

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:)
)
APPLICATION OF PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS)
COMPANY, INC. AND SPIRE TENNESSEE)
INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A TRANSFER OF) **Docket No. 25-00074**
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE UTILITY)
SERVICES PURSUANT TO T.C.A § 65-4-113)
AND RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS)

MOTION TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Piedmont”) and Spire Tennessee Inc. (“Spire Tennessee”) (collectively, the “Applicants”), pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 19(d), move the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) to grant permission for Brian S. Heslin to appear *pro hac vice* on behalf of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. in the above-captioned docket. In support of this motion, movant respectfully shows unto the Commission, as follows:

1. Mr. Heslin is a licensed attorney in the State of North Carolina, a member of the Bar of such State in good standing, and is authorized to practice before the North Carolina Supreme Court.
2. Mr. Heslin is in good standing in all jurisdictions, courts and administrative agencies where Mr. Heslin is authorized or has been permitted to practice law.
3. Mr. Heslin is Deputy General Counsel for Duke Energy Corporation and wishes to represent the interests of its subsidiary, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., in the above-captioned proceeding.

4. Pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 19(g), Mr. Heslin is associated in this proceeding with Paul Davidson, Holland & Knight LLP, 511 Union Street, Suite 2700, Nashville, Tennessee, a lawyer licensed to practice law in Tennessee, in good standing and admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

5. Pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 19(f), Mr. Heslin has filed with the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee a copy of this motion along with the supporting documentation and paid all fees required in connection with this motion to appear *pro hac vice*.

6. Mr. Heslin's affidavit containing the information required by Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 19(d) is attached to this motion as Exhibit A and includes a certificate of good standing from the Supreme Court of the State of North Carolina.

WHEREFORE, the Applicants move the Commission to permit his appearance on behalf of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. in the above-captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of February, 2026.

**Joint Counsel for Piedmont Natural Gas
Company, Inc., Spire, Inc. and Spire Tennessee
Inc.**

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EXHIBIT A

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AFFIDAVIT OF BRIAN S. HESLIN

Comes now Affiant Brian S. Heslin, having been duly sworn, and states as follows:

1. I reside at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. I am an attorney and Deputy General Counsel at Duke Energy Corporation with offices at 525 S. Tryon St., Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, 28202. My North Carolina Bar Number is 33432. I have been retained in my role as Deputy General Counsel by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. to provide legal representation in connection with the above matter now pending before the Tennessee Public Utility Commission.

2. I have been admitted to practice before the following courts:

<u>Court</u>	<u>Date Admitted</u>
North Carolina Supreme Court	April 2, 2005
Virginia Supreme Court	October 2, 1997
U.S. Supreme Court	March 4, 2002
U.S. Court of Federal Claims	January 2, 2003
U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina	April 28, 2005
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina	May 29, 2007
U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina	May 18, 2007

I am presently a member in good standing of the bars of those courts listed above and have not been suspended or disbarred in any court.

3. I have not filed an application to appear *pro hac vice* in the State of Tennessee in the last three years.

4. I have never had any application for admission *pro hac vice* in this or any other jurisdiction denied or any *pro hac vice* admission revoked.

5. I have never been disciplined or sanctioned by any lawyer disciplinary agency, or authority, in any jurisdiction.

6. I presently am not subject to any suspension or disbarment proceedings, and have not been formally notified of any complaints pending before a disciplinary agency.

7. I agree to comply with the applicable statutes, laws and rules of the State of Tennessee and will familiarize myself with and comply with the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct.

8. I consent to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee (“TN BPR”) and of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission.

9. Local counsel of record associated with applicant in this case is Paul S. Davidson of Holland & Knight LLP, 511 Union Street, Suite 2700 Nashville, Tennessee 37219, Telephone: 615-850-8942, Tennessee State Bar No. 011789.

10. I have paid all fees in connection with the accompanying motion to appear *pro hac vice*.

11. A copy of the motion to appear *pro hac vice*, and all associated papers, has been served upon all counsel of record in this proceeding and upon the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

DATED this 2nd day of February, 2026.

By:



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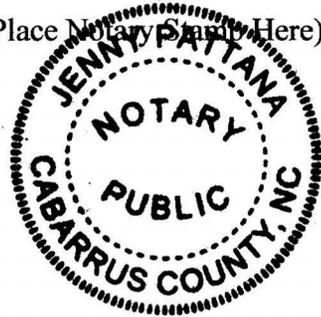
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

MECKLENBURG COUNTY

I certify that Brian S. Heslin personally appeared before me this day, acknowledging to me that he signed the forgoing document.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on this the 2nd day of February, 2026.

(Place Notary Seal Here)



Jenny Pattana

Print Name

Jenny Pattana

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 06/08/2030

Supreme Court OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA



I, Grant E. Buckner, Clerk of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, do hereby certify that on April 2, 2005, license to practice as an Attorney and Counselor at Law in all the Courts of this State was issued by the North Carolina Board of Law Examiners to

Brian Scott Heslin

according to the certified list of licentiates reported by the Secretary of said Board and filed in my office as required by statute.

To the date of this certificate, no order revoking said license has been filed with this Court and no order suspending same is in effect.

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of the Supreme Court of North Carolina at office in Raleigh, this January 30, 2026.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Grant E. Buckner".

Grant E. Buckner
Clerk of the Supreme Court
of the State of North Carolina