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APPLICATION OF

ROANOKE GAS COMPANY

CASE NO. PUR-2022-00205

For an expedited increase in rates

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND HEARING

On December 2, 2022,¹ Roanoke Gas Company ("Roanoke Gas" or "Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application ("Application") for an expedited increase in its rates and charges pursuant to Chapter 10 of Title 56 (§ 56-232 *et seq.*) of the Code of Virginia ("Code") and the Commission's Rules Governing Utility Rate Applications and Annual Informational Filings of Investor-Owned Gas and Water Utilities, 20 VAC 5-201-10, *et. seq.* In the Application, Roanoke Gas requests authority to change its rates and terms and conditions of service, effective on an interim basis, subject to refund, for service rendered on and after January 1, 2023.

Roanoke Gas proposes to increase base rates to provide an additional \$8.55 million in annual revenue, of which \$4.05 million currently is being recovered through the Company's Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy ("SAVE") Rider.² Accordingly, Roanoke requests an annual revenue increase which net of a proposed SAVE Rider roll-in of \$4.05 million is an increase of \$4.49 million or 4.17% over test period operating revenues. The Company states that it seeks to

¹ The Company filed its Application on December 2, 2022. On December 13, 2022, Roanoke Gas filed supplemental information to complete its Application.

² Application at 3; *see also, Application of Roanoke Gas Company, For approval to implement a 2023 SAVE Projected Factor Rate and True-Up Rate*, Case No. PUR-2022-00086, Doc. Con. Cen. No. 220840176, Final Order (Aug. 23, 2022) ("2022 SAVE Case").

terminate its SAVE Plan effective with the implementation of interim rates as requested in this Application.³ Accordingly, the Company intends to reduce the Projected Factor of its approved SAVE Rider to zero effective December 31, 2022, as the subsequent SAVE-eligible investments would be recovered through the interim rate.⁴ The Company states it will continue to bill the True-up Factor under its SAVE Rider as approved by the Commission in the 2022 SAVE Case.⁵

The Company represents that this proposed base rate increase would raise the total monthly bill (inclusive of the current SAVE Rider) of a typical residential customer using four dekatherms ("Dth") per month by \$3.03, or 3.92%.⁶ The Company represents that this proposed base rate increase would raise the total monthly bill (inclusive of the current SAVE Rider) of a typical residential customer using 10 Dth per month by \$9.57, or 6.03%.⁷ According to the Company, the requested net increase in revenues of \$4.49 million will allow Roanoke Gas the opportunity to earn a 9.44% return on its common equity.⁸

Roanoke Gas also proposes a new meter cost allocator to address concerns raised by Commission Staff ("Staff") in the Company's last rate proceeding as well as a similar allocator for service-related costs.⁹ Accordingly, the Company has allocated its increase in rates among

³ Application at 3.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*, Schedule 43S.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *Id.* at 3. The Company further states that 9.44% represents the return on equity percentage most recently authorized by the Commission. Application at 2; Pre-Filed Direct Testimony of Paul W. Nester at 6; Pre-Filed Direct Testimony of Lawrence T. Oliver at 7. See also *Application of Roanoke Gas Company, For a general increase in rates*, Case No. PUR-2018-00013, 2020 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 213, Final Order (Jan. 24, 2020) ("2020 Final Order").

⁹ Application at 3.

the customer classes consistent with the methodology previously approved by the Commission in Case No. PUR-2018-00013,¹⁰ with the exception of the new meter and services cost allocators.¹¹

On December 20, 2022, the Staff filed a report ("Interim Report") on its preliminary review of the Company's Application. The Staff concluded that each of the proposed adjustments in the Company's Application has been previously approved by the Commission for the Company. The Staff states that the Company represents it has experienced no substantial direct changes in circumstance.¹² In addition, Staff noted the return on equity used to determine the revenue requirement in this proceeding is 9.44% and each of the Company's ratemaking adjustments has been previously approved by the Commission for the Company.¹³ The Staff further stated that it believes it is appropriate that the Company's proposed rates be placed into effect on an interim basis, subject to refund, for service rendered on and after January 1, 2023.¹⁴

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of this matter, is of the opinion and finds that this matter should be docketed; Roanoke Gas should provide public notice of its Application; hearings should be scheduled for the purpose of receiving testimony from public witnesses and evidence on the Application; interested persons should have an opportunity to file comments on the Application and to participate as respondents in this proceeding; and Staff should be directed to investigate the Application and file testimony and exhibits containing its findings and recommendations thereon. We also appoint a Hearing Examiner to conduct all

¹⁰ 2020 Final Order at 221.

¹¹ Application at 3-4.

¹² Interim Report at 2.

¹³ *Id.* As noted above, the Commission allowed the Company to determine the revenue requirement in future expedited rate cases based on a 9.44% return on equity in the Company's last rate case, Case No. PUR-2018-00013.

¹⁴ *Id.*

further proceedings in this matter on behalf of the Commission, including filing a final report containing the Hearing Examiner's findings and recommendations.

As noted, the Company requests that its rates take effect, subject to refund, for service rendered on or after January 1, 2023. In support of its request for expedited relief, the Company advises the Commission that it has not experienced a substantial change in circumstances. Roanoke Gas proposes to use a 9.44% return on equity as authorized in its most recent base rate case. Further, in its Interim Report, Staff made a preliminary determination that the proposed adjustments in this proceeding are similar to adjustments previously approved by the Commission for Roanoke Gas. The Commission therefore finds that Roanoke Gas has satisfied the specific requirements of Rate Case Rule 20 VAC 5-201-20 D for placing its proposed rates into effect on January 1, 2023, subject to refund, as provided by Rate Case Rule 20 VAC 5-201-20 E. Pursuant to Code § 56-238, the Commission will direct the Company to provide a bond to insure prompt refund of any excess rates or charges.

The Commission takes judicial notice of the ongoing public health issues related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19. The Commission has taken certain actions, and may take additional actions going forward, that could impact the procedures in this proceeding.¹⁵ Consistent with these actions, in regard to the terms of the procedural framework established

¹⁵ See, e.g., *Commonwealth of Virginia, ex rel. State Corporation Commission, Ex Parte: Electronic Service of Commission Orders*, Case No. CLK-2020-00004, 2020 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 76, Order Concerning Electronic Service of Commission Orders (Mar. 19, 2020), *extended by* 2020 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 77, Order Regarding the State Corporation Commission's Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency (May 11, 2020); *Commonwealth of Virginia, ex rel., State Corporation Commission, Ex Parte: Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency*, Case No. CLK-2020-00005, 2020 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 77, Order Regarding the State Corporation Commission's Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency (Mar. 19, 2020) ("Revised Operating Procedures Order"), *extended by* 2020 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 78, Order Regarding the State Corporation Commission's Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency (May 11, 2020); *Commonwealth of Virginia, ex rel. State Corporation Commission, Ex Parte: Electronic service among parties during COVID-19 emergency*, Case No. CLK-2020-00007, 2020 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 79, Order Requiring Electronic Service (Apr. 1, 2020).

below, the Commission will, among other things, direct the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and require electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

We note that the proposed rate increase, if approved, would result in an increase to customer bills. In doing so, the Commission notes its awareness of the ongoing rise in gas prices, inflation, and other economic pressures that are impacting all utility customers. We are sensitive to the effects of rate increases, especially in times such as these. The Commission, however, must and will follow the laws applicable to this case, as well as the findings of fact supported by evidence in the record.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUR-2022-00205.

(2) All pleadings, briefs, or other documents required to be served in this matter should be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by Rule 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice").¹⁶

Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive Information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, *Confidential information*, of the Rules of Practice. Any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery.¹⁷

¹⁶ 5 VAC 5-10-20 *et seq.*

¹⁷ As noted in the Commission's Revised Operating Procedures Order, submissions to the Commission's Clerk's Office via U.S. mail or commercial mail equivalents may be subject to delayed processing due to the COVID-19 public health issues.

(3) Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Rules of Practice, the Commission directs that service on parties and the Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information, parties and the Staff are instructed to work together to agree upon the manner in which documents containing such information shall be served upon one another, to the extent practicable, in an electronically protected manner, even if such information is unable to be filed in the Office of the Clerk, so that no party or the Staff is impeded from preparing its case.

(4) As provided by § 12.1-31 of the Code and Rule 5 VAC 5-20-120, *Procedure before hearing examiners*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, a Hearing Examiner is appointed to conduct all further proceedings in this matter on behalf of the Commission. A copy of each filing made with the Commission's Clerk's office in this matter shall also be sent electronically to the Office of the Hearing Examiners.¹⁸

(5) On or before December 30, 2022, Roanoke Gas shall file a bond with the Commission in the amount of \$8.55 million payable to the Commission and conditioned to ensure the prompt refund by the Company to those entitled thereto of all amounts the Company shall collect in excess of such rates and charges as the Commission may finally fix and determine. Subject to filing such bond, Roanoke Gas may place its proposed rates into effect on an interim basis, subject to refund with interest, for service rendered on and after January 1, 2023.

(6) The Commission hereby schedules a telephonic hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Application, as follows:

¹⁸ Such electronic copies shall be sent to: Wendy.Starkey@scc.virginia.gov, LeaAnn.Robertson@scc.virginia.gov, and Kaitlyn.Mcclure@scc.virginia.gov.

- (a) A hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Application shall be convened telephonically at 10 a.m., on October 3, 2023, with no public witness present in the Commission's courtroom.¹⁹
- (b) To promote fairness for all public witnesses, each witness will be allotted five minutes to provide testimony.
- (c) On or before September 27, 2023, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov; or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141.
- (d) Beginning at 10 a.m., on October 3, 2023, the Hearing Examiner assigned will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above. This hearing will not be convened, and the parties will be notified of such, if no person signs up to testify as a public witness.
- (e) This public witness hearing will be webcast at:
scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

(7) A public evidentiary hearing shall be convened on October 4, 2023, at 10 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive the testimony and evidence of the Company, any respondents, and the Staff on the Application.

(8) An electronic copy of the Company's Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for Roanoke Gas, Timothy E. Biller, Esquire, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, 951 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or tbiller@HuntonAK.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website:

scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

¹⁹ The Commission will convene counsel of record in this proceeding to attend the public witness hearing virtually.

(9) On or before January 27, 2023, the Company shall cause the following notice to be published as display advertising (not classified) on one (1) occasion in newspapers of general circulation throughout the Company's service territory within Virginia:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF
ROANOKE GAS COMPANY'S APPLICATION
FOR AN EXPEDITED INCREASE IN RATES
CASE NO. PUR-2022-00205

- **Roanoke Gas Company ("Roanoke Gas") has applied for approval of an expedited increase in rates.**
- **Roanoke Gas requests a net revenue increase of \$4.49 million per year, which is an increase of 4.17% over test period operating revenues.**
- **Subject to Roanoke Gas providing a bond to insure prompt refund of any excess rates or charges, the Commission has authorized the Company place its proposed rates into effect on an interim basis, subject to refund with interest, for service rendered on and after January 1, 2023.**
- **A Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing in this case on October 3, 2023, at 10 a.m., for the receipt of public witness testimony.**
- **The Hearing Examiner will hold an evidentiary hearing in this case on October 4, 2023, at 10 a.m.**
- **Further information about this case is available on the SCC website at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.**

On December 2, 2022, Roanoke Gas Company ("Roanoke Gas" or "Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application ("Application") for an expedited increase in its rates and charges pursuant to Chapter 10 of Title 56 (§ 56 232 *et seq.*) of the Code of Virginia and the Commission's Rules Governing Utility Rate Applications and Annual Informational Filings of Investor-Owned Gas and Water Utilities, 20 VAC 5-201-10, *et. seq.* In the Application, Roanoke Gas requests authority to change its rates and terms and conditions of service, effective on an interim basis, subject to refund, for service rendered on and after January 1, 2023.

Roanoke Gas proposes to increase base rates to provide an additional \$8.55 million in annual revenue, of which \$4.05 million currently is being recovered through the Company's Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy ("SAVE") Rider. Accordingly, Roanoke requests an annual revenue increase which net of a proposed SAVE Rider roll-in of \$4.05 million is an increase of \$4.49 million or 4.17% over test period operating revenues. The Company states that it seeks to terminate its SAVE Plan effective with the implementation of interim rates as requested in this Application. Accordingly, the Company intends to reduce the Projected Factor of its approved SAVE Rider to zero effective December 31, 2022, as the subsequent SAVE-eligible investments would be recovered through the interim rate. The Company states it will continue to bill the True-up Factor under its SAVE Rider as approved by the Commission in the 2022 SAVE Case.

The Company represents that this proposed base rate increase would raise the total monthly bill (inclusive of the current SAVE Rider) of a typical residential customer using four dekatherms ("Dth") per month by \$3.03, or 3.92%. The Company represents that this proposed base rate increase would raise the total monthly bill (inclusive of the current SAVE Rider) of a typical residential customer using 10 Dth per month by \$9.57, or 6.03%. According to the Company, the requested net increase in revenues of \$4.49 million will allow Roanoke Gas the opportunity to earn a 9.44% return on its common equity.

Roanoke Gas also proposes a new meter cost allocator to address concerns raised by Commission Staff in the Company's last rate proceeding as well as a similar allocator for service-related costs. Accordingly, the Company has allocated its increase in rates among the customer classes consistent with the methodology previously approved by the Commission in Case No.

PUR-2018-00013, with the exception of the new meter and services cost allocators.

Subject to Roanoke Gas providing a bond to insure prompt refund of any excess rates or charges, the Commission has authorized the Company place its proposed rates into effect on an interim basis, subject to refund with interest, for service rendered on and after January 1, 2023.

Interested persons are encouraged to review Roanoke Gas's Application and supporting documents in full for details about these and other proposals.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Application and supporting documents and thus may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company's Application and supporting documents.

The Commission has taken judicial notice of the ongoing public health issues related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19. In accordance therewith, all pleadings, briefs or other documents required to be served in this matter shall be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"). Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive Information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, *Confidential information*, of the Rules of Practice. Any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery.

Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Rules of Practice, the Commission has directed that service on parties and the Commission's Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Please refer to the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing for further instructions concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on Roanoke Gas's Application. On October 3, 2023, at 10 a.m., the Hearing Examiner assigned to this case will hold a telephonic hearing, with

no witness present in the Commission's courtroom, for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before September 27, 2023, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov; or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

On October 4, 2023, at 10 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Application from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff.

Electronic copies of the Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for Roanoke Gas, Timothy E. Biller, Esquire, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, 951 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or tbiller@HuntonAK.com.

On or before September 29, 2023, any interested person may submit comments on the Application electronically by following the instructions on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00205.

On or before April 14, 2023, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at: scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. A copy of the notice of participation as a respondent also must be sent to counsel for the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B,

Participation as a respondent, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00205.

On or before August 2, 2023, each respondent may file electronically with the Clerk of the Commission at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case, and each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. All testimony and exhibits shall be served on the Commission's Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneous with its filing. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, including, but not limited to: 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00205.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

The Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and the Application and other documents filed in this case may be viewed on the Commission's website at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

ROANOKE GAS COMPANY

- (10) On or before January 27, 2023, the Company shall serve a copy of this Order for Notice and Hearing on the following local officials, to the extent the position exists, in each county, city, and town in which the Company provides service: the chairman of the board of

supervisors of each county; the mayor or manager (or equivalent official) of every city and town; and the county, city, or town attorney. Service shall be made electronically where possible; if electronic service is not possible, service shall be made by either personal delivery or first class mail to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.

(11) On or before February 17, 2023, the Company shall file proof of the notice and service required by Ordering Paragraphs (9) and (10), including the name, title, address and electronic mail address (if applicable) of each official served, with the Clerk of the Commission by filing electronically at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/.

(12) On or before September 29, 2023, any interested person may submit written comments on the Application by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00205.

(13) On or before April 14, 2023, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed in Ordering Paragraph (12). Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the

specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00205.

(14) Within three (3) business days of receipt of a notice of participation as a respondent, the Company shall serve a copy of the public version of the Application and supporting materials on the respondent, unless these materials already have been provided to the respondent.

(15) On or before August 2, 2023, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address in Ordering Paragraph (12). Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be served on the Staff, the Company and all other respondents simultaneous with its filing. In all filings, the respondent shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, including, but not limited to, 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00205.

(16) On or before August 23, 2023, the Staff shall investigate the Application and file with the Clerk of the Commission its testimony and exhibits concerning the Application, and each Staff witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. A copy thereof shall be served on counsel to the Company and all respondents.

(17) On or before September 13, 2023, Roanoke Gas shall file with the Clerk of the Commission any rebuttal testimony and exhibits that it expects to offer, and each rebuttal

witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. The Company shall serve a copy of the rebuttal testimony and exhibits on the Staff and all respondents.

(18) Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified herein, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

(19) The Commission's Rule of Practice 5 VAC 5-20-260, *Interrogatories or requests for production of documents and things*, shall be modified for this proceeding as follows: responses and objections to written interrogatories and requests for production of documents shall be served within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the same. In addition to the service requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-260 of the Rules of Practice, on the day that copies are filed with the Clerk of the Commission, a copy of the interrogatory or request for production shall be served electronically on the party to whom the interrogatory or request for production is directed or the assigned Staff attorney if the interrogatory or request for production is directed to the Staff.²⁰ Except as modified above, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 5 VAC 5-20-240 *et seq.*

(20) This matter is continued.

A COPY hereof shall be sent electronically by the Clerk of the Commission to all persons on the official Service List in this matter. The Service List is available from the Clerk of the Commission.

²⁰ The assigned Staff attorney is identified on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/Case-Information, by clicking "Docket Search," and clicking "Search by Case Information," and entering the case number, PUR-2022-00205, in the appropriate box.