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DATE: Wednesday, July 14, 2021

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COMPANY: Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.

DESCRIPTION: G-9, Sub 722: Consolidated Natural Gas Construction and Redelivery Services Agreement Between Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC;

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G-9, Sub 786: Application of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., for Modification to Existing Energy Efficiency Program and Approval of New Energy Efficiency Programs

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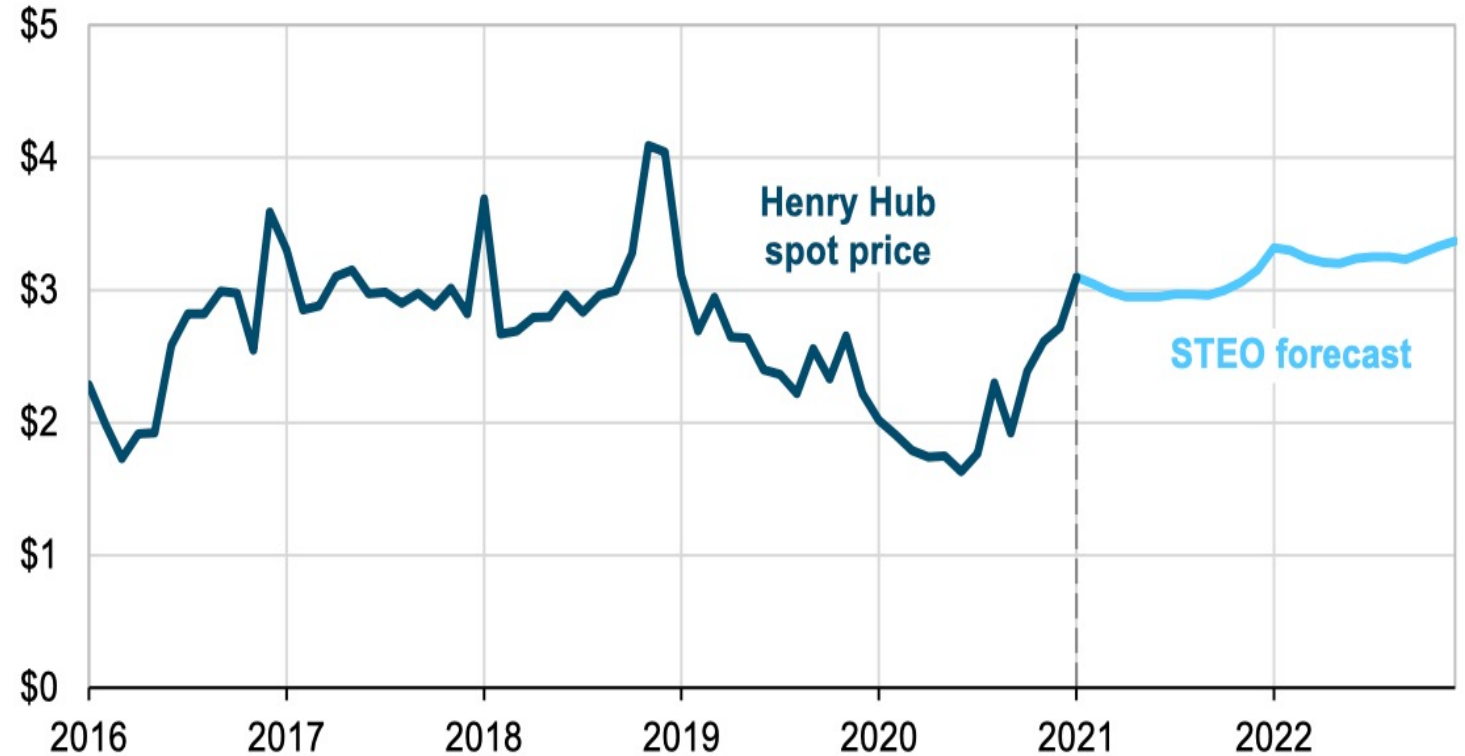
Strong Objection to Piedmont Natural Gas Petition

Docket No. G-9, SUB 781

Why is Piedmont Natural Gas asking for more?

- From the forecast we can see that natural gas prices are going to stay flat through 2021 and only a slight gain in 2022.
- Piedmont is asking for a 10.4% increase but the **average cost of living increase for NC in 2021 was 1.5%.**

Monthly Henry Hub natural gas spot price (Jan 2016–Dec 2022)
dollars per million British thermal units



[Source](#)

Questions to be answered.

- If every month I'm charged a minimum of \$10 "Facility Charge" (Assumption: 101 Residential), which means Piedmont is generating a minimum of \$93MM per year for doing nothing, where is this going? [\(Source\)](#)
- Since Piedmont Gas is a subsidiary of Duke Energy why aren't the CEO, COO, Exec-VP, CFO, CHR not taking a 10% pay cut to offset the costs?
- If Natural Gas costs are staying static what's the \$109MM in revenue for? Is this to please the shareholders at the cost of The People?
- Like I've said earlier...on average NC has a 1.5% cost of living increase and you're expecting people to pay 10% more to a natural gas Monopoly? What other choice do they have? It's not like we can go somewhere else.

What Needs to be Done!!!

- NC Utilities Commission needs to reject this petition and tell Piedmont Natural Gas/Duke Energy to come back with a detail plan of what the \$106MM in revenue is for.
- NC Utilities Commission need to take into consideration the financial impact to the customer who are already locked into this Monopoly. Residence only have two choices Piedmont (Duke) or Duke...doesn't seem like we have much of a choice. (Based on Piedmont/Duke's estimates this increase will cost every resident an additional \$210 per year)