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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Toccoa Natural Gas Company for Annual Review of Gas Costs Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6)

MOTION TO EXCUSE APPEARANCE OF WITNESSES AND ACCEPT TESTIMONY

Toccoa Natural Gas Company (Toccoa), through counsel, hereby moves the Commission for an order (1) excusing the appearance of witnesses at the remote hearing scheduled in this proceeding for November 4, 2020, and (2) allowing the introduction of all prefiled testimony and exhibits into the record at such hearing without the appearance of witnesses. Public Staff has been consulted, and has indicated that the Public Staff has no objection to this request. Toccoa respectfully shows unto the Commission as follows:

1. This proceeding is Toccoa's annual gas cost review proceeding in which the Commission receives testimony and rules on the prudency of Toccoa's incurrence of gas costs for the twelve months ended June 30, 2020, and the propriety of its accounting for such costs during such period.

2. On September 1, 2020, Toccoa prefiled the testimony and exhibits of Harry F. Scott, Jr., and Rai Trippe, and Mr. Scott and Mr. Trippe attested to the prudency of Toccoa's gas costs during the review period and the propriety of its accounting for such costs.

The Public Staff will prefile testimony in this docket today, October
20, 2020.

4. Toccoa has been advised by the Public Staff there are no matters in dispute between the parties.

5. There are no other parties to this proceeding.

6. Counsel for Toccoa and the Public Staff have conferred with respect to the issues in this proceeding and have agreed to waive cross-examination of each other's witnesses, and consent to the introduction of the other party's testimony and exhibits into the record without the necessity for the appearance of such witnesses.

WHEREFORE, Toccoa respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order (1) excusing the appearance of all witnesses at the remote hearing scheduled in this docket for November 4, 2020, and (ii) accept the prefiled testimony and exhibits of all witnesses into the record of this proceeding without requiring the appearance of any such witnesses.

Respectfully submitted, this the 20th day of October, 2020.

Toccoa Natural Gas Company

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing Motion to Excuse Appearance of Witnesses and Accept Testimonies on each of the parties of record in this proceeding, or the attorney of record for such party, in accordance with Commission Rule R1-39, by United States first class mail, hand delivery; or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 20th day of October, 2020.

By: <u>/s/ Karen M. Kemerail</u>

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