

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

January 15, 2021

IN RE:

**PETITION OF PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF AN
ADJUSTMENT OF RATES, CHARGES, AND
TARIFFS APPLICABLE TO SERVICE IN
TENNESSEE**

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**DOCKET NO.
20-00086**

ORDER GRANTING PERMISSION TO PLEAD AND PRACTICE PRO HAC VICE

This matter is before the Hearing Officer upon the *Motion to Appear Pro Hac Vice* (“*Motion*”), filed by Paul S. Davidson, attorney for the Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Piedmont”) on behalf of James H. Jeffries IV. The *Motion* was filed on January 15, 2021 and seeks permission for Mr. Jeffries to appear on behalf of Piedmont in the above-captioned proceeding.

The *Motion* states Mr. Jeffries is a licensed attorney in good standing and admitted to practice law in the States of North Carolina, and further, that no disciplinary actions or investigations are pending against him.¹ The *Motion* is accompanied by an affidavit from Mr. Jeffries in which he agrees to subject himself to the jurisdiction of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee and the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) in any manner arising out of his conduct in such proceedings and agrees to be bound by the rules governing the conduct of attorneys appearing before the Commission.

¹ See Rule 19, Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Upon review, the Hearing Officer finds that the *Motion* substantially complies with Rule 19 of the Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court and Tenn. Comp. R. & Reg. 1220-1-2-.04(7). Accordingly, the *Motion* filed on behalf of Mr. Jeffries for permission to practice before the Commission in the proceedings in this matter is approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The *Motion to Appear Pro Hac Vice* is GRANTED.
2. James H. Jeffries, IV shall file a copy of a certificate of good standing from the Supreme Court of the State of North Carolina in this docket file once it is received.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica Smith-Ashford". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Monica" being the most prominent part of the signature.

Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer