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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. G-40, SUB 149

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application Frontier Natural MOTION FOR ORDER of Gas) Company for Annual Review of Gas Costs) RESCHEDULING EXPERT 62-133.4(c) WITNESS HEARING AND Pursuant to G.S. and) Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6) EXTENDING TIME TO FILE TESTIMONY

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff), by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and moves the Commission for an extension of time for the filing of testimony. In support of this motion, the Public Staff respectfully shows the following:

1. On December 10, 2018, the Commission issued its Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines and Requiring Public Notice, which ordered the Public Staff and other intervenors to file direct testimony and exhibits on or before February 18, 2019, and Frontier Natural Gas Company (Frontier) to file its rebuttal testimony within ten days of the actual receipt of the testimony of the party to whom the rebuttal testimony is addressed. The hearing in this matter is scheduled for March 5, 2019.

2. The Public Staff has been working diligently on this matter, conducting discovery, preparing its testimony and exhibits. The Public Staff will not be in a position to file testimony and exhibits by February 18, 2019.

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3. The Public Staff respectfully requests that the Commission extend the due date for the filing of Public Staff testimony in this docket to February 25, 2019.

4. The Public Staff respectfully requests that the expert witness hearing be rescheduled to March 25 or 26, 2019.

5. The Public Staff is authorized to represent that Frontier supports this request.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff respectfully prays:

1. That the deadline for the filing of testimony by the Public Staff be extended to February 25, 2019;

2. That the expert witness hearing be rescheduled to March 25 or 26, 2019; and

3. For such other and further relief as the Commission may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted, this the 15th day of February, 2019.

PUBLIC STAFF Christopher J. Ayers Executive Director

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

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing upon each of the parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record by emailing them an electronic copy or by causing a paper copy of the same to be hand-delivered or deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to each.

This the 15th day of February, 2019.

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