## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. G-40, SUB 160

## BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Joint Application of Frontier Natural	)
Gas Company and Ullico	) MOTION FOR
Infrastructure Hearthstone Holdco,	) EXTENSION
LLC, for Approval of the Sale and	) OF TIME
Transfer of Stock	)

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff), by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and moves the Commission for an extension of time for the filing of the direct testimony of the Public Staff and other intervenors and for rebuttal testimony. In support of this motion, the Public Staff respectfully shows the following:

- 1. On January 27, 2021, Frontier Natural Gas Company (Frontier) and Ullico Infrastructure Hearthstone Holdco, LLC (UIHH) (collectively, the Applicants), filed an application pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-111 for (1) approval of a transaction whereby Hearthstone Utilities Inc. (HUI) and its subsidiaries, including Frontier, will become wholly owned subsidiaries of UIHH, and (2) authorization and/or waiver as is necessary and appropriate to effect the proposed transaction.
- 2. On March 31, 2021, the Commission issued its *Order Scheduling Hearing, Establishing Procedural Deadlines and Requiring Public Notice*, specifying that the direct testimony of the Public Staff and other intervenors shall be filed not later than May 24, 2021, and that the rebuttal testimony of the Applicants shall be filed not later than June 9, 2021.

- 3. The Public Staff has been working diligently on this matter, including conducting discovery, and preparing its testimony, but will not be in a position to file testimony by May 24, 2021.
- 4. The Public Staff respectfully requests that the Commission extend the due date for the filing of Public Staff and other intervenor testimony in this docket to June 2, 2021, and for the filing of rebuttal testimony to June 15, 2021.
- 5. The Public Staff is authorized to represent that the Applicants do not object to this motion.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth, the Public Staff respectfully requests that the Commission extend the time for filing Public Staff and other intervenor testimony to June 2, 2021, and for the filing of rebuttal testimony to June 15, 2021.

Respectfully submitted, this the 21st day of May, 2021.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing Motion upon each of the parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record by emailing them an electronic copy or by causing a paper copy of the same to be hand-delivered or deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to each.

This the 21st day of May, 2021.

Electronically submitted
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