STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 622

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Public Service Company of)	ORDER SCHEDULING REMOTE
North Carolina, Inc., for Annual Review of)	EXPERT WITNESS HEARING,
Gas Costs Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-)	REQUIRING FILING OF
133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6))	CROSS-EXAM AND REDIRECT
)	EXHIBITS, AND ADDRESSING
)	OTHER MATTERS

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On June 3, 2020, the Commission issued a Scheduling Order in the above-captioned docket. The Scheduling Order, among other things, set a public hearing on the annual review of gas costs for Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. (PSNC), to be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, and directed PSNC to publish a Public Notice of the hearing. As is the Commission's usual procedure, the Commission planned to proceed to receive expert witness testimony following the testimony by public witnesses.

The Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to confirm that the public witness hearing will be held at the time and place set in the Scheduling Order, and to inform the parties and their attorneys that they are not required to attend the public witness hearing, but may attend if they desire to do so. Further, all persons attending the public witness hearing will be required to wear a mask or other appropriate face covering, and will be required to seat themselves in the hearing room at least six feet (three chairs) apart from other persons.

Due to the larger number of persons anticipated to be involved in the expert witness portion of the hearing, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to hold the expert witness portion of the hearing by remote means on WebEx. The expert witness hearing will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, and will be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) On or before Monday, August 10, 2020, all parties shall file a statement consenting to holding the expert witness hearings by remote means, or a statement objecting to same;
- (2) On or before Monday, August 10, 2020, all parties shall send the email addresses of the attorneys, witnesses, and other persons that will

- participate in the hearing on the party's behalf directly to the Chief Clerk's Office at: webexmeeting@ncuc.net;
- (3) On or before Tuesday, August 11, 2020, parties shall file a list of potential cross-examination exhibits, and provide written copies of said exhibits, pre-marked but not numbered, to the other parties and the Commission;
- (4) On or before Friday, August 14, PSNC shall file a list of potential redirect examination exhibits, and provide written copies of said exhibits, pre-marked but not numbered, to the other parties and the Commission;
- (5) Within ten days after the hearing, parties shall file their cross-examination and redirect exhibits used in the hearing marked as indicated during the hearing; and
- (6) Parties and witnesses will be required to refrain from disclosing confidential information during the hearing, including during direct examination, cross-examination, and redirect examination. If a party believes that this requirement will materially affect the party's presentation of evidence or examination of a witness, the party shall bring this to the attention of the Presiding Commissioner at the beginning of the hearing.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 4th day of August, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk