

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-41, SUB 55

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
Application of Toccoa Natural Gas for Annual	)	ORDER EXCUSING EXPERT
Review of Gas Costs Pursuant to	)	WITNESSES, ACCEPTING
N.C.G.S. § 62-133.4(c) and Commission	)	TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS,
Rule R1-17(k)(6)	)	AND CANCELING EXPERT
	)	WITNESS HEARING

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On September 1, 2020, Toccoa Natural Gas (Toccoa), filed the testimony and exhibits (testimony), of Harry F. Scott, Jr., and Rai Trippe 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 September 8, 2020, the Commission issued an Order that, among other things, scheduled this matter for a public witness hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, and an expert witness hearing at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

On October 20, 2020, the Public Staff filed the joint testimony of Zarka H. Naba and Iris Morgan.

On October 20, 2020, Toccoa filed a motion requesting that Toccoa's and the Public Staff's expert witnesses be excused from attending the expert witness hearing on November 4, 2020. Toccoa stated that there are no other parties in this docket. Toccoa further stated that counsel for Toccoa and the Public Staff have conferred with respect to the issues in this proceeding, have agreed to waive cross-examination of each other's witnesses, and have no objection to the introduction of the witnesses' prefiled testimony into evidence.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to excuse all Toccoa and Public Staff witnesses from testifying at the expert witness hearing, to receive the witnesses' prefiled testimony and exhibits into evidence, and to cancel the expert witness hearing. Further, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to require that the parties file proposed orders, or a joint proposed order, on or before December 4, 2020, and that the parties file briefs by the same date, if they desire to file briefs.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Toccoa's and the Public Staff's witnesses are excused from testifying at the expert witness hearing on November 4, 2020, and the witnesses' prefiled testimony and exhibits are hereby admitted into evidence;

2. That the expert witness hearing scheduled on November 4, 2020, at 11:00 a.m., is hereby canceled; and

3. That on or before December 4, 2020, the parties shall file proposed orders, or a joint proposed order, and may file briefs if they so desire.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 26th day of October, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberley A. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk