

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

IN RE:)
)
PETITION OF SPIRE TENNESSEE INC.)
FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2026 ANNUAL)
REVIEW OF RATES MECHANISM) **Docket No. 26-00042**
PURSUANT TO TENN. CODE ANN. § 65-)
5-103(d)(6))

MOTION TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE

Spire Tennessee Inc. (“Spire” or the “Company”), pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 19(d), moves the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) to grant permission for Brian L. Franklin to appear *pro hac vice* on the Company’s behalf in the above-captioned docket. In support of this motion, movant respectfully shows unto the Commission, as follows:

1. Mr. Franklin 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. Franklin is in good standing in all jurisdictions, courts, and administrative agencies where Mr. Franklin is authorized or has been permitted to practice law.
3. Mr. Franklin has been retained by Spire to represent its interests in the above-captioned proceeding.
4. Pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 19(g), Mr. Franklin 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. Franklin 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. Franklin'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.

7. The undersigned counsel for Spire has discussed the relief sought in this motion with representatives of the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General and Reporter ("Consumer Advocate") and is authorized to advise the Commission that the Consumer Advocate has no objection to Mr. Franklin's appearance *pro hac vice* in this docket.

WHEREFORE, Spire moves the Commission to permit his appearance on behalf of Spire Tennessee Inc. in the above-captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of June, 2026.

Spire Tennessee Inc.

By: /s/ Paul S. Davidson
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EXHIBIT A

<u>TPUC Docket No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date Admitted</u>
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
25-00036	Petition of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. for Approval of its 2025 Annual Review of Rates Mechanism Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(d)(6)	June 3, 2025
25-00074	Application of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. and Spire Tennessee Inc. for Approval of a Transfer of Authority to Provide Utility Services Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-113 and Related Authorizations	September 12, 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, 2026, and my BPR License No. is PHV87646.

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 June, 2026.

By: 
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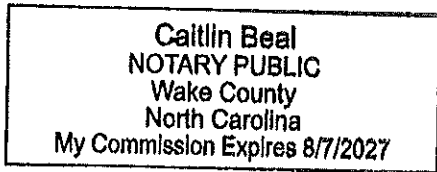
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

I certify that Brian L. Franklin 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 June, 2026.

(Place Notary Stamp Here)



Caitlin Beal
Print Name

Caitlin Beal
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 8/7/2027

Supreme Court of North Carolina



I, Grant E. Buckner, Clerk of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, hereby certify that on June 30, 2006, a license to practice as an Attorney and Counselor at Law in the several Courts of this State was issued by the North Carolina Board of Law Examiners to

Brian Lamont Franklin

according to the certified list of licentiates reported by the Board and filed in my office.

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, March 26, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grant E. Buckner".

Grant E. Buckner
Clerk of the Supreme Court



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served
via electronic mail upon the following:

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This, the 10th day of June, 2026.

/s/ Paul S. Davidson
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