

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 710

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application of Piedmont Natural Gas)
Company, Inc., for Annual Review of Gas) ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
Costs Pursuant to G.S. 62-133.4(c) and) SUPPLEMENT RECORD
Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6))

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On October 3, 2017, the Commission held a hearing in the above-captioned docket regarding an annual review of the gas costs of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont), pursuant to G.S. 62-133.4(c). Briefs and proposed orders of the parties are presently due to be filed by November 9, 2017.

On November 7, 2017, Piedmont and the Public Staff (Movants) filed a joint motion requesting that the Commission allow the Movants to supplement the record by accepting three revised pages of the Public Staff's testimony in substitution of the original three pages of such testimony filed by the Public Staff. Movants state that the purpose of the revised pages is to correct minor errors in the Public Staff's original testimony, and to ensure that the overall record in this docket is accurate and complete. In support of their motion, Movants state that in preparing their Joint Proposed Order in this docket, the Public Staff and Piedmont recently discovered several minor errors in the Public Staff's testimony related to (1) the allocation of net proceeds from review period secondary market transactions, and (2) the statement of Piedmont's total gas costs.

With regard to the first error, the Public Staff's original calculation of the allocated share of net proceeds for Piedmont's secondary market transactions during the review period was slightly off due to a formula error. Specifically, the formula used by the Public Staff did not take into account the special treatment of secondary market transactions between Piedmont and its affiliates provided for in the Order approving the merger between Piedmont and Duke Energy Corporation, Order Approving Merger Subject to Regulatory Conditions and Code of Conduct (Merger Order), Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1095, E-7, Sub 1100, and G-9, Sub 682 (Sept. 29, 2016). The Merger Order provides that customers of Piedmont, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (collectively, utility affiliates) will receive 100% of the net proceeds from secondary market transactions between the utility affiliates, rather than the customary 75% for customers and 25% for the utility affiliates. Movants state that the correct figures for the allocation of Piedmont's review period secondary market net proceeds are reflected on revised testimony pages 13 and 14 attached to Movants' motion.

With regard to the second error, Movants state that the Public Staff's original testimony, at page 6, indicated that Piedmont's total review period gas costs were \$283,047,611, but the table on page 7 of the testimony indicated that the costs were \$284,034,828. Movants state that revised page 6, attached to their motion, corrects this inconsistency.

Movants further state that they agree that the minor errors described above in the Public Staff's prefiled testimony should be corrected on the record of this proceeding, and, therefore, they request that the Commission allow such corrections through acceptance of the revised testimony attached to their motion.

In addition, Movants state that Piedmont's counsel consulted with counsel for the Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc. (CUCA), the only other party to this proceeding, regarding the relief requested in Movants' motion, and Piedmont is authorized to represent to the Commission that CUCA has no objection to the supplementation of the record sought by Piedmont and the Public Staff by their motion.

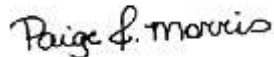
Based on the Movants' motion and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to grant the Movants' motion and to accept the revised testimony of the Public Staff as a supplement to the record in this docket.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 8th day of November, 2017.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paige J. Morris".

Paige J. Morris, Deputy Clerk