

**BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
TOCCOA NATURAL GAS
DOCKET G-41, SUB 55**

**DIRECT TESTIMONY
OF
HARRY FRANKLIN SCOTT, JR.**

August 28, 2020

1 Q. Mr. Scott , please state your name, your employer, and your business address.

2 A. My name is Harry Scott. I am employed by the City of Toccoa, Georgia (the
3 “City”), and my business address is Post Office Box 579, 92 North Alexander
4 Street, Toccoa, Georgia 30577.

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6 Q. In what capacity are you employed by the City?

7 A. My title is Utilities Director.

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9 Q. What are your current responsibilities with the City?

10 A. My responsibilities, among others, include overseeing the operation of all the
11 utilities owned and operated by the City of Toccoa, including the water,
12 wastewater, and the Toccoa Natural Gas (“Toccoa” or the “Company”) systems. I
13 am also responsible for ensuring compliance with the statutes and regulations of
14 the North Carolina Utilities Commission, and for the development and
15 administration of all components of firm and interruptible service.

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17 Q. Please summarize your professional background.

18 A. Please see *Exhibit A, Biographical Sketch*.

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20 Q. Please describe generally Toccoa and its system.

21 A. Toccoa is a municipal gas system physically comprised of approximately 90 miles
22 of transmission line from the tap off Williams Pipeline in Elbert County, Georgia
23 to the city-gate at Franklin, North Carolina. The system contains approximately

1 90 miles of transmission main, approximately 17 miles of which are in North
2 Carolina, and 438 miles of distribution main, approximately 71 miles of which are
3 in North Carolina. Toccoa serves approximately 6,709 retail customers, of which
4 approximately 767 are in North Carolina, and Toccoa has office locations in
5 Toccoa, Georgia and Franklin, North Carolina.

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7 Q. What communities does Toccoa serve?

8 A. Toccoa serves Bowersville, Lavonia, Martin, Avalon, Toccoa, Tallulah Falls,
9 Tiger, Lakemont, Clayton, Mountain City and Dillard in Georgia; Otto and
10 Franklin in North Carolina.

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12 Q. Please briefly describe Toccoa's business and markets.

13 A. Toccoa is in the business of providing natural gas to residential, commercial, and
14 industrial customers in Northeast Georgia (parts of Elbert, Hart, Franklin,
15 Stephens, Habersham and Rabun Counties) and Western North Carolina (Macon
16 County). Approximately 493 residential, 272 commercial, and two industrial
17 customers are served in North Carolina.

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19 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

20 A. Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6) requires Toccoa to submit to the Commission on
21 or before September 1, 2020, Toccoa's actual gas costs and volumes of purchased
22 gas based on a twelve-month period ended June 30, 2020, and certain other
23 information as directed by the Commission. The Rule provides for a hearing on

1 the first Wednesday of November “in order to compare each LDC’s prudently
2 incurred gas costs with gas costs recovered from all its customers that it served
3 during the test period.” Toccoa is providing my testimony along with the
4 testimony and schedules of Mr. Trippe in compliance with this Rule. The primary
5 purpose of my testimony is to describe Toccoa’s system in North Carolina.

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7 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

8 A. Yes.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Harry Franklin Scott, Jr.

Mr. Scott has a total of nineteen years with the City of Toccoa and has twenty years of prior natural gas experience in Florida with TECO Peoples Gas. Mr. Scott currently serves as the Utilities Director. In this position, Mr. Scott is responsible for the daily operations of all utilities provided by the City of Toccoa - the Water and Wastewater and Toccoa Natural Gas.

Toccoa Natural Gas is a regional utility covering 90 miles of transmission main, 438 miles of distribution main, 1.31 bcf annual throughput for fiscal year 2020, approximately 6,700 customers, thirty-two employees, and two office locations. We have over sixty five years of operation in Georgia and North Carolina. Mr. Scott provides oversight of the entire system and employees.

Originally hired by the City of Toccoa in 2001, Mr. Scott has served in various capacities in the Natural Gas Department with positions of increasing responsibility. In addition to his experience with the City of Toccoa/Toccoa Natural Gas, Mr. Scott's background includes all facets of the natural gas business including Dispatch, Sales, Service, Installation, Conversion, Customer Service, Distribution Operations, Transmission Operations and Regulatory Compliance. After managing the northern operation for ten years, in January of 2012, Mr. Scott began his role as Utilities Director.

Harry and his wife Shaleen have four children, seven grandchildren and reside in Clayton, Georgia.