

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1095
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1100
DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 682

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Duke Energy Corporation)	
and Piedmont Natural Gas, Inc. to)	ORDER RESPONDING TO
Engage in a Business Combination)	REQUEST FOR FULL
Transaction and Address Regulatory)	COMMISSION REVIEW
Conditions and Code of Conduct)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On January 15, 2016, Duke Energy Corporation (Duke) and Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application in the above-captioned dockets for authorization to engage in a business combination transaction, and to revise and apply Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Regulatory Conditions and Code of Conduct to Piedmont.

On May 24, 2016, Richard Fireman (Petitioner) filed a Petition to Intervene in this proceeding.

On May 25, 2016, the Applicants filed a Response in Opposition to Petitioner's petition to intervene.

On May 31, 2016, Petitioner filed a response to the Applicants' statement of opposition to his petition to intervene.

On June 9, 2016, the Chairman, on behalf of the Commission, issued an Order denying Petitioner's petition to intervene.

On June 20, 2016, Petitioner filed a document entitled Request of Richard Fireman, Petitioner, to the Full Commission for Official Review of Order Denying Petition to Intervene by the Chairman. In summary, Petitioner states that his petition to intervene is an important matter that needs a full review by the Commission.

Pursuant to the North Carolina Public Utilities Act, G.S. 62-13(c)

The chairman, the presiding commissioner, hearing commissioner, or hearing examiner shall hear and determine procedural motions or petitions not determinative of the merits of the proceedings and made prior to hearing; and at hearing shall make all rulings on motions and objections.

The Chairman's Order denying Petitioner's petition to intervene is an order on a procedural motion or proceeding that is not determinative of the merits of the Application filed by Duke and Piedmont. G.S.62-13(c) states that the chairman (or other duly authorized presiding officers of the Commission) shall hear and determine such motions and that is what the Chairman has done in this instance.

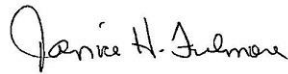
Therefore, based upon the foregoing and the record, the full Commission concludes that it will not review or hear Petitioner's initial petition to intervene and accordingly, that Petitioner's request that the Order denying his intervention be reviewed by the full Commission should be dismissed.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 23rd day of June, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice H. Fulmore".

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk