

**BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
TOCCOA NATURAL GAS
DOCKET G-41, SUB 58**

**DIRECT TESTIMONY
OF**

Harry Franklin Scott, Jr

September 1, 2022

1 Q. Mr. Scott , please state your name, your employer and business address.

2 A. My name is Harry Scott. I am employed by the City of Toccoa, Georgia (the
3 “City”), and my business address is Post Office Box 579, 92 N. Alexander Street,
4 Toccoa, Georgia 30577.

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6 Q. In what capacity are you employed by the City?

7 A. My title is Utilities Director.
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9 Q. What are your current responsibilities with the City?

10 A. My responsibilities, among others, include overseeing the operation of all the
11 utilities owned and operated by the City of Toccoa, including water, wastewater,
12 and Toccoa Natural Gas (“Toccoa” or the “Company”) system. I am also
13 responsible for ensuring compliance with the statutes and regulations of the North
14 Carolina Utilities Commission, and the development and administration of all
15 components of firm and interruptible service.
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17 Q. Please summarize your professional background.

18 A. Please see Scott Exhibit 1, *Biographical Sketch, Harry Franklin Scott, Jr.*
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20 Q. Please describe generally Toccoa and its system.

21 A. Toccoa is a municipal gas system physically comprised of approximately 90 miles
22 of transmission line from the tap off Williams Pipeline in Elbert County, Georgia
23 to the city-gate at Franklin, North Carolina; the system contains approximately 90

1 miles of transmission main, 17 miles of which are in North Carolina, and 441 miles
2 of distribution main, approximately 71 miles of which are in North Carolina.
3 Toccoa serves approximately 6670 retail customers, of which approximately 779
4 are in North Carolina, and has two offices: and Toccoa, Georgia and Franklin,
5 North Carolina.

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7 Q. What communities does Toccoa serve?

8 A. Toccoa serves Bowersville, Lavonia, Martin, Avalon, Toccoa, Tallulah Falls,
9 Tiger, Lakemont, Clayton, Mountain City and Dillard in Georgia; Otto and Franklin
10 in North Carolina.

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12 Q. Please briefly describe Toccoa's business and markets.

13 A. Toccoa is in the business of providing natural gas to residential, commercial and
14 industrial customers in Northeast Georgia (parts of Elbert, Hart, Franklin, Stephens,
15 Habersham and Rabun counties) and Western North Carolina (Macon County).
16 Approximately 496 residential, 281 commercial and 2 industrial customers are
17 served in North Carolina.

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19 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

20 A. Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6) requires Toccoa to submit to the Commission, on or
21 before September 1, 2022, Toccoa's actual gas costs and volumes of purchased gas
22 based on a twelve-month period ended June 30, 2022, and certain other information
23 as directed by the Commission. The Rule provides for a hearing on the first

1 Wednesday of November “in order to compare each LDC’s prudently incurred gas
2 costs with gas costs recovered from all its customers that it served during the test
3 period.” Toccoa is providing my testimony along with the testimony and schedules
4 of Mr. Trippe in compliance with this Rule. The primary purpose of my testimony
5 is to describe Toccoa’s system in North Carolina.

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7 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

8 A. Yes.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Harry Franklin Scott, Jr.

Mr. Scott has a total of twenty-one years with the City of Toccoa and has twenty years of prior natural gas experience in Florida with TECO Peoples Gas. Mr. Scott currently serves as the Utilities Director. In this position, Mr. Scott is responsible for the daily operations of all utilities provided by the City of Toccoa - the Water and Wastewater and Toccoa Natural Gas.

Originally hired by the City of Toccoa in 2001, Mr. Scott has served in various capacities in the Natural Gas Department with positions of increasing responsibility. As Utility Director, Mr. Scott provides oversight of the entire natural gas system and its employees. In addition to his experience with the City of Toccoa/Toccoa Natural Gas, Mr. Scott's background includes all facets of the natural gas business including Dispatch, Sales, Service, Installation, Conversion, Customer Service, Distribution Operations, Transmission Operations and Regulatory Compliance. After managing the northern operation for ten years, in January of 2012, Mr. Scott began his role as Utilities Director.

Harry and his wife Shaleen have four children, seven grandchildren and reside in Clayton, Georgia.