

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 608

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Public Service Company of) ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
North Carolina, Inc., for Annual Review of Gas) EXCUSE PUBLIC STAFF'S
Costs Pursuant to G.S. 62-133.4(c) and) WITNESSES
Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6))

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On June 1, 2019, Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. (PSNC), filed testimony and exhibits (testimony) of Candace Paton and Rose Jackson in the above-captioned docket relating to an annual review proceeding pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6).

On June 5, 2019, the Commission issued an Order scheduling this docket for a hearing on August 13, 2019.

On July 22, 2019, Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc. (CUCA), filed a Petition to Intervene, which was granted by the Commission on July 24, 2019.

On July 29, 2019, the Public Staff filed testimony of Julie G. Perry, Sonja R. Johnson, and Geoffrey M. Gilbert.

On July 29 and August 6, 2019, PSNC filed the supplemental and additional supplemental testimony of Candace Paton, respectively.

On August 7, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Providing Notice of Commission Questions informing PSNC of several questions that the Commission will ask witnesses Jackson and Paton at the hearing.

On August 8, 2019, the Public Staff filed a motion requesting that the Commission excuse the Public Staff's witnesses from attending the hearing, and that the Commission receive its witnesses' testimony into the record. The Public Staff stated that it does not appear that there are any matters in dispute between the Public Staff and PSNC, and that the Public Staff has no cross-examination questions for PSNC's witnesses. In addition, the Public Staff stated that PSNC and CUCA have agreed to waive cross-examination of the Public Staff's witnesses and have no objection to the witnesses' prefiled testimony being received into the record.

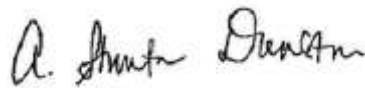
Based on the Public Staff's motion and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to grant the motion.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Public Staff's witnesses are hereby excused from appearing at the hearing on August 13, 2019, and that their prefiled testimony and exhibits will be admitted into evidence at the hearing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 13th day of August, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Shonta Dunston". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

A. Shonta Dunston, Deputy Clerk