

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
Application of Frontier Natural Gas)	
Company for Annual Review of Gas)	MOTION TO CANCEL
Costs Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §)	PUBLIC WITNESS
62-133.4(c) and Commission Rule)	HEARING
R1-17(k)(6))	

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission, by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order canceling the public witness hearing scheduled in the above-captioned docket on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

In support of this motion, the Public Staff shows the following:

1. On December 9, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice (Scheduling Order) ordering that:

a public hearing shall be, and is hereby, scheduled for Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., and shall be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net. Members of the public that would like to testify must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2021, by contacting the Public Staff via email at FrontierPublicHearing@psncuc.nc.gov or by calling 866-380-9816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (G-40, Sub 158), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2021, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

Scheduling Order at Page 3.

2. The Public Notice provided that “[t]he Commission may cancel the public hearing if no substantial written complaints regarding Frontier’s gas costs

are received by the Commission's Chief Clerk on or before Monday, February 22, 2021." Public Notice at Page 2.

3. On February 16, 2021, Frontier Natural Gas Company (Frontier) and the Public Staff filed a joint motion to excuse the appearance of witnesses at the expert witness portion of the remote hearing and allow the introduction of all prefiled testimony and exhibits into the record at such hearing without the appearance of witnesses (Joint Motion to Excuse Expert Witnesses).

4. On February 23, 2021, Frontier filed its Affidavits of Publication.

5. As of the date of this filing, no member of the public has contacted the Public Staff by email or telephone requesting to testify at the public hearing. In addition, no members of the public have submitted written complaints or statements of position to the Commission's Chief Clerk.

6. The Public Staff contacted counsel for Frontier, who indicated that Frontier supports canceling the public witness hearing.

7. If this motion and the Joint Motion to Excuse Expert Witnesses are both granted, there will be no need to conduct a remote hearing via Webex on March 2, 2021.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff respectfully requests that the Commission enter an order canceling the public witness hearing scheduled to be held remotely via Webex on March 2, 2021; and for such further relief as the Commission may deem just and proper.

This the 23rd day of February, 2021.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing has been served on all parties of record or their attorneys, or both, by United States mail, first class or better; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 23rd day of February, 2021.

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