

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-40, SUB 149

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Frontier 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))
ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE TESTIMONY)

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On December 10, 2018, the Commission issued a Scheduling Order in the above-captioned docket involving an annual review of the gas purchasing practices of Frontier Natural Gas Company (Frontier). Among other things, the Scheduling Order established February 18, 2019, as the due date for the Public Staff and intervenors to file their testimony, with Frontier's rebuttal testimony to be filed 10 days later. In addition, the Scheduling Order set a public hearing in this matter for March 5, 2019.

On February 15, 2019, the Public Staff filed a motion requesting that the Commission extend the due date for the filing of its testimony to February 25, 2019, and reschedule the expert witness hearing for March 25 or 26, 2019. The Public Staff stated that it has been working diligently conducting discovery and preparing its testimony, but that it will not be able to file its testimony by February 18, 2019. Further, the Public Staff stated that it was authorized to represent that Frontier supports the Public Staff's motion.

Subsequent to the Public Staff filing its motion, the Commission Staff, Public Staff and Piedmont discussed options that would not entail rescheduling the expert witness hearing. Those discussions resulted in a proposal that the Public Staff file its testimony on or before February 22, 2019, Piedmont file its rebuttal testimony on or before March 4, 2019, and the expert witness hearing remain as scheduled on March 5, 2019.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to extend the date for the Public Staff to file its testimony to February 22, 2019, to extend the date for Piedmont to file its rebuttal testimony to March 4, 2019, and to maintain the date of the public witness and expert witness hearing on March 5, 2019.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 18th day of February, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk