

September 12, 2025

DOCKET NO. 25-00074

ORDER GRANTING PERMISSION TO PLEAD AND PRACTICE PRO HAC VICE

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

¹ See Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 19.

bound by the rules governing the conduct of attorneys appearing before the Commission. In addition, Mr. Franklin currently holds a *pro hac vice* attorney license issued by the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility that is valid through December 31, 2025.

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



Aaron J. Conklin, Administrative Judge