

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 698
DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 728
DOCKET NO. SP-13243, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 698)	
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In the Matter of)	
Application of Piedmont Natural Gas Company,)	
Inc. for Approval of Appendix F to its North)	
Carolina Service Regulations)	ORDER ALLOWING
)	WITHDRAWAL OF
DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 728)	COUNSEL AND REQUIRING
)	CHIEF CLERK TO SERVE
In the Matter of)	ORDER AND CHANGE
Application of GESS International North)	CONTACT INFORMATION
Carolina, Inc., for Approval to Participate in)	
Alternative Gas Pilot Program and for Approval)	
of Receipt Agreements)	
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DOCKET NO. SP-13243, SUB 0)	
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In the Matter of)	
Application of GESS International North)	
Carolina, Inc., for Declaratory Rulings)	

BY THE CHAIR: On May 20, 2022, Alexander Elkan and Joseph A. Ponzi, Attorneys at Law with the firm Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard, LLP, (Elkan and Ponzi), filed a motion in the above-captioned dockets pursuant to Commission Rules R1-7, R1-22 and R1-23, and Rule R1.16 of the North Carolina State Bar Rules of Professional Conduct, requesting that they be allowed to withdraw as counsel for GESS RNG Biogas USA, LLC, and GESS International North Carolina, Inc. (collectively GESS). In summary, Elkan and Ponzi stated that circumstances have developed pursuant to which they believe they should not continue to represent GESS before the Commission. Further, Elkan and Ponzi stated that they informed Mr. Shaun Lee of GESS of these circumstances some months ago, including the need for them to withdraw from representation of GESS in proceedings before the Commission, and that upon information and belief, Mr. Lee is a principal of GESS, with email addresses of shaun.lee@gessinternational.com and Shaun.Lee@gessint.com, and that GESS has a principal office address of 6325 Falls of Neuse Rd, Ste #35-401, Raleigh, NC

27615-6877, with an office phone number of 877-734-6304. In addition, Elkan and Ponzi stated that they provided a draft copy of their motion to GESS prior to filing it, that they understand from communications with GESS that GESS does not object to the motion and agrees to the withdrawal of Elkan and Ponzi and their firm as counsel of record for GESS in all Commission proceedings, and that GESS intends to retain other counsel to represent it in proceedings before the Commission.

After careful consideration, the Chair finds good cause to grant the motion of Elkan and Ponzi and their firm to withdraw as counsel for GESS RNG Biogas USA, LLC, and GESS International North Carolina, Inc. from these and all proceedings before the Commission.

In addition, the Chair finds good cause to direct the Chief Clerk to change the Commission's contact person for GESS to Mr. Shaun Lee, with service to be made on Mr. Lee by electronic means at shaun.lee@gessinternational.com.

Finally, the Chair finds good cause to direct the Chief Clerk to serve a copy of this Order on GESS by electronic means at the above email address of Mr. Shaun Lee.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 8th day of June, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erica N. Green". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Erica" being more prominent.

Erica N. Green Deputy Clerk