissioner
21 issued an Order Scheduling Hearing requiring the
22 filing of testimony, establishing discovery
23 guidelines, and requiring public notice.

24 The Order scheduled this public hearing for

1 today, March 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. The intervention
2 and participation of the Public Staff is recognized
3 pursuant to N.C.G.S. 62-15(d) and Commission Rule
4 R1-19(e).

5 On February 14th, 2022, the Public Staff
6 filed testimony and exhibits of three expert
7 witnesses. No other parties intervened or filed
8 testimony in this docket.

9 On February 16th, 2022, Frontier and the
10 Public Staff filed a motion requesting that their
11 expert witnesses be excused from attending the
12 hearing. They stated that they had agreed to waive
13 cross-examination of each other's witnesses and had
14 agreed to the introduction of the witnesses' prefiled
15 testimony and exhibits into evidence.

16 On February 23rd, 2022, the Commission
17 issued an Order excusing expert witnesses, accepting
18 testimony and exhibits, and requiring Proposed Orders.
19 That Order also stated today's hearing will be for the
20 sole purpose of taking the testimony of public
21 witnesses, and that representatives of Frontier and
22 the Public Staff were not required to attend the
23 hearing.

24 On February 24th, 2022, Frontier filed

1 affidavits of publication evidencing the newspaper
2 publication of a public notice of today's hearing as
3 required by the Commission.

4 In compliance with the requirements of
5 Chapter 138A of the State Government Ethics Act, I
6 remind the Commissioners, who are members of today's
7 hearing panel, of their responsibility to avoid
8 conflicts of interest, and I inquire any member who
9 has a conflict of interest with respect to the matter
10 before us to identify that, at this time.

11 (No response)

12 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Let the record
13 reflect that Commissioner Duffley has not identified
14 any such conflict, and I also cannot identify any such
15 conflict. Are there any preliminary matters which
16 need to be addressed before the beginning of the
17 hearing? If not, let us proceed. Are there any
18 members of the public present in the hearing room who
19 desire to provide testimony? If so, please come
20 forward.

21 (No response)

22 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Madam court
23 reporter, please let the record reflect that no public
24 witnesses came forward to testify today. Is there any

1 additional business to come before the Commission?

2 (No response)

3 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Hearing none, the
4 hearing is concluded and we are adjourned for today.
5 Thank you.

6 (The proceedings were adjourned)

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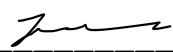
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, TONJA VINES, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the proceedings in the above-captioned matter were taken before me, that I did report in stenographic shorthand the Proceedings set forth herein, and the foregoing pages are a true and correct transcription to the best of my ability.



Tonja Vines