

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**April 10, 2025**

**IN RE:**

**PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC  
NOTICE OF FILING DEPRECIATION STUDY AND  
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF NEW  
DEPRECIATION RATES**

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**DOCKET NO.  
24-00082**

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**ORDER GRANTING PERMISSION TO PLEAD AND PRACTICE PRO HAC VICE**

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This matter is before the Administrative Judge 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 James H. Jeffries IV. The *Motion* was filed on April 1, 2025, 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 State of North Carolina, and further, that no disciplinary actions or investigations are pending against him.<sup>1</sup> 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.

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<sup>1</sup> See Rule 19, Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Upon review, the Administrative Judge finds that the *Motion* 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:**

The *Motion to Appear Pro Hac Vice* filed on behalf of James H. Jeffries, IV, attorney for Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., is GRANTED.

  
Monica Smith-Ashford, Administrative Judge