STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. G-41, SUB 58

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application of Toccoa Natural Gas for) ORDER EXCUSING WITNESSES,
Annual Review of Gas Costs Pursuant) ACCEPTING TESTIMONY, CANCELING
to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.4(c) and) EXPERT WITNESS HEARING, AND
Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6)) SETTING DATE FOR BRIEFS AND
) PROPOSED ORDERS

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On September 9, 2022, the Commission issued an Order scheduling the above-captioned docket for a hearing on November 2, 2022. Prefiled direct testimony and exhibits (testimony) were filed herein for Toccoa Natural Gas (Toccoa), by witnesses Rai Trippe and Harry Scott; and for the Public Staff by witnesses Hemanth Meda and Neha Patel. No other person intervened or filed testimony in the docket.

On October 20, 2022, Toccoa filed a motion requesting that the Commission excuse Toccoa's and the Public Staff's expert witnesses from attending the hearing. Toccoa stated that the Public Staff and Toccoa agree that there are no matters in dispute between them, and that they have agreed to waive cross-examination of each other's witnesses and consent to the introduction of the other party's testimony and exhibits into the record without the necessity for the appearance of the witnesses.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to excuse Toccoa's and the Public Staff's expert witnesses from testifying at the expert witness hearing on November 2, 2022, to receive the witnesses' testimony and exhibits into evidence, and to cancel the expert witness hearing.

The public witness hearing will be held as scheduled on November 2, 2022, and the record will remain open pending the public witness hearing.

Finally, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to require that Toccoa and the Public Staff file proposed orders, or a joint proposed order, on or before December 2, 2022.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Toccoa's and the Public Staff's expert witnesses are excused from appearing and testifying at the hearing on November 2, 2022, their testimony and exhibits are hereby accepted into evidence, and the expert witness hearing is canceled;

- 2. That the public witness hearing will be held as scheduled on November 2, 2022, and the record will remain open pending the public witness hearing; and
- 3. That on or before December 2, 2022, Toccoa and the Public Staff shall file proposed orders, or a joint proposed order.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 28th day of October, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk