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Ms. Antonia Dunston, Interim Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
Dobbs Building
430 North Salisbury Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Re: *Motion to Delay Evidentiary Hearing*
Docket Nos. G-5, Sub 632 and G-5, Sub 634

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceedings is Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc.'s *Motion to Delay Evidentiary Hearing*.

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/Mary Lynne Grigg

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Enclosure

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 632
DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 634

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 632)	
)	
In the Matter of)	
Application of Public Service Company of)	
North Carolina, Inc., for a General Increase in)	
Rates and Charges)	MOTION TO DELAY
)	EVIDENTIARY HEARING
DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 634)	
)	
In the Matter of)	
Application for Approval to Modify Existing)	
Conservation Programs and Implement New)	
Conservation Programs)	

NOW COMES Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc., d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (“PSNC”), by and through counsel and pursuant to Rule R1-7 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission”), and hereby moves the Commission to delay the evidentiary hearing scheduled in the June 11, 2021 *Order Scheduling Investigation and Hearings, Establishing Intervention and Testimony Due Dates and Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice* to and until 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 20, 2021, to allow PSNC, the Public Staff—North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Public Staff”), Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc. (“CUCA”), and Evergreen Packaging, LLC (“Evergreen”) additional time to finalize and file a formal stipulation of settlement and supporting testimony and exhibits in this proceeding.

In support hereof, PSNC shows the following:

1. On April 1, 2021, PSNC filed an application with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 62-133 and 62-134 requesting authority to adjust and increase its retail natural gas rates and charges in North Carolina, effective May 1, 2021.

2. By Order dated April 27, 2021, the Commission declared the proceeding to be a general rate case and suspended rates for up to 270 days.

3. By Order dated June 11, 2021, the Commission scheduled an in person evidentiary hearing “for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony and evidence presented by the Company, the Public Staff, and other intervenors to resume in Raleigh on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, unless the Commission later determines it is necessary to conduct the hearing by remote means or unless it is otherwise ordered.”

4. On September 17, 2021, PSNC filed a motion to hold the hearing remotely.

5. On September 23, 2021, the Public Staff, CUCA, and Evergreen filed testimony.

6. By Order dated September 24, 2021, the Commission set the procedures for the October 18, 2021 hearing to be held remotely.

7. On October 7, 2021, PSNC filed its rebuttal testimony.

8. Since the filing of rebuttal testimony, PSNC, the Public Staff, CUCA, and Evergreen have reached an agreement in principle as to all issues in the case.

9. Although PSNC, the Public Staff, CUCA, and Evergreen have reached an agreement in principle, additional time is needed to finalize the stipulation, reduce its terms to writing, and prepare supporting testimony for submission to the Commission. Additional time before the hearing would also be beneficial to allow the Commission and

any non-settling parties the opportunity to review the stipulation and supporting testimony and exhibits.

10. PSNC has consulted with counsel for the other parties to this proceeding and no party objects to this Motion.

11. Based on the foregoing, PSNC respectfully requests that the Commission delay the evidentiary hearing scheduled in the June 11, 2021 *Order Scheduling Investigation and Hearings, Establishing Intervention and Testimony Due Dates and Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice* to and until Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

WHEREFORE, Public Service Company of North Carolina Inc., d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, respectfully requests that the Commission grant its motion to delay the evidentiary hearing in this proceeding as set forth above and grant any further relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted, this the 14th day of October, 2021.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing *Motion to Delay Evidentiary Hearing*, as filed in Docket Nos. G-5, Sub 632 and G-5, Sub 634, were served electronically or via U.S. mail, first-class, postage prepaid, upon all parties of record.

This, the 14th day of October, 2021.

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