

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**February 6, 2026**

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

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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”), Spire, Inc. (“Spire”) and Spire Tennessee Inc. (“Spire Tennessee”) (collectively, “Applicants”) on behalf of Brian S. Heslin. The *Motion* was filed on February 4, 2026, and seeks permission for Mr. Heslin to appear on behalf of the Applicant in the above-captioned proceeding.

The *Motion* states Mr. Heslin 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. Heslin 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

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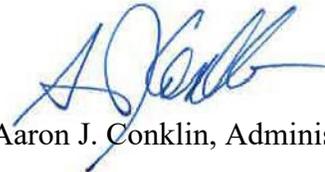
<sup>1</sup> See Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 19.

bound by the rules governing the conduct of attorneys appearing before the Commission.

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. Heslin 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 Paul S. Davidson on behalf of Brian S. Heslin, attorney for Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. and Spire Tennessee Inc. is GRANTED.



Aaron J. Conklin, Administrative Judge