

August 24, 2018

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. M. Lynn Jarvis
Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
430 N. Salisbury Street, Dobbs Building
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Re: Docket No. G-9, Sub 726

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

On August 17, 2018, OptimaTH, LLC ("OptimaTH") filed in this docket a form of Receipt Interconnect Agreement ("Agreement") negotiated between OptimaTH and Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont"). This form of Receipt Interconnect Agreement relates to a prospective new swine gas production project to be located in Tarheel, North Carolina and connected to Piedmont's system. This is the same project OptimaTH has previously proposed to include in the Alternative Gas Pilot Program for Piedmont established by the Commission's June 19, 2018 *Order Approving Appendix F and Establishing Pilot Program* in Docket No. G-9, Sub 698. By this Filing Piedmont wishes to articulate its position on OptimaTH's August 17, 2018 filing in this docket so the record before the Commission is clear.

Piedmont acknowledges that the form of Receipt Interconnect Agreement filed by OptimaTH in this docket has been negotiated with Piedmont and sets forth terms pursuant to which Piedmont is willing to interconnect with OptimaTH's proposed Tarheel project facilities and receive Alternative Gas from those facilities.

In the event the Commission approves OptimaTH's request to include the Tarheel project in the Piedmont Pilot Program, which Piedmont does not oppose but otherwise takes no position on, Piedmont would respectfully support and seek Commission approval of the Receipt Interconnect Agreement and authorization to act in accordance with its terms.

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Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions regarding this filing, you may reach me at the number shown above.

Sincerely,

/s/ James H. Jeffries IV
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cc: Deborah Ross
Elizabeth Culpepper
Bruce Barkley
Pia Powers

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the attached is being served this date upon all of the parties to this docket electronically or by depositing a copy of the same in the United States Mail, First Class Postage Prepaid, at the addresses contained in the official service list in this proceeding.

This the 24th day of August, 2018.

/s/ Richard K. Goley
Richard K. Goley