

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 710

In the Matter of:)	
)	
Application of Piedmont Natural Gas)	
Company, Inc. for Annual Review of Gas)	JOINT MOTION FOR
Costs Pursuant to G.S. 62-133.4(c) and)	EXTENSION OF TIME
Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6))	
)	

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Piedmont” or the “Company”) and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Public Staff”) respectfully move that the Commission issue an Order granting the Company and Public Staff additional time to file a joint proposed order in the above-captioned docket. In support of this Motion, Piedmont respectfully shows the Commission:

1. On August 1, 2017, pursuant to G.S. 62-133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6), Piedmont filed the direct testimonies and exhibits of MaryBeth Tomlinson, Manager of Gas Accounting; Michelle R. Mendoza, Director of Pipeline Services; and Sarah E. Stabley, Director of Gas Supply, Scheduling and Optimization, attesting to the prudence of the Company’s gas purchasing practices and the accuracy of the Company’s gas cost accounting for the twelve-month period ended May 31, 2017.

2. On August 4, 2017, the Commission issued its Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines and Requiring Public Notice. This Order established a hearing date of October 3, 2017, set prefiled testimony dates, and required the Company to give notice to its customers of the hearing on this matter.

3. On August 9, 2017, Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc. (“CUCA”), filed a petition seeking to intervene in this docket. On August 15, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Granting Petition to Intervene.

4. On September 14, 2017, Piedmont filed the Supplemental Testimony and Exhibit of MaryBeth Tomlinson.

5. On September 18, 2017, the Public Staff filed the prefiled joint testimony of Poornima Jayasheela, Staff Accountant, Natural Gas Section, Accounting Division; Jan A. Larsen, Director, Natural Gas Division; and Julie G. Perry, Accounting Manager - Natural Gas and Transportation Section, Accounting Division. On September 19, 2017, the Public Staff filed a revised page 9 to its prefiled testimony.

6. On October 3, 2017, the matter came on for hearing as scheduled, and all prefiled testimony and exhibits were admitted into evidence. No public witnesses appeared at the hearing. At the end of this hearing, the Presiding Commissioner directed that proposed orders be filed 30 days after the hearing – November 2, 2017.

7. In preparing their Joint Proposed Order in this docket, the Public Staff and Piedmont recently discovered a minor error in the Public Staff’s testimony related to the allocation of net proceeds from review period secondary market transactions. The Public Staff is currently working on revised testimony to correct this error and anticipates filing the revised testimony and a motion to supplement the record in the near future.

8. In order to allow time for the preparation and filing of revised Public Staff testimony and a revised joint proposed order, Piedmont and the Public Staff require an extension of the proposed order filing date in this proceeding.

9. CUCA, the only other party to this proceeding, has been contacted about this motion but has not responded with its position.

10. Based on the foregoing, Piedmont and the Public Staff respectfully request that the Commission approve an extension of time of seven (7) days to and until November 9, 2017 for the parties to file proposed orders in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Piedmont and the Public Staff respectfully request that the Commission enter an order approving an extension of time to November 9, 2017 for the parties to file proposed orders in the proceeding.

Respectfully submitted, this the 2nd day of November, 2017.

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.

/s/ James H. Jeffries IV

James H. Jeffries IV
Moore & Van Allen PLLC
100 North Tryon Street, Suite 4700
Charlotte, NC 28202-4003
Telephone: 704-331-1079
jimjeffries@mvalaw.com

**Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities
Commission**

/s/ Elizabeth D. Culpepper

Elizabeth D. Culpepper
Staff Attorney
4326 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300
Telephone: 919-733-6110
elizabeth.culpepper@psncuc.nc.gov

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the attached is being served this date upon all of the parties to this docket electronically or by depositing a copy of the same in the United States Mail, First Class Postage Prepaid, at the addresses contained in the official service list in this proceeding.

This the 2nd day of November, 2017.

/s/ Richard K. Goley
Richard K. Goley