STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 743

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

| In the Matter of | |
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| Application of Piedmont Natural Gas) | ORDER GRANTING |
| Company, Inc., for Adjustment of Rates and | EXTENSION OF TIME |
| Charges Applicable to Natural Gas Service in) | TO FILE REBUTTAL TESTIMONY |
| North Carolina) | |

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On August 9, 2019, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont), through counsel, filed a Motion for Extension of Time (Motion) in the above-captioned proceeding. In the motion, Piedmont shows the Commission, among other things, that the Company is directed to file its rebuttal testimony in this proceeding on August 9, 2019. Piedmont has reached a settlement in principle with the Public Staff in this docket and is in active settlement discussions with the Intervenors CIGFUR IV and CUCA and is hopeful it will be able to include these two parties in the settlement. If these parties are included in the settlement, then rebuttal of their respective witness' testimony will not be necessary. At this time, Piedmont is focusing its efforts on the completion of the settlement agreement with the Public Staff and continuing efforts to resolve issues with CIGFUR IV and CUCA rather than finalizing rebuttal testimony in response to the Public Staff, CIGFUR IV, and CUCA's witnesses, all of which will ultimately prove to be unnecessary if the ongoing settlement efforts are fruitful. Piedmont will file rebuttal on August 9, 2019, as to the testimony of Attorney General witness Woolridge and also in response to some of the public witness testimony in this proceeding but will hold off on rebuttal with respect to the Public Staff's, CIGFUR IV's, and CUCA's witnesses. Piedmont asserts that it can conclude its settlement discussions with CIGFUR IV and CUCA and complete preparation of comprehensive settlement documents and any necessary settlement testimony by the end of the business Monday, August 12, 2019. Piedmont requests a one business day extension of time from August 9, 2019, until August 12, 2019, to file its rebuttal testimony regarding the Public Staff, CIGFUR IV, and CUCA.

The Presiding Commissioner has reviewed the record, including Piedmont's motion, and finds that good cause exists to grant the extension of time in this matter.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

- 1. That Piedmont is hereby granted an extension of time from August 9, 2019, up to and including August 12, 2019, to file its rebuttal testimony regarding the Public Staff, CIGFUR IV, and CUCA; and
- 2. That this Order shall be served on the parties of record via electronic mail, delivery confirmation requested.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 9th day of August, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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