

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 752

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On August 1, 2019, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont), filed testimony and exhibits (testimony) of Gennifer J. Raney, MaryBeth Tomlinson, and Sarah E. Stabley in the above-captioned docket relating to an annual review proceeding pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6). On August 2, 2019, the Commission issued an Order scheduling this docket for a hearing on October 1, 2019.

On September 16, 2019, the Public Staff filed testimony of Poornima Jayasheela, Zarka H. Naba, and Julie G. Perry.

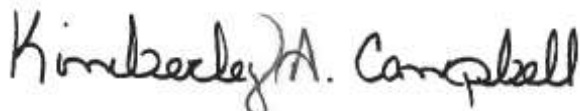
Based on the testimony of the parties, the Commission has several questions that it will pose to Piedmont's witness Raney at the hearing. In order to allow the witness to adequately prepare, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to attach the Commission's questions as Attachment A to this Order. The parties should note that these questions are not intended to represent an exhaustive list of the questions that may be asked by the Commission at the hearing.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk

**Commission Questions**

**Piedmont Witness Raney**

1. In your direct testimony, on page 11, lines 7-10, you discuss recent interstate pipeline projects, including Transco's Leidy Southeast expansion and Transco's Virginia Southside expansion. As Transco continues to reverse flow offering additional firm capacity, how will that impact the dependability of secondary firm market segmentation?
2. Does Piedmont rely on secondary firm transportation to get capacity to its city gate? If so, does Piedmont count that capacity as available to meet design day needs?
3. On page 11, lines 12-15, you state that the "ACP [Atlantic Coast Pipeline] capacity is scheduled to go in service in late 2021," that Piedmont will have a capacity deficit in the 2020-2021 timeframe, and that the deficit will increase if ACP capacity does not go into service. Witness Naba in the Public Staff's testimony, on pages 20-21, beginning on line 20, stated that "[P]iedmont's capacity deficit will continue to increase for all future periods. I recommend that the Company continue to carefully review its demand projections as it considers acquisition of future capacity."
  - a. Please explain why the ACP project is important for Piedmont's capacity needs.
  - b. How much greater will the capacity deficit be in the 2020-2021 timeframe without ACP? How much greater will the capacity deficit be without ACP beyond the 2020-2021 timeframe?
  - c. How much will the Robeson LNG facility help with the deficit after it goes on-line in the summer of 2021?
  - d. What other short term interstate pipeline and storage capacity offerings is Piedmont reviewing to cover the potential capacity shortfall, and how much of the deficit will they cover?
  - e. What else is Piedmont doing to make sure that there is not a deficit in the future?
  - f. How is Piedmont addressing the Public Staff's concern of continuing to carefully review your demand projections as you consider the acquisition of future capacity?