

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 622

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc., for Annual Review of Gas Costs Pursuant to G.S. 62-133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6))))))	ORDER CANCELING EXPERT WITNESS HEARING, ACCEPTING TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS, AND REQUIRING RESPONSES TO COMMISSION QUESTIONS

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On June 1, 2020, Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. (PSNC), filed testimony of Rose Jackson and Byron W. Hinson 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 3, 2020, the Commission issued an Order scheduling this docket for a public witness and expert witness hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2020.

On June 19, 2020, the Commission issued an Order granting the Petition to Intervene of Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc. (CUCA).

On July 31, 2020, the Public Staff filed testimony of Neha R. Patel and Sonja R. Johnson.

On August 4, 2020, the Commission issued an Order confirming that the public witness hearing will be held in person at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, as previously scheduled. In addition, the Commission rescheduled the expert witness hearing to be held remotely by WebEx at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2020.

On August 11, 2020, PSNC filed a motion requesting that the Commission excuse all witnesses from attending the expert witness hearing, and that the Commission receive the witnesses' testimony and exhibits into the record. PSNC stated that it consulted with the Public Staff and CUCA. Further, PSNC stated that because there are no issues in dispute among the parties, all parties have agreed to waive cross-examination of all expert witnesses, and have no objection to the witnesses' prefiled testimony and exhibits being received into the record.

Based on PSNC's motion and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to excuse all PSNC and Public Staff witnesses from testifying at the expert witness hearing, and to receive the witnesses' prefiled testimony and exhibits into the record.

Further, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to cancel the expert witness hearing, and to require that the parties file proposed orders on or before September 18, 2020, and briefs by the same date, if they desire to file briefs.

Finally, based on the testimony of the parties the Commission has several questions that are attached hereto as Attachment A. The Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to require that PSNC file verified responses to the questions on or before September 18, 2020.

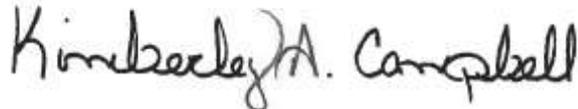
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That PSNC's and the Public Staff's witnesses are excused from testifying at the expert witness hearing on August 18, 2020, and the witnesses' prefiled testimony and exhibits are hereby admitted into evidence;
2. That the expert witness hearing scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on August 18, 2020, is hereby canceled;
3. That on or before September 18, 2020, the parties shall file proposed orders, and may file briefs if they so desire; and
4. That on or before September 18, 2020, PSNC shall file verified answers to the Commission questions attached hereto as Attachment A.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 14th day of August, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk

Commission Questions

1. Referencing Page 5, lines 8-12 of the Supplemental Direct Testimony of Rose M. Jackson and Revised Jackson Exhibit 1, please explain how the Company plans on meeting short-term peaking service needs from the Annual Review year for 2021-2022 onwards.

2. The design-day requirements from 2021-2022 forward are increasing by approximately 20,000 dekatherms (dts) every year, and the reserve margin is moving to a negative range during the same time frame.

(a) What are the Company's plans to eliminate the shortfall? What steps has the Company already taken to implement those plans? Please provide detailed answers with supporting documentation.

(b) Based on a hypothetical scenario that the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) mainline and MVP Southgate projects are stalled and not in service prior to the 2021-2022 winter season, how would the Company plan to eliminate the shortfall?