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

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 James H. Jeffries IV to appear *pro hac vice* on the Applicants behalf in the above-captioned docket. In support of this motion, movant respectfully shows unto the Commission, as follows:

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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. Jeffries 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. Jeffries'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. and Spire Tennessee Inc. in the above-captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of September, 2025.

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

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EXHIBIT A

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<u>Court</u>	<u>Date Admitted</u>
U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina	August 19, 1988
North Carolina Supreme Court	August 19, 1988
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit	July 10, 1990
U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina	October 29, 1991
U.S. Court of Federal Claims	May 28, 1992

<u>Court</u>	<u>Date Admitted</u>
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina	July 27, 1992
U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit	April 10, 1997

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 was admitted *pro hac vice* by the Tennessee Public Utility Commission in the following cases:

<u>TPUC Docket No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date Admitted</u>
20-00086	Petition of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. for an Adjustment of Rates, Charges, and Tariffs Applicable to Service in Tennessee	January 15, 2021
21-00135	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)	November 9, 2021
23-00035	Petition of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. For Approval of its 2023 Annual Review of Rates Mechanism Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(d)(6)	June 23, 2023
24-00036	Petition of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. For Approval of its 2024 Annual Review Of Rates Mechanism Pursuant To Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(d)(6)	June 21, 2024
24-00082	Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc Notice Of Filing Depreciation Study And Request For Approval Of New Depreciation Rates	April 10, 2025

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. I am currently licensed as a *pro hac vice* attorney with the TN BPR through December 31, 2025, and my BPR License No. is PHV86727.

12. 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 10th day of September, 2025.

By:


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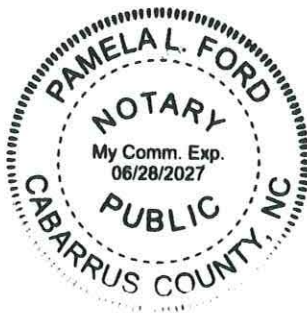
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

MECKLENBURG COUNTY

I certify that James H. Jeffries IV personally appeared before me this day, acknowledging to me that he signed the forgoing document.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on this the 10th day of September, 2025.

(Place Notary Stamp Here)



Pamela L Ford

Print Name

[Signature]

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 6.28.27

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 August 19, 1988, 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

James H. Jeffries, IV

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 September 5, 2025.

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

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

