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Ms. Antonia Dunston, Interim Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
Dobbs Building
430 North Salisbury Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Re: Docket Nos. G-5, Sub 632 and G-5, Sub 634

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceedings is Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc.'s Motion to Conduct Evidentiary Hearing by Remote Means.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions regarding this filing, you may reach me at the number shown above.

Sincerely,

/s/Mary Lynne Grigg

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Enclosure

cc: Gina Holt, NC Utilities Commission—Public Staff

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 632

DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 634

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 632

In the Matter of
Application of Public Service Company of
North Carolina, Inc., for a General Increase in
Rates and Charges

DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 634

In the Matter of
Application for Approval to Modify Existing
Conservation Programs and Implement New
Conservation Programs

MOTION TO CONDUCT
EVIDENTIARY HEARING BY
REMOTE MEANS

NOW COMES Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc., d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina ("PSNC"), by and through counsel and pursuant to North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Commission") Rule R1-7, and moves the Commission to conduct the evidentiary hearing on this matter to be held in Raleigh on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, remotely via Webex. In support of this motion, PSNC respectfully shows the following:

1. This proceeding began with the filing of an Application for Rate Increase by PSNC on April 1, 2021.
2. By order issued on April 27, 2021, the Commission declared the proceeding to be a general rate case and suspended rates for up to 270 days.
3. By Order dated June 11, 2021, the Commission scheduled the matter for public witness hearings on Monday August 16, 2021, to be held remotely via Webex with the

first session beginning at 1:30 p.m. and a second session beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Commission's Order additionally scheduled an in-person evidentiary hearing "for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony and evidence presented by the Company, the Public Staff, and other intervenors to resume in Raleigh on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, unless the Commission later determines it is necessary to conduct the hearing by remote means or unless it is otherwise ordered."

4. On July 15, 2021, PSNC filed a Certificate of Service attesting that all of its customers had been served with notice of the proposed rate increase and hearings.

5. Due to the recent rise in coronavirus cases, PSNC believes it is safer for the evidentiary hearing scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 18, 2021, to be conducted remotely via Webex. The Company therefore requests the Commission reschedule the evidentiary hearing to be conducted by remote means.

6. PSNC notes that the Commission has recently found that "based on the totality of the circumstances, including current high transmission rates of community spread of the delta variant of the novel coronavirus,"¹ that other hearings should similarly be conducted by remote means as opposed to in-person.

7. Counsel for the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission, Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc., and Evergreen Packaging, LLC have authorized PSNC to state that the parties support this motion.

WHEREFORE, Public Service Company of North Carolina Inc., d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, respectfully requests that the Commission grant its request to

¹*Order Establishing Remote Procedures for Expert Witness Hearing*, Docket No. G-9, Subs 722, 781, and 786 (Aug. 30, 2021).

conduct the hearing scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on October 18, 2021, remotely via Webex and grant any further relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted, this the 17th day of September, 2021.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Motion to Conduct Evidentiary Hearing by Remote Means, as filed in Docket Nos. G-5, Sub 632 and G-5, Sub 634, were served electronically or via U.S. mail, first-class, postage prepaid, upon all parties of record.

This, the 17th day of September, 2021.

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