

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 722  
DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 781  
DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 786

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 722 )  
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In the Matter of )  
Consolidated Natural Gas Construction and )  
Redelivery Services Agreement Between )  
Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., and )  
Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC )  
)  
DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 781 )  
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In the Matter of )  
Application of Piedmont Natural Gas )  
Company, Inc., for an Adjustment of Rates, )  
Charges, and Tariffs Applicable to Service )  
in North Carolina )  
)  
DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 786 )  
)  
In the Matter of )  
Application of Piedmont Natural Gas )  
Company, Inc., for Modification to Existing )  
Energy Efficiency Program and Approval )  
of New Energy Efficiency Programs )

ORDER GRANTING MOTION  
TO SUBSTITUTE WITNESS

BY THE CHAIR: On March 22, 2021, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont), filed an application for a general rate case in Docket No. G-9, Sub 781. By various orders the Commission consolidated the additional proceedings referenced above with Piedmont's general rate case proceeding. The application was accompanied by prefiled direct testimony and exhibits (testimony) of several witnesses, including Matthew DeCourcey.

On August 23, 2021, Piedmont filed a motion requesting that that Kenneth Sosnick be substituted as the sponsor of the Prepared Direct Testimony and Exhibits previously filed on behalf of Matthew DeCourcey in this proceeding and be permitted to testify in place of Mr. DeCourcey at the hearing of this matter. In summary, Piedmont explained that Mr. DeCourcey has recently left FTI Consulting, Inc., for another position and is

unable to complete his role as an outside expert witness at the hearing of this matter. Piedmont further represented that it retained Mr. Sosnick, a colleague of Mr. DeCoursey's at FTI Consulting, Inc., to complete the evidentiary hearing portion of this matter. Piedmont stated that Mr. Sosnick was directly involved in the original preparation of Mr. DeCoursey's testimony, is familiar with and agrees with its analysis and conclusions, and has agreed to adopt Mr. DeCoursey's testimony, as filed, for purposes of the hearing in this matter. Piedmont also attached to its motion the proposed testimony of witness Sosnick. Finally, Piedmont stated that it contacted counsel for each of the intervening parties and was authorized to represent that no party objected to its request.

Based on Piedmont's motion and the record, the Chair finds good cause to grant Piedmont's motion and allow for the substitution of the prefiled, direct testimony of witness Sosnick in lieu of the prefiled, direct testimony of Mr. DeCoursey and to allow witness Sosnick to testify during the upcoming expert witness hearing.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 31st day of August, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joann R. Snyder".

Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk