

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-34, SUB 46

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Appalachian State	)	
University, d/b/a New River Light and	)	JOINT MOTION TO EXCUSE
Power Company, for an Adjustment of	)	APPEARANCE OF WITNESSES
Rates and Charges for Electric Service in	)	AND ACCEPT TESTIMONY
North Carolina	)	

Appalachian State University, d/b/a New River Light and Power Company (NRLP or Company), and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff), through counsel, hereby jointly move the Commission for an order (1) excusing the appearance of witnesses at the hearing to be scheduled in this proceeding, and (2) allowing the introduction of all prefiled testimony and exhibits into the record at such hearing without the appearance of witnesses. In support of this request, NRLP and the Public Staff respectfully show unto the Commission as follows:

1. This proceeding is NRLP's request for authority to increase its rates for electric utility service.

2. On July 28, 2017, NRLP filed the testimony and exhibits of Edmond C. Miller, Sheree L. Brown, and Randall E. Halley. On October 31, 2017, NRLP filed the Supplemental Testimony of Company witnesses Brown and Halley.

3. On December 20, 2017, the Public Staff filed the testimony and exhibits of John R. Hinton, Poornima Jayasheela, Evan D. Lawrence, and Scott J. Saillor. On December 20, 2017, the Public Staff filed the testimony of Michael C. Maness.

4. On December 29, 2017, NRLP filed Errata to the Direct Testimony of Company witness Brown.

5. On January 19, 2018, NRLP and the Public Staff filed a comprehensive Stipulation, settling all issues between them in this proceeding.

6. On January 26, 2018, the Public Staff filed the supplemental testimony of its witnesses Hinton, Jayasheela, Lawrence, Maness, and Saillor in support of the Stipulation.

7. On January 26, 2018, NRLP filed the supplemental testimony of Company witness Miller of the Stipulation.

8. No other party has intervened in this proceeding.

9. In the Stipulation, NRLP and the Public Staff agreed that all pre-filed testimony and exhibits may be introduced into evidence without objection, and NRLP and the Public Staff waived their respective right to cross-examine all witnesses with respect to all such pre- filed testimony and exhibits.

10. Counsel for NRLP and the Public Staff have agreed to jointly seek the excusal of all witnesses from appearance at the hearing of this matter.

WHEREFORE, NRLP and the Public Staff respectfully request that the Commission enter an order (1) excusing the appearance of all witnesses at the hearing to be scheduled in this proceeding, and (2) 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

NEW RIVER LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY

Electronically submitted

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing upon each of the parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record by emailing them an electronic copy or by causing a paper copy of the same to be hand-delivered or deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to each.

This the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

Electronically submitted  
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