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Ms. A. Shonta Dunston  
Chief Clerk  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
430 N. Salisbury Street  
Room 5063  
Raleigh, NC 27603

via: Electronic Submittal

**RE: *In the Matter of  
Application of Toccoa Natural Gas for Annual Review of Gas Costs  
NCUC Docket No. G-41, Sub 58  
Motion to Excuse Appearance of Witnesses and Accept Testimony***

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Please find attached the Motion of Toccoa Natural Gas Company to Excuse the Appearance of Witnesses and Accept Testimony at the public hearing scheduled for November 2, 2022, in the above referenced matter. The Public Staff consents to this motion.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

*/s/ David T. Drooz*

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Attachment

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Copy to: Parties and Counsel of Record  
NC Public Staff

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. G-41, SUB 58

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Application of Toccoa Natural Gas )  
Company for Annual Review of Gas )  
Costs Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62- ) MOTION TO EXCUSE  
133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1- ) APPEARANCE OF WITNESSES  
17(k)(6) ) AND ACCEPT TESTIMONY

Toccoa Natural Gas Company (Toccoa), through counsel, hereby moves the Commission for an order (1) excusing the appearance of witnesses at the hearing scheduled in this proceeding for November 2, 2022, and (2) allowing the introduction of all prefiled testimony and exhibits into the record at such hearing without the appearance of witnesses. Public Staff has been consulted and has indicated that it supports this request. Toccoa respectfully shows the Commission as follows:

1. This proceeding is Toccoa’s annual gas cost review proceeding in which the Commission receives testimony and rules on the prudence of Toccoa’s incurrence of gas costs for the twelve months ended June 30, 2022, and the propriety of its accounting for such costs during such period.

2. On September 1, 2022, Toccoa prefiled the testimony and exhibits of Harry F. Scott, Jr. and Rai Trippe, in which both Mr. Scott and Mr. Trippe attested to the prudence of Toccoa’s gas costs during the review period and the propriety of its accounting for such costs.

3. On October 18, 2022, the Public Staff prefiled the testimony of Hemanth Meda and Neha Patel, which concluded that Toccoa's gas purchase and hedging decisions were prudent, that the deferred account accounting was accurate, that capacity is adequate to meet firm demand, and that a temporary rate decrement of \$0.8180 per dt. is appropriate.

4. The Public Staff and Toccoa agree that there are no matters in dispute between the parties.

5. There are no other parties to this proceeding.

6. Counsel for Toccoa and the Public Staff have conferred with respect to the issues in this proceeding, agreed to waive cross-examination of each other's witnesses, and consented to the introduction of the other party's testimony and exhibits into the record without the necessity for the appearance of such witnesses.

WHEREFORE, Toccoa respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order (1) excusing the appearance of all witnesses at the hearing scheduled in this docket for November 2, 2022, and (ii) accepting the prefiled testimony and exhibits of all witnesses into the record of this proceeding without requiring the appearance of any such witnesses.

Respectfully submitted, this the 20th day of October, 2022.

**Toccoa Natural Gas Company**

By: /s/ David T. Drooz

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing Motion to Excuse Appearance of Witnesses and Accept Testimony on each of the parties of record in this proceeding, or the attorney of record for such party, in accordance with Commission Rule R1-39, by United States first-class mail, hand delivery; or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 20th day of October, 2022.

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