

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-40, SUB 160

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Joint Application of Frontier Natural)	MOTION TO CANCEL
Gas Company and Ullico Infrastructure)	PUBLIC WITNESS
Hearthstone Holdco, LLC, for Approval)	HEARING
of the Sale and Transfer of Stock)	

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff), by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order canceling the public witness hearing scheduled in the above-captioned docket for June 22, 2021. In support of this motion, the Public Staff respectfully shows the following:

1. On January 27, 2021, Frontier Natural Gas Company (Frontier) and Ullico Infrastructure Hearthstone Holdco, LLC (UIHH), filed with the Commission a joint application for approval of the sale and transfer of stock.

2. On March 31, 2021, the Commission issued its Order Scheduling Hearing, Establishing Procedural Deadlines and Requiring Public Notice (Scheduling Order), ordering that

a public witness hearing on the application of Frontier and UIHH shall be, and is hereby, scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., and shall be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net. Members of the public that would like to testify must register in advance of the hearing, 4 no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021, by contacting the Public Staff via email at FrontierPublicHearing@psncuc.nc.gov or by calling 919-733-6110. Individuals registering to testify must provide their

name, the docket number (G-40, Sub 160), the telephone number they will use to participate in the hearing, and the topic of their testimony.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

Scheduling Order at 3-4.

3. The Notice of Hearing on Application to Enter into a Business Combination (Notice of Hearing) appended to the Scheduling Order provides:

The Commission may cancel the public hearing if no substantial written statements regarding the application are received by the Commission's Chief Clerk on or before Monday, June 14, 2021, and if no substantial registrations to provide testimony at the public witness hearing are received by Monday, June 14, 2021.

Notice of Hearing at 3.

4. On May 25, 2021, Frontier filed its Affidavits of Publication of the Notice of Hearing in newspapers having general coverage in its North Carolina service territory once a week for two consecutive weeks. On June 7, 2021, Frontier filed a letter indicating that it had included the Notice of Hearing as a bill insert beginning April 12, 2021 to May 18, 2021, for a total of 5,600 inserts.

5. As of the date of this filing, no member of the public has contacted the Public Staff by email or telephone requesting to testify at the public hearing. In addition, no members of the public have submitted written statements of position to the Commission's Chief Clerk.

6. The Public Staff contacted counsel for Frontier and UIHH, who indicated that Frontier and UIHH support canceling the public witness hearing.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff respectfully requests that the Commission enter an order canceling the public witness hearing scheduled to be held remotely via Webex on June 22, 2021, and for such further relief as the Commission may deem just and proper.

This the 15th day of June, 2021.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing Motion has been served on all parties of record or their attorneys, or both, by United States mail, first class or better; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 15th day of June, 2021.

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