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2 DATE: August 25, 2016

3 DOCKET NO.: G-5, Sub 565

4 TIME IN SESSION: 7:00 P.M. TO 7:05 P.M.

5 BEFORE: Commissioner ToNola D. Brown-Bland, Presiding

6 Commissioner Don M. Bailey

7 Commissioner Jerry C. Dockham

8 Commissioner James G. Patterson

9 Commissioner Lyons Gray

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IN THE MATTER OF:

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14 Application of Public Service Company

15 of North Carolina, Inc., for a General

16 Increase in its Rates and Charges

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Good evening. Let's
3 come to order and go on the record. I am Commissioner
4 ToNola D. Brown-Bland, presiding commissioner for this
5 hearing. With me this evening are Commissioners Don M.
6 Bailey, Jerry C. Dockham, James G. Patterson and Lyons
7 Gray.

8 I now call for hearing Docket Number G-5, Sub
9 565, In the Matter of an Application of Public Service
10 Company of North Carolina, Inc., for a General Increase
11 in its Rates and Charges.

12 On February 17th, 2016, Public Service Company
13 of North Carolina, Inc., hereafter Company or PSNC, gave
14 notice of its intent to file an Application for a General
15 Rate Increase.

16 On March 3rd, 2016, Carolina Utility Customers
17 Association, Inc., CUCA, filed a Petition to Intervene
18 and an order granting the petition was issued by the
19 Commission on March 7th, 2016.

20 On March 31st, 2016, PSNC filed an Application,
21 direct testimony and exhibits requesting authority to
22 increase its rates and charges and to make various
23 changes to its terms and conditions of service.

24 On April 26th, 2016, the Commission issued an

1 Order Scheduling Investigation and Hearing, Suspending
2 Proposed Rates, Establishing Intervention and Testimony
3 Due Dates and Discovery Guidelines and Requiring Public
4 Notice. Pursuant to the order, this general rate
5 increase was scheduled for public hearing starting this
6 past Tuesday night in Gastonia, last night in Asheville;
7 tonight, August 25th, 2016 in Statesville, and in Raleigh
8 on August 29, 2016 for the purpose of taking public
9 witness testimony on the application. The Commission's
10 order also scheduled an evidentiary hearing on the
11 application for Tuesday, August 30th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
12 in the Commission Hearing Room in Raleigh. At that time
13 the Commission will receive any additional public witness
14 testimony, followed by the expert witness testimony of
15 the parties.

16 On May 31st, 2016, Evergreen Packaging filed a
17 Petition to Intervene which was granted by the Commission
18 on June 2nd, 2016.

19 On June 13th, 2016, the Attorney General filed
20 a Notice of Intervention recognized pursuant to G.S. 62-
21 20.

22 The intervention and participation of the
23 Public Staff of the North Carolina Utilities Commission
24 is recognized pursuant to G.S. 62-15(d) and Commission

1 Rule R1-19(e).

2 On June 16, 2016, PSNC filed Affidavits of
3 Publication of Public Notice, and on June 23rd, 2016,
4 PSNC filed certification that it had provided notice of
5 hearing to each of its customers.

6 Pursuant to G.S. 138A-15(e), I remind the
7 members of the Commission of our duty to avoid conflicts
8 of interest and inquire at this time as to whether any
9 commissioner has any known conflict of interest with
10 respect to this docket?

11 (No response.)

12 Let the record reflect that no conflict was
13 identified.

14 And I now call on counsel of the parties to
15 announce their appearance for the record, beginning with
16 the Applicant.

17 MS. GRIGG: Good evening, Commissioner Brown-
18 Bland, members of the Commission. I am Mary Lynne Grigg
19 with the law firm of McGuireWoods, appearing on behalf of
20 PSNC.

21 MR. COLLINS: Good evening, Commissioners. My
22 name is Craig Collins. I'm Associate General Counsel for
23 SCANA, and I'm also here on behalf of PSNC.

24 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Good to see you both

1 again.

2 MS. WIKE: Good evening, Commissioners. I'm
3 Antoinette Wike with the Public Staff, representing the
4 Using and Consuming Public.

5 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: All right. Good
6 evening, Ms. Wike. I don't see anyone here to provide
7 public witness testimony. I note for the record that I
8 know everyone who is present, and there's only Company
9 representatives and Ms. Wike who are present before us.
10 So there being no one here to testify, is there anything
11 else to come before the Commission from either of the
12 parties?

13 MS. GRIGG: No, ma'am.

14 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: That being the case,
15 we will resume this matter back in Raleigh on Monday
16 night, we will stand adjourned until that time.

17 (The hearing was adjourned.)

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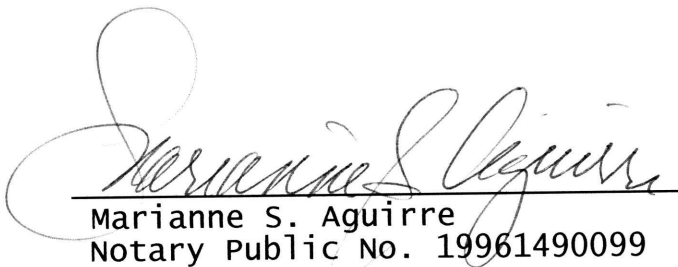
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Marianne S. Aguirre, Notary Public/Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing hearing before the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. G-5, Sub 565 was taken and transcribed under my supervision; and that the foregoing pages constitute a true and accurate transcript of said Hearing.

I do further certify that I am not of counsel for or in the employment of either of the parties to this action, nor am I interested in the results of this action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 1st day of September, 2016.



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