

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 743

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application of Piedmont Natural Gas)
Company, Inc., for Adjustment of Rates and) ORDER GRANTING
Charges Applicable to Natural Gas Service in) EXTENSION OF TIME
North Carolina)

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On July 31, 2019, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont) through counsel filed a Motion for Extension of Time (Motion) in the above-captioned proceeding. In the Motion, Piedmont informs the Commission, among other things, that on May 16, 2019, the Commission issued its *Order Scheduling Investigation and Hearings, Establishing Interventions and Testimony Due Dates and Discovery Guidelines and Requiring Public Notice* (Scheduling Order). The Scheduling Order sets August 2, 2019 as the deadline for the Company to file rebuttal testimony and exhibits.

Following the filing of Intervenor testimony on July 19, 2019, Piedmont represents that it has been engaged in preparing its rebuttal testimony but has also committed substantial resources to trying to make progress in reaching a comprehensive or partial settlement of the issues in this docket. These efforts are ongoing.

According to the Motion, since the time that Intervenor testimony was filed, the Public Staff has made numerous adjustments and corrections to the accounting recommendations set forth in its prefiled testimony. These changes are reflected in the record in a revised filing made by the Public Staff on Friday, July 26, 2019, and have necessitated significant additional discussions between Piedmont and the Public Staff, production of supplemental workpapers by the Public Staff, and analysis of the Public Staff's revisions to its prefiled case by Piedmont.

On July 29, 2019, Piedmont made its update filing as allowed by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(c), in which it adjusted its proposed revenue requirement for actual costs incurred by the Company through June 30, 2019. As represented by Piedmont, this filing has prompted further additional discussions between the Public Staff and the Company and the need to produce and analyze workpapers supporting these updates.

As stated in the Motion, in the approximate ten-day period since intervenor testimony was filed in this docket, Piedmont has been hard-pressed to simultaneously absorb and understand the proposed changes to its filed case (and the dynamic nature

of those proposed changes), adjust its filed case for June 30 updates, pursue settlement, and prepare rebuttal testimony.

In order to allow the parties to continue the pursuit of a possible settlement of this docket, and for all of the other reasons set forth above, Piedmont requests additional time to file rebuttal testimony in this proceeding. Accordingly, Piedmont respectfully seeks a seven (7) day extension of time in which it may file rebuttal testimony.

Piedmont represents it is authorized to state that the Public Staff consents, and CIGFUR IV, the Attorney General, Fayetteville Public Works Commission and Nucor do not object to the requested extension of time to file rebuttal testimony set forth herein. Piedmont has attempted to get a response from CUCA but as of the filing of the Motion has not heard back from counsel.

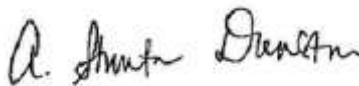
The Presiding Commissioner has reviewed the record, including Piedmont's Motion and finds that good cause exists to grant the extension of time from August 2, 2019, up to and including August 9, 2019.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 1st day of August, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Shonta Dunston".

A. Shonta Dunston, Deputy Clerk