

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-41, SUB 59

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Toccoa Natural Gas for Annual) ORDER SETTING DATES FOR
Review of Gas Costs Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat.) FILING TESTIMONY AND
§ 62-133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6)) EXPERT WITNESS HEARING

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On August 29, 2023, Toccoa Natural Gas (Toccoa or Applicant), filed testimony and exhibits (testimony), pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6), initiating an annual review of its gas costs.

On September 8, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice that established discovery procedures, required that Public Staff and intervenor testimony be filed by October 17, 2023, and scheduled a hearing for November 1, 2023, to receive public and expert witness testimony.

On September 29, 2023, Toccoa filed a Motion for Partial Suspension of Hearing Schedule. In its motion Toccoa requested that the Commission suspend further filing deadlines in this matter and continue the expert witness portion of the November 1, 2023 hearing to allow the Public Staff time to conclude its investigation, but to hold the public witness hearing as scheduled. In support of its motion, Toccoa stated that it had been working with the Public Staff to attempt to resolve some issues and that Toccoa and the Public Staff needed several more weeks to complete their discussions. Further, Toccoa stated that the Public Staff supported the motion.

On October 5, 2023, the Commission issued an Order granting Toccoa's motion. The Order suspended the procedural schedule, continued the expert witness portion of the hearing until further order by the Commission, and maintained the setting of the public witness hearing to be held on November 1, 2023.

The public witness hearing was held on November 1, 2023. No public witnesses appeared to provide testimony. After a discussion with counsel for Toccoa and the Public Staff, the Presiding Commissioner stated that the expert witness hearing would be rescheduled for Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., with an order to be issued setting forth the details.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to require that the Public Staff file its testimony on or before Tuesday, January 16, 2024, that Toccoa file its rebuttal testimony, if any, on or before Friday, January 26, 2024, and that the expert witness hearing be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That on or before Tuesday, January 16, 2024, the Public Staff shall file its testimony;
2. That on or before Friday, January 26, 2024, Toccoa shall file its rebuttal testimony, if any; and
3. That the expert witness hearing in this docket shall be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 2nd day of November, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tamika D. Conyers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk