

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

June 23, 2023

IN RE:

PETITION OF PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, INC. TO ADOPT AN ANNUAL REVIEW
OF RATES MECHANISM PURSUANT TO TENN.
CODE ANN. § 65-5-103(d)(6)

DOCKET NO.
23-00035

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 Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Piedmont”) on behalf of Brian L. Franklin. The *Motion* was filed on May 31, 2023 and seeks permission for Mr. Franklin to appear on behalf of Piedmont in the above-captioned proceeding.

The *Motion* states Mr. Franklin is a licensed attorney in good standing and admitted to practice law in the State 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. Franklin 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.

Upon review, the Hearing Officer finds that the *Motion* complies with Rule 19 of the

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

Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court and Tenn. Comp. R. & Reg. 1220-1-2-.04(7).

Accordingly, the *Motion* filed on behalf of Mr. Franklin for permission to practice before the Commission in the proceedings in this matter is approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The *Motion to Appear Pro Hac Vice* filed by Brian L. Franklin, attorney for Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., is GRANTED.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica Smith-Ashford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer