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# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH DOCKET NO. G-9, Sub 728

# BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of Application of GESS International North Carolina, Inc. for Approval to Participate in Alternative Gas Pilot Program and for Approval of Receipt Agreements

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL

The Applicant GESS International North Carolina, Inc. ("GESS International" or "Petitioner") respectfully provides notice to this Commission and all others of a substitution of its counsel of record resulting from a transaction affecting the ownership of the Applicant. In support of this Notice, the Applicant shows unto the Commission as follows:

- 1. Applicant's first appearance in this docket commenced with the filing of an application on behalf of the Applicant on August 27, 2018.
- 2. The following attorney has appeared as counsel of record for the Applicant from that date until this date:

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3. The undersigned counsel represents that he has communicated with previous counsel of record and that counsel have authorized the undersigned to represent and confirm that previous counsel consent to this substitution of counsel.

4. The applicant respectfully requests that from this date forward all filings and communications regarding this proceeding be served on or directed to its new counsel of record as disclosed herein.

5. New counsel of record consent to electronic service of all filings and communications related to this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted, this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing Notice of Substitution of Counsel was served this day by U.S. Mail, by depositing a copy of the same in a depository of the U.S. Postal Service in a pre-addressed and postage-prepaid envelop and addressed as shown below, or by providing electronic service to those as shown below:

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