

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 565

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application of Public Service Company of)
North Carolina, Inc., for a General)
Increase in Its Rates and Charges)
	JOINT MOTION OF PSNC AND THE PUBLIC STAFF FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

NOW COME Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc., d/b/a PSNC Energy (PSNC) by and through counsel and The Public Staff - North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff), by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, (collectively, the Parties) and move that the Commission issue an order granting PSNC, the Public Staff and Intervenor additional time to file testimony in the above-captioned docket. In support of this Motion, the Parties respectfully show unto the Commission:

1. On March 31, 2016, PSNC filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to increase its rates for natural gas utility service.

2. On April 26, 2016, the Commission declared the above-captioned docket a general rate case, suspended rates, scheduled hearing, and required customer notice. The Commission Order specified that the Public Staff and Intervenor should pre-file testimony on or before August 10, 2016, and also provided that the Applicant should file any rebuttal testimony no later than August 17, 2016.

3. On August 8, 2016, the Public Staff filed a motion requesting that the Commission grant all parties a one week extension, until Wednesday, August 17, 2016, to file direct testimony, and that the Commission grant PSNC a like extension, until Wednesday, August 24, 2016, to file its rebuttal testimony. By Order dated August 9, 2016, the Commission issued an *Order Granting In Part Motion for Extension of Time* extending the date for filing direct testimony to Monday, August 15, 2016 and the date for PSNC to file rebuttal testimony to Monday, August 22, 2016.

4. PSNC and the Public Staff are steadily engaged in settlement discussions and need more time to complete those discussions and also to have discussions with Intervenors. The extra time could result in resolving some, if not all, of the issues between the parties participating in the docket herein and possibly reducing or eliminating the time and added expense of a fully litigated rate case.

5. All parties consent to this Motion.

THEREFORE, PSNC and the Public Staff request that the Commission reconsider its prior Order issued in this docket on August 9, 2016, and approve an extension of time to August 17, 2016, for the Public Staff and Intervenors to file testimony, and an extension to August 24, 2016, for the Applicant to file rebuttal testimony.

Respectfully submitted, this the 12th day of August, 2016.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this Joint Motion for Extension of Time has been served on all parties of record or their attorneys, or both, by United States mail, first class or better; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 12th day of August, 2016.

/s/ Gina C. Holt