STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 791

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Piedmont Natural Gas)	
Company, Inc., for Annual Review of Gas)	MOTION FOR
Costs Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.4(c))	EXTENSION OF TIME
and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6))	

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission, by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and respectfully moves that the Commission extend the time for the Public Staff and other intervenors to file testimony and exhibits. In support of this motion, the Public Staff respectfully shows the Commission the following:

- On August 2, 2021, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.
 (Piedmont or Company) filed its testimony in this proceeding.
- 2. On August 11, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines and Requiring Public Notice, which provided that the direct testimony and exhibits of the Public Staff and other intervenors shall be filed on or before September 27, 2021.
- 3. The Public Staff has been working diligently on this matter, including conducting discovery and preparing its testimony and exhibits. Due to the press of business in the ongoing natural gas rate cases, the Public Staff will not be in a position to file its testimony and exhibits by September 27, 2021.

4. The Public Staff respectfully requests that the Commission allow a four-day extension of time for the filing of direct testimony and exhibits of the Public Staff and other intervenors. The Public Staff is authorized to represent that Piedmont does not object to this request.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff respectfully requests that the Commission extend the time for the Public Staff and other intervenors to file direct testimony and exhibits to October 1, 2021.

Respectfully submitted this the 24th day of September, 2021.

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<u>Electronically submitted</u> /s/ Elizabeth D. Culpepper Staff Attorney

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this Motion 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 24th day of September, 2021.

Electronically submitted /s/ Elizabeth D. Culpepper