

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-40, SUB 175

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Application of Frontier Natural Gas )  
Company for Annual Review of Gas Costs )  
Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.4(c) )  
and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6) )  
)  
ORDER EXCUSING EXPERT  
WITNESSES, CANCELING  
EXPERT WITNESS HEARING,  
AND REQUIRING PROPOSED  
ORDERS

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On December 1, 2023, Frontier Natural Gas Company (Frontier) filed the testimony and exhibits of Taylor B. Younger and Jason Lemmon in the above-captioned docket relating to an annual review proceeding pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6). On December 21, 2023, Frontier filed the supplemental testimony and exhibit of witness Lemmon. On February 7, 2024, Frontier filed the corrected exhibit of witness Lemmon.

On February 19, 2024, the Public Staff filed the testimony of Andrew R. S. Puglisi and Sonja R. Johnson.

There are no other parties to this proceeding.

The hearing in this docket is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

On February 21, 2024, Frontier and the Public Staff filed a joint motion requesting that Frontier's and the Public Staff's witnesses be excused from attending the expert witness portion of the hearing scheduled for March 5, 2024. Frontier and the Public Staff state that there does not appear to be issues of dispute between the parties in this proceeding, they have agreed to waive cross-examination of each other's witnesses, and they consent to the introduction of the witnesses' prefiled testimony into evidence.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to excuse all Frontier and Public Staff witnesses from testifying at the expert witness hearing, to receive the witnesses' prefiled testimony and exhibits into evidence, and to cancel the expert witness portion of the hearing.

Further, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to require that Frontier and the Public Staff file proposed orders, or a joint proposed order, on or before March 27, 2024, and that the parties file briefs by the same date, if they desire to file briefs.

In addition, the public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2024, will be held as scheduled for the sole purpose of receiving testimony of public witnesses, if any such witnesses appear and desire to testify. However, counsel and representatives of Frontier and the Public Staff are not required to attend the public witness hearing.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Frontier's and the Public Staff's witnesses are excused from testifying at the hearing on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, and the witnesses' prefiled testimony and exhibits are hereby admitted into evidence;

2. That the expert witness hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2024, is hereby canceled;

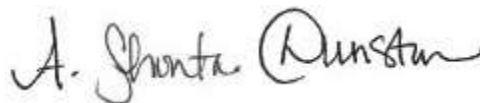
3. That the public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street in Raleigh North Carolina shall be held as scheduled for the sole purpose of receiving testimony of public witnesses; and

4. That on or before March 27, 2024, Frontier and the Public Staff shall file proposed orders, or a joint proposed order, and may file briefs if they so desire.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 26th day of February, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Shonta Dunston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk