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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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

Re: Docket No. G-9, Sub 791

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Pursuant to the October 11, 2021 *Order Excusing Witnesses, Accepting Testimony, Canceling Expert Witness Hearing, Requiring Proposed Orders and Requiring Responses to Commission Questions*, Piedmont hereby respectfully submits verified responses to the Commission questions in the above-captioned docket.

Because the attachment in response to Question 2 discloses information that is confidential in nature, Piedmont hereby designates it as the confidential and proprietary trade secret of Piedmont pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-1.2 and requests that the Commission treat it in a manner consistent with this designation.

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/ Melinda L. McGrath  
Melinda L. McGrath

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cc: All Parties of Record  
Brian Heslin  
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Elizabeth Culpepper

**Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.**  
**Docket No. G-9, Sub 791**  
**Commission Question No. 1**  
**Date Requested: October 11, 2021**  
**Date Due: October 21, 2021**

1. In the present docket, on line 25 of Piedmont witness MaryBeth Tomlinson's Exhibit MBT-1 Schedule 2, Summary of Demand and Storage Gas Costs, she refers to Transco LNG Storage Demand/Capacity #9015489 cost of \$650,181. However, in Docket No. G-9, Sub 771, Piedmont's previous annual review of gas costs, for the 12 months ended May 31, 2020, line 21, Exhibit MBT-1, Schedule 2, Summary of Demand and Storage Gas Costs, refers to Transco LNG Storage Demand/Capacity #9015489 cost of \$334,575. Provide the reason(s) for the apparent 94% increase in the Transco LNG Service charge.

**Response:** The increase was driven by rate changes coming out of two Transco dockets at FERC:

- 1) Transco's rate case (FERC Docket No. DRP18-1126), where the increase due to motion rates billed subject to refund took effect 03/01/2019 and the final settlement rate increase that became effective 06/01/2020; and
- 2) Transco's Limited Section 4 Filing for Station 240 LNG (FERC Docket No. RP20-948), which resulted in higher demand and capacity rates effective May 1, 2020 as shown in the attachment herein. This docket pertained to cost recovery of Transco's modernization of its Station 240 LNG facility in Carlstadt, New Jersey to improve safety and reliability and to remain in compliance with environmental regulations.

**Name and title of responsible person:** Jeff Patton, Manager – Pipeline Services; and MaryBeth Tomlinson, Manager – Gas Accounting

**Name and title of preparer:** Joanna Greene, Lead Gas Forecasting and Pipeline Services

Response provided by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. on October 21, 2021.

**Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.**  
**Docket No. G-9, Sub 791**  
**Commission Question No. 2**  
**Date Requested: October 11, 2021**  
**Date Due: October 21, 2021**

2. Provide the design day regression analysis/model performed by Piedmont in the current docket. Provide the documentation/formulae supporting the analysis/model in electronic format, with formulas intact.

**Response:** Please see the CONFIDENTIAL attachment herein. It contains the workpapers supporting Piedmont witness Patton's testimony and exhibits, including the regression analysis with formulas located on the tab labeled "i Baseload".

**Name and title of responsible person:** Jeff Patton, Manager – Pipeline Services

**Name and title of preparer:** Joanna Greene, Lead Gas Forecasting and Pipeline Services

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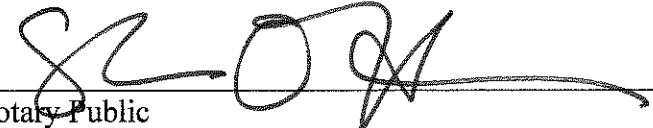
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

VERIFICATION

Jeff Patton, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Manager of Pipeline Services of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., that as such, he has read the foregoing documents and knows the contents thereof; and he believes that the facts set forth therein are true and correct.

  
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Jeff Patton

Mecklenburg County, North Carolina  
Signed and sworn to before me this day by Jeff Patton

Date: 10/21/2021   
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Notary Public

(Official Seal)

My commission expires: March 12, 2022

