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Application of Piedmont Natural Gas)
Company, Inc., for Annual Review of Gas)
Costs Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.4(c))
and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6))
)

**JOINT MOTION
TO EXCUSE APPEARANCE OF
WITNESSES AND ACCEPT
TESTIMONY**

1. This proceeding is Piedmont’s annual gas costs review proceeding in which the Commission receives testimony and rules on the prudence of gas costs Piedmont incurred during the 12 months ended May 31, 2023, and the propriety of its accounting for such costs during such period.

3. On September 18, 2023, the Public Staff filed the testimony of Sonja R. Johnson and Blaise C. Michna.

4. On September 25, 2023, the Public Staff filed the corrected testimony of Blaise C. Michna.

5. On September 28, 2023, Piedmont filed Affidavits of Publication, as well as a letter notifying the Commission that there were no areas of contention in the Public Staff's testimony and that Piedmont would not be filing rebuttal testimony.

6. There are no other parties to this proceeding.

7. Based upon a review of the testimony, it does not appear that there are any matters in dispute between Piedmont and the Public Staff as to the prudence of or accounting for Piedmont's gas costs or gas purchasing practices during the review period for this proceeding.

8. Counsel for Piedmont and the Public Staff have conferred with respect to the lack of contested issues in this proceeding as described above and have agreed (a) to waive cross-examination of each other's witnesses, (b) to consent to the introduction of the other's party's testimony and exhibits into the record without the necessity for the appearance of such witnesses, and (c) to jointly seek the excusal of witnesses from appearance at the expert witness portion of the hearing of this matter.

WHEREFORE, Piedmont and the Public Staff respectfully request that the Commission enter an order (1) excusing the appearance of all witnesses at the expert witness portion of the hearing scheduled in this docket for October 3, 2023, and (2) accepting the prefiled testimony and exhibits of all witnesses into the record of this proceeding without requiring the appearance of such witnesses.

Respectfully submitted, this the 29th day of September, 2023.

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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 29th day of September, 2023.

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