

a. The Company's attorney, Paul Davidson, Esq., shall appear personally at the Hearing to present and facilitate questioning of the witness.

b. The Company is solely responsible for, and shall be required to, secure a properly licensed Notary Public in good standing in the State of the jurisdiction where the testimony is to be given, and who will be in the same physical location with the witness while she is providing the testimony or ratifying pre-filed testimony.

c. The Notary Public obtained by the Company shall be duly authorized to administer the testimonial oath and shall do so during the Hearing and remain physically present with the witness at all times during the witness' testimony until such witness is excused from examination by the Commission or Hearing Officer.

d. Following conclusion of the Hearing, the Notary Public shall prepare and sign an affidavit, which bears the official seal of the Notary Public, affirming: (1) the proven identity of the witness, (2) the fact that the Notary Public properly administered the testimonial oath to such person, and (3) that testimony given by the sworn witness was in accordance with the highest ethical and legal standards, as observed by the Notary Public. In addition, the testifying witness shall sign a conforming Witness Certification.

e. The original Witness Certification and Notary Public Affidavit will be post-marked within five (5) days of the Hearing and received by the Hearing Officer via postage-paid U.S. Mail or overnight delivery. Should the required affirming documents not be received by the Hearing Officer as required above, the testimony of the witness may be stricken from the record.

WHEREFORE, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion allowing Piedmont witness Pia K. Powers to participate telephonically as described herein.

Respectfully submitted this 29th day of October, 2021.

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