

**BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
TOCCOA NATURAL GAS
DOCKET G-41, SUB 56**

**DIRECT TESTIMONY
OF
HARRY FRANKLIN SCOTT, JR.**

August 28, 2021

1 Q. please state your name, your employer, and your business address.

2 A. My name is Harry Scott. I am employed by the City of Toccoa, Georgia (the
3 “City”), and my business address is Post Office Box 579, 92 N. Alexander Street,
4 Toccoa, Georgia 30577.

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6 Q. In what capacity are you employed by the City?

7 A. My title is Utilities Director.

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9 Q. What are your current responsibilities with the City?

10 A. My responsibilities, among others, include overseeing the operation of all the
11 utilities owned and operated by the City, including the water, wastewater, and
12 Toccoa Natural Gas (“Toccoa” or the “Company”) systems. I am also responsible
13 for ensuring compliance with the statutes and regulations of the North Carolina
14 Utilities Commission (“Commission”), and I am responsible for the development
15 and administration of all components of firm and interruptible service.

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17 Q. Please summarize your professional background.

18 A. Please see Exhibit 1, Biographical Sketch.

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20 Q. Please describe Toccoa and its system.

21 A. Toccoa is a municipal gas system physically comprised of approximately 90 miles
22 of transmission line from the tap off Williams Pipeline in Elbert County, Georgia
23 to the city-gate at Franklin, North Carolina. The system contains approximately

1 90 miles of transmission main, 17 miles of which are located in North Carolina,
2 and 438 miles of distribution main, approximately 71 miles of which are located
3 in North Carolina. Toccoa serves approximately 6,681 retail customers, of which
4 approximately 786 are in North Carolina. Toccoa has two offices, one is in
5 Toccoa, Georgia and the other is in Franklin, North Carolina.
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7 Q. What communities does Toccoa serve?

8 A. Toccoa serves Bowersville, Lavonia, Martin, Avalon, Toccoa, Tallulah Falls,
9 Tiger, Lakemont, Clayton, Mountain City, and Dillard in Georgia, and Otto and
10 Franklin in North Carolina.
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12 Q. Please briefly describe Toccoa's business and markets.

13 A. Toccoa is in the business of providing natural gas to residential, commercial, and
14 industrial customers in Northeast Georgia (parts of Elbert, Hart, Franklin, Stephens,
15 Habersham, and Rabun Counties) and Western North Carolina (Macon County).
16 Approximately 503 residential, 282 commercial, and 2 industrial customers are
17 served in North Carolina.
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19 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

20 A. Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6) requires Toccoa to submit to the Commission, on or
21 before September 1, 2021, Toccoa's actual gas costs and volumes of purchased gas
22 based on a twelve-month period ended June 30, 2021, and certain other information
23 as directed by the Commission. The Rule provides for a hearing on the first

1 Wednesday of November “in order to compare each LDC’s prudently incurred gas
2 costs with gas costs recovered from all its customers that it served during the test
3 period.” Toccoa is providing my testimony along with the testimony and schedules
4 of Rai Trippe in compliance with this Rule. The primary purpose of my testimony
5 is to describe Toccoa’s system in North Carolina.
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7 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

8 A. Yes.
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