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Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Shonta Dunston Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 4325 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-4300

Re: Joint Proposed Order of Applicants and Public Staff Approving **Merger Subject to Regulatory Conditions** Docket No. G-40, Sub 160

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Pursuant to the ruling of the Chair at the conclusion of the hearing in the abovereferenced matter on June 23, 2021, and the Notice of Due Date for Proposed Orders and/or Briefs issued by the clerk's office on July 19, 2023, enclosed for filing is the Joint Proposed Order of the Applicants and Public Staff Approving Merger Subject to Regulatory Conditions. As reflected in the title of the document, this filing is jointly submitted by Frontier Natural Gas Company ("Frontier"), Ullico Infrastructure Hearthstone Holdco, LLC ("Ullico"), and the Public Staff - North Carolina Utilities Commission. An electronic, native-file copy of this filing is being concurrently emailed to briefs@ncuc.net.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office should any questions arise in connection with this filing.

Sincerely,

BROOKS, PIERCE, McLENDON, HUMPHREY & LEONARD, LLP

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Elizabeth Culpepper, Esq. cc: Megan Jost, Esq. Jim Jeffries, Esq.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing Joint Proposed Order of Applicants and Public Staff upon each of the parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record by emailing them an electronic copy or by causing a paper copy of the same to be hand-delivered or deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to each.

This the 17th day of August, 2021.

By:

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