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UTILITIES COMMISSION REQUESTS COMMENTS ON  
NATURAL GAS EXPANSION PLANS

On June 15, 1989, the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina enacted G.S. 62-36A entitled "Natural Gas Planning." This statute, which became effective upon ratification, provides that the North Carolina Utilities Commission shall require each franchised natural gas local distribution company (LDC) to file biennial reports with the Commission detailing its plans for providing natural gas service in areas of its franchise territory in which natural gas service is not available. North Carolina Gas Service (a Division of Pennsylvania & Southern Gas Company), North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., and Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc., filed their most recent expansion reports with the Commission on or about January 1, 1994. G.S. 62-36A requires the Commission and the Public Staff to report to the Joint Legislative Utility Review Committee of the General Assembly on or about May 1, 1994, setting forth independent analyses and summaries of the LDC reports, together with a status report on natural gas service in the State.

The Utilities Commission is aware that many people in North Carolina are vitally interested in the expansion of natural gas service. For that reason, the Commission is soliciting comments from interested persons regarding the expansion reports filed by the LDCs in order to assist the Commission in the course of its investigation. By Order entered today, the Commission has requested interested persons to file written comments on the specific matters set forth in the reports filed by the LDCs. These comments should be filed not later than February 25, 1994. Copies of the expansion reports are available for review in the Office at the Chief Clerk of the Commission in Raleigh.

Comments on the specific expansion plans should be filed with the Chief Clerk in the following dockets:

North Carolina Gas Service - Docket No. G-3, Sub 182  
North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation - Docket No. G-21, Sub 321  
Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. - Docket No. G-9, Sub 345  
Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. - Docket No. G-5, Sub 325

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