

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-40, SUB 142

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Frontier Natural Gas Company – Violations) ORDER APPROVING MODIFICATION
of Title 49, Part 192, Subpart O, Code of) TO AGREEMENT AND STIPULATION
Federal Regulations) OF SETTLEMENT
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BY THE COMMISSION: On October 12, 2017, the North Carolina Utilities Commission – Pipeline Safety Section (Safety Staff) filed an Agreement and Stipulation of Settlement in this proceeding on behalf of itself and Frontier Natural Gas Company (Settlement) pursuant to which Frontier and the Safety Staff agreed to a resolution of all disputes between them in this docket. On October 31, 2017, the Commission approved the Settlement.

On May 31, 2018, Frontier filed a request for Approval of Modification to Agreement and Stipulation of Settlement. In its motion, Frontier states that the Settlement required Frontier, in consultation with Safety Staff, to perform an in-line inspection (“ILI”) of a representative portion of its transmission system utilizing smart-pig technology and to also perform an internal corrosion direct assessment (“ICDA”) for the Greenway and West Park segments of its transmission line by dates set forth in the Settlement. Frontier states that following approval of the Settlement and further discussions between Frontier and Safety Staff, Safety Staff and Frontier reached agreement that Frontier’s ILI would include the Greenway and West Park sections of its transmission system. Frontier’s ILI was conducted April 9, 2018 through April 20, 2018 and included the Greenway and West Park sections of its transmission system. Frontier states that inasmuch as an ILI inspection of the Greenway and West Park sections of its transmission system provides much more (and more granular) information about the condition of those segments of Frontier’s transmission system than an ICDA would reveal, the Safety Staff and Frontier have agreed that an ICDA of those segments is no longer necessary. Thus, Frontier requests that the Commission approve the Amended Stipulation of Settlement attached to the Motion effectuating such agreement.

Upon consideration of the entire record in this proceeding, the Commission finds and concludes that approval of the Amended Stipulation of Settlement dated and filed on May 31, 2018, which modifies the Agreement and Stipulation of Settlement dated October 12, 2017, is in the public interest.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the May 31, 2018 Amended Stipulation of Settlement filed with the Commission is hereby approved.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 11th day of September, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Janice H. Fulmore", is written over a faint, light-colored circular stamp or watermark.

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk