

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-40, SUB 153

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application of Frontier Natural Gas Company) ORDER DENYING MOTION TO
for Annual Review of Gas Costs Pursuant to) EXCUSE WITNESSES AND
N.C.G.S. § 62-133.4(c) and Commission) PROVIDING NOTICE OF
Rule R1-17(k)(6)) HEARING TOPICS

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On December 2, 2019, Frontier Natural Gas Company (Frontier), filed testimony and exhibits of Fred A. Steele and Taylor Younger in the above-captioned docket relating to an annual review proceeding pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6).

On December 12, 2019, the Commission issued an Order scheduling this docket for a public hearing on March 3, 2020.

On February 14, 2020, the Public Staff filed joint testimony of Neha R. Patel, Shawn L. Dorgan, and Julie G. Perry.

On February 18, 2020, Frontier and the Public Staff (Movants) filed a joint motion requesting that the Commission excuse their witnesses from attending the hearing. In summary, Movants stated that there are no other parties to this proceeding, there do not appear to be any matters in dispute between Movants, and Movants have agreed to waive cross-examination of each other's witnesses and request that the witnesses' prefiled direct testimony and exhibits be received into evidence.

Based on the testimony, exhibits and the record, the Commission has identified several topics on which it requires additional information, as follows:

Additional Information from Frontier

1. The responsibilities of the Frontier natural gas supply group, and the support and assistance that Frontier is currently receiving from its parent company.
2. The weekly risk call meetings between Frontier and its parent company.
3. The percentage of witness Younger's work that is split between compliance, gas planning, and other responsibilities.

4. Details of the steps that Frontier has taken during the last year to bolster its gas supply planning, as outlined in the letter filed in Docket No. G-40, Sub 149 on December 16, 2019.
5. An update on the potential natural gas suppliers for April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2023.
6. Details of recent Design Day studies.
7. The potential for Frontier's development of a liquified natural gas facility.

Additional Information from the Public Staff

1. The Public Staff's assessment of Frontier's Design Day studies.
2. The Public Staff's assessment of the adequacy of Frontier's capacity beyond the 2021-2022 winter period.

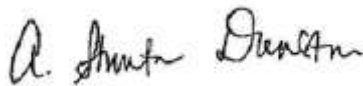
The Presiding Commissioner notes that the topics identified herein are not necessarily an exhaustive list of the topics on which the Commission may ask questions during the hearing.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Movants' motion to excuse Frontier's and the Public Staff's witnesses from testifying at the March 3, 2020 hearing shall be, and is hereby, denied.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 26th day of February, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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A. Shonta Dunston, Deputy Clerk