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2 Carolina

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3 DATE: August 23, 2016

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4 DOCKET NO.: G-5, Sub 565

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N.C. Utilities Commission

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

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

7 Chairman Edward S. Finley, Jr.

8 Commissioner Bryan E. Beatty

9 Commissioner Don M. Bailey

10 Commissioner Jerry C. Dockham

11 Commissioner James G. Patterson

12 Commissioner Lyons Gray

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14 IN THE MATTER OF:

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16 Application of Public Service Company

17 of North Carolina, Inc., for a General

18 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  
3 us 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 Chairman Edward S.  
6 Finley, Jr., and Commissioners Bryan E. Beatty, Don M.  
7 Bailey, Jerry C. Dockham, James G. Patterson and Lyons  
8 Gray.

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

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

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

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

1                   On April 26th, 2016, the Commission issued an  
2   Order Scheduling Investigation, Hearing, Suspending  
3   Proposed Rates, Establishing Intervention and Testimony  
4   Due Dates and Discovery Guidelines and requiring public  
5   notice. Pursuant to the order, this general rate case is  
6   scheduled for public hearing starting tonight, August  
7   23rd, 2016 -- I mean 2016 -- in Gastonia; August 24th,  
8   2016, in Asheville; August 25th in Statesville, and in  
9   Raleigh on August 29th for the purpose of taking public  
10   witness testimony on the application. The Commission's  
11   order also scheduled an evidentiary hearing on the  
12   application for Tuesday, August 30th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.  
13   in the Commission Hearing Room in Raleigh. At that time  
14   the Commission will receive any additional public witness  
15   testimony, followed by the expert witness testimony of  
16   the parties.

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

20                   On June 13th, 2016, the Attorney General filed  
21   a Notice of Intervention recognized pursuant to G.S. 62-  
22   20.

23                   The intervention and participation of the  
24   Public Staff of the North Carolina Utilities Commission

1 is recognized pursuant to General Statute 62-15(d) and  
2 Commission Rule R1-19(e).

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

7 On August 18, 2016, PSNC, CUCA, Evergreen  
8 Packaging and the Public Staff filed a Partial  
9 Stipulation, and also on that date the Public Staff filed  
10 its direct testimony.

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

16 (No response.)

17 Let the record reflect that no conflicts were  
18 identified.

19 I now call upon counsel for the parties to  
20 announce their appearance for the record, beginning with  
21 the Applicant.

22 MS. GRIGG: Good evening, Commissioner Brown-  
23 Bland, members of the Commission. I am Mary Lynne Grigg  
24 with the law firm of McGuireWoods, appearing on behalf of

1 PSNC.

2 MR. COLLINS: Good evening, Commissioners. My  
3 name is Craig Collins. I'm Associate General Counsel  
4 with SCANA, here for PSNC.

5 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Good evening to you  
6 both.

7 MS. WIKE: May it please the Commission, I'm  
8 Antoinette Wike with the Public Staff, representing the  
9 Using and Consuming Public.

10 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: All right. Is there  
11 anything we need to address before we begin?

12 MS. GRIGG: No, ma'am.

13 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: All right. Then Ms.  
14 Wike, have you identified any public witnesses who are  
15 interested in providing testimony before us tonight?

16 MS. WIKE: No, I have not.

17 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: All right. Let the  
18 record reflect that there is no one present in the  
19 courtroom to provide witness testimony, and if there's  
20 nothing else we will resume this in Asheville tomorrow  
21 night, and we'll stand adjourned at this time. Thank  
22 you.

23 (The hearing was adjourned.)

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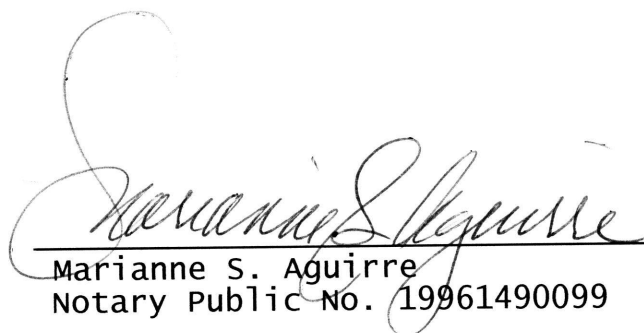
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF RUTHERFORD

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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