## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 752

## BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Piedmont Natural Gas	)	ORDER GRANTING
Company, Inc., for Annual Review of Gas	)	MOTION TO EXCUSE
Costs Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.4(c)	)	TWO WITNESSES
and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6)	)	

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: The expert witness hearing in the above-captioned docket is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

On September 27, 2019, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont) filed a motion requesting that Piedmont witnesses Sarah E. Stabley and MaryBeth Tomlinson be excused from attending the hearing, and that their pre-filed testimony and exhibits be accepted into the record. In support of its motion, Piedmont stated that all parties to this docket have agreed to waive cross-examination of these witnesses, and have consented to the introduction of their testimony and exhibits without the necessity for their attendance at the hearing.

Based upon the foregoing and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to excuse Piedmont witnesses Sarah E. Stabley and MaryBeth Tomlinson from attending the expert witness hearing on October 1, 2019, and to receive their testimony and exhibits into evidence at the hearing.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk