

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 743

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application of Piedmont Natural Gas)
Company, Inc., for Adjustment of Rates)
and Charges Applicable to Natural Gas)
Service in North Carolina)
	ORDER ACCEPTING PUBLIC
	STAFF'S LATE FILED EXHIBIT

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On September 11, 2019, the Public Staff - North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff), filed a Motion to Supplement the Record (Motion) in the above-captioned proceeding. In the Motion, the Public Staff, among other things, informs the Commission that it seeks to correct errors in Attorney General's Office – Powers Cross Exhibit 5.

According to the Public Staff, on August 14, 2019, the Attorney General's Office (AG) submitted a data request to the Public Staff (AG Settlement Data Request) regarding the Stipulation entered into by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont), the Public Staff, Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc. (CUCA), and Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates IV (CIGFUR IV), which was filed in this docket on August 13, 2019. Item 3 of the AG Settlement Data Request requested the following:

Please provide Patel Exhibit III (which shows the Public Staff recommended margin changes and flowback of EDIT for Year 1 and Year 2), but instead of the Public Staff recommendation, show the Settlement margin changes and flowback of EDIT.

On August 17, 2019, the Public Staff responded to Item 3 of the AG Settlement Data Request. The Public Staff's response to Item 3 was subsequently utilized by the AG during the evidentiary hearing of this matter as Attorney General's Office – Powers Cross Exhibit 4 and Attorney General's Office – Powers Cross Exhibit 5.

During the evidentiary hearing, Commissioner Clodfelter requested that the Public Staff file a late-filed exhibit extending the calculations of change in margin and flowback of EDIT set out in Attorney General's Office – Powers Cross Exhibit 5 to the fourth, fifth, and sixth years following the effective date of the rates agreed to in the Stipulation.

While preparing the late-filed exhibit, the Public Staff identified a number of errors in its response to the Attorney General's Settlement Data Request which was identified and received at the hearing as Attorney General's Office – Powers Cross Exhibit 5. These

errors relate to rounding differences, linking data from an incorrect source, and figures that were keyed in, instead of being linked to calculations in the source spreadsheet.

The Public Staff is of the opinion that the errors it has identified should be corrected in the record of this proceeding to ensure that the figures set out in both Attorney General's Office – Powers Cross Exhibit 5 and the to-be-filed late-filed exhibit requested by the Commission are correct. Accordingly, the Public Staff seeks Commission authorization to make such corrections through acceptance of the Revised Attorney General's Office – Powers Cross Exhibit 5 as a supplement to the record in this docket.

Finally, the Public Staff informs the Commission that it has consulted with counsel for the other parties regarding the relief requested herein and is authorized to represent that Piedmont, CUCA, the Attorney General's Office, Nucor Steel-Herford, and Fayetteville Public Works Commission have no objection. No response has been received by the Public Staff from CIGFUR IV. The Public Staff requests that the Commission allow the record in this proceeding to be supplemented by accepting the Revised Attorney General's Office – Powers Cross Exhibit 5 attached to the Public Staff's Motion.

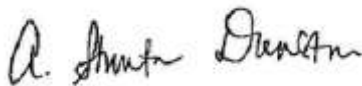
The Presiding Commissioner has reviewed the record and the Public Staff's Motion. The revised exhibit attached to the Motion has been prepared and revised by the Public Staff to correct its submission provided in response to the Attorney General's Settlement Data Request. The Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to receive the exhibit as revised into evidence. However, although it appears from the representations made in the Motion that no party opposes or disputes the changes the Public Staff has made to the Attorney General's Office Powers Cross Examination Exhibit 5, the exhibit as revised by the Public Staff will be identified and received into evidence as Public Staff Revised AGO Powers Late-Filed Exhibit 1.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 23rd day of September, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Shonta Dunston".

A. Shonta Dunston, Deputy Clerk