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To: Statements
Subject: Docket No. G-9 Sub 743

N.C. Utilities Commission

RE: Docket No. G-9 Sub 743

Dear ,

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to submit my comments on the request by Piedmont Natural Gas to increase their rates for service.

- The requested increase on the return on equity of 10.6% from 5.36% is nearly a 100% increase. This total is not justified by Piedmont's calculations and is an unfair economic burden to place on consumers that does not provide better or cheaper service.
- While the proposed Liquified Natural Gas storage facility in Maxton, N.C., is not specifically named in public facing documents—in line item 10 of the supplemental G-1 filing, the cost for new plants in service is roughly equal to the price tag projected for that facility.
- This facility is unneeded to meet the demand for natural gas for the foreseeable future as determined by the NCUC's own IRP projections. Piedmont customers have plenty of access to natural gas during the winter as provided by Transco-Williams pipeline.
- This facility is not yet completed and would not be finished for the next three years. The precedent set by the Commission when Duke sought to recover costs for coal ash cleanup that it had not incurred were rejected. I humbly ask that the Commission follow suit and not provide a blank check for Piedmont to build expensive and unnecessary facilities using money from their customers' pockets.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,
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