

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 727

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Piedmont Natural Gas) PUBLIC STAFF MOTION TO
Company, Inc. for Annual Review of Gas) ACCEPT CORRECTED
Costs Pursuant to N.C. Gen Stat. § 62-) TESTIMONY
133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6))

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission, by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and respectfully requests the Commission to accept the corrected testimony attached to this Motion. In support of this motion, the Public Staff shows as follows:

1. On September 17, 2018, the Public Staff filed the joint testimony of witnesses Poornima Jayasheela, Zarka Naba, and Michael Maness. On October 1, 2018, the Public Staff filed a revised version of the joint testimony of those witnesses.

2. It has come to the Public Staff’s attention that the words decrement and increment were inadvertently reversed on pages 22 and 23 of the previously filed testimony. A correction, shown with strikeout and substitution of the corrected wording, is attached. This correction does not affect any other part of the testimony or the Joint Proposed Order.

3. Counsel for Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., and the Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc., are not opposed to this Motion.

THEREFORE, the Public Staff moves:

1. That the Commission grant this Motion and accept the attached corrected Public Staff testimony into the record in this proceeding, and substitute it for pages 22 and 23 of the previously filed Public Staff testimony in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this the 7th day of December, 2018.

PUBLIC STAFF

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Electronically submitted
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing MOTION on all parties of record in accordance with Commission Rule R1-39, by United States mail, postage prepaid, first class; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 7th day of December, 2018.

Electronically submitted
/s/ David T. Drooz

1 **DEFERRED ACCOUNT BALANCES**

2 Q. MS. JAYASHEELA, BASED ON YOUR REVIEW OF GAS COSTS
3 IN THIS PROCEEDING AND MS. NABA'S OPINION THAT THE
4 COMPANY'S GAS COSTS WERE PRUDENTLY INCURRED,
5 WHAT ARE THE APPROPRIATE DEFERRED ACCOUNT
6 BALANCES AS OF MAY 31, 2018?

7 A. The appropriate All Customers' Deferred Account balance is a
8 credit of \$17,078,428, owed by the Company to its customers, as
9 filed by the Company.

10 The Public Staff recommends transferring the debit balance of
11 \$5,207,171 in the Hedging Deferred Account as of the end of the
12 review period to the Sales Customers' Only Deferred Account. The
13 recommended balance for the Sales Customers' Only Deferred
14 Account as of May 31, 2018, is a net debit balance, owed to the
15 Company, of \$5,191,871, determined as follows:

Balance per Exhibit MBT-1 Sch 8	(\$15,300)
Transfer of Hedging Balance	<u>5,207,171</u>
Balance per Public Staff	<u>\$5,191,871</u>

16 Q. MS. NABA, WHAT IS YOUR RECOMMENDATION REGARDING
17 ANY PROPOSED INCREMENTS/DECREMENTS?

18 A. I have determined that the temporary ~~increments~~ **rate decrements**
19 applicable to the All Customers' Deferred Account balance at May

1 31, 2018, as proposed by the Company in Tomlinson
2 Exhibit_(MBT-3), are properly and accurately calculated.

3 I also agree with the temporary ~~decrement~~ **rate increment** as
4 proposed by the Company in Tomlinson Exhibit_(MBT-4) for the
5 Sales Customers' Only Deferred Account as of May 31, 2018.

6 I recommend that Piedmont monitor the balances in both the All
7 Customers' and Sales Customers' Only Deferred Accounts and, if
8 needed, file an application for authority to implement new
9 temporary increments or decrements through the Purchased Gas
10 Adjustment mechanism in order to keep the deferred account
11 balances at reasonable levels.

12 I further recommend that Piedmont remove the existing temporary
13 decrements and increment approved in the Company's prior annual
14 review of gas costs proceeding (Docket No. G-9, Sub 710) and
15 implement the temporaries in the instant docket.

16 Q. WHAT AFFECT DOES THIS CHANGE IN TEMPORARIES HAVE
17 ON THE TYPICAL RESIDENTIAL BILL?

18 A. The typical residential customer will experience a decrease of
19 (\$13.27) per year.