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2 Asheville, North Carolina

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6 BEFORE: Commissioner ToNola D. Brown-Bland, Presiding
7 Chairman Edward S. Finley, Jr.
8 Commissioner Bryan E. Beatty
9 Commissioner Don M. Bailey
10 Commissioner Jerry C. Dockham
11 Commissioner James G. Patterson
12 Commissioner Lyons Gray

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14 IN THE MATTER OF:

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16 Application of Public Service Company
17 of North Carolina, Inc., for a General
18 Increase in its Rates and Charges

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Good evening. Let's
3 come to order and go on the record. I am Commissioner
4 ToNola D. Brown-Bland, presiding commissioner for this
5 hearing, and with me this evening are Chairman Edward S.
6 Finley, Jr., and Commissioners Bryan E. Beatty, Don M.
7 Bailey, Jerry C. Dockham, James G. Patterson and Lyons
8 Gray.

9 I now call for hearing Docket Number G-5, Sub
10 565, In the Matter of an Application of Public Service
11 Company of North Carolina, Inc., for a General Increase
12 in its Rates and Charges.

13 On February 17, 2016, Public Service Company of
14 North Carolina, Inc., here--- hereafter Company or PSNC,
15 gave notice of its intent to file an Application for a
16 General Rate Increase.

17 On March 3rd, 2016, Carolina Utility Customers
18 Association, Inc., CUCA, filed a Petition to Intervene
19 and an order granting the petition was issued by the
20 Commission on March 7th, 2016.

21 On March 31st, 2016, PSNC filed an Application,
22 direct testimony and exhibits requesting authority to
23 increase its rates and charges and to make various
24 changes to its terms and conditions of service.

1 On April 26th, 2016, the Commission issued an
2 Order Scheduling Investigation and Hearing, Suspending
3 Proposed Rates, Establishing Intervention and Testimony
4 Due Dates and Discovery Guidelines and Requiring Public
5 Notice. Pursuant to the order, this general rate case
6 was scheduled for public hearing starting last night in
7 Gastonia; tonight, August 24th, 2016, in Asheville;
8 August 25th in Statesville, and in Raleigh on August 29th
9 for the purpose of taking public witness testimony on the
10 application. The Commission's order also scheduled an
11 evidentiary hearing on the application for Tuesday,
12 August 30th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing
13 Room in Raleigh. At that time the Commission will
14 receive any additional public witness testimony, followed
15 by the expert witness testimony of the parties.

16 On May 31st, 2016, Evergreen Packaging filed a
17 Petition to Intervene which was granted by the Commission
18 on June 2nd, 2016.

19 On June 13th, 2016, the Attorney General filed
20 a Notice of Intervention recognized pursuant to G.S. 62-
21 20.

22 The intervention and participation of the
23 Public Staff of the North Carolina Utilities Commission
24 is recognized pursuant to G.S. 62-15(d) and Commission

1 Rule R1-19(e).

2 On June 16, 2016, PSNC filed Affidavits of
3 Publication of Public Notice, and on June 23rd, 2016,
4 PSNC filed certification that it had provided notice of
5 hearing to each of its customers.

6 On August 18, 2016, PSNC, CUCA, Evergreen
7 Packaging and the Public Staff filed a Partial
8 Stipulation.

9 On August 18, 2016, the Public Staff filed
10 direct testimony.

11 Pursuant to G.S. 138A-15(e), I remind the
12 members of the Commission of our duty to avoid conflicts
13 of interest and inquire at this time as to whether any
14 commissioner has any known conflict of interest with
15 respect to this docket? (No response.)

16 Let the record reflect there were no conflicts
17 identified.

18 I now call on the parties to announce their
19 participa--- their appearance for the record, and we'll
20 start with the Applicant.

21 MS. GRIGG: Good evening, Commissioner Brown-
22 Bland, members of the Commission. I am Mary Lynne Grigg
23 with the law firm of McGuireWoods, appearing on behalf of
24 PSNC.

1 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Good evening.

2 MR. COLLINS: Good evening. Craig Collins,
3 Associate General Counsel for SCANA, and I'm also here on
4 behalf of PSNC.

5 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Good evening, Mr.
6 Collins.

7 MS. WIKE: Good evening. May it please the
8 Commission, I'm Antoinette Wike with the Public Staff,
9 representing the Using and Consuming Public.

10 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: All right. Ms.
11 Wike, I look around, I don't see any public witnesses
12 here. Have you identified any?

13 MS. WIKE: No, I have not.

14 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Let the record
15 reflect that everyone present is known to the presiding
16 commissioner, and I see no -- no one here prepared to
17 give public witness testimony. That being the case,
18 unless there's something else the parties have to bring
19 to the Commission's attention at this time?

20 MS. GRIGG: No, ma'am.

21 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: We will stand
22 adjourned, and we'll resume this in Statesville tomorrow
23 night.

24 (The hearing was adjourned.)

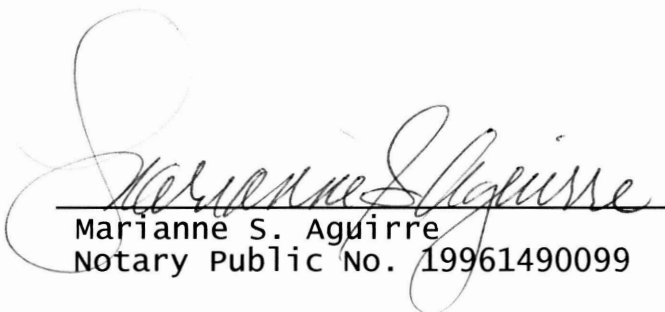
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COUNTY OF RUTHERFORD

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Marianne S. Aguirre, Notary Public/Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing hearing before the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. G-5, Sub 565 was taken and transcribed under my supervision; and that the foregoing pages constitute a true and accurate transcript of said Hearing.

I do further certify that I am not of counsel for or in the employment of either of the parties to this action, nor am I interested in the results of this action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 1st day of September, 2016.


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