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James Crawford, Chairman Chatham County Board of Commissioners 80-A East Street Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 Via Hand Delivery & Electronic Mail

RE: Briar Chapel: Request for Compact Community Ordinance ("CCO") Waiver to Allow PSNC Regulator Station in 15-501 Viewshed Buffer Area

Dear Board of Commissioners:

This letter serves as a formal request by NNP-Briar Chapel, LLC for a Waiver under the CCO to approve a request by Public Service Company of North Carolina (PSNC) to locate a landscaped natural gas line regulator station within the viewshed buffer area along old Highway 15-501 South near the Andrews Store Road intersection. Attached is a diagram of the location and size of the proposed station as well as a proposed landscaping plan for the regulator station (the "PSNC Station").

While the Compact Communities Ordinance does not prohibit such a use within the viewshed buffer, neither does it specifically allow for above-ground utilities within the viewshed buffer. This PSNC Station serves as single unit that will connect a PSNC transmission line to a PSNC distribution line. The PSNC Station is regional infrastructure that will enhance transmission to the local area, both within and outside of Briar Chapel. Its purpose is to lower the pressure of the natural gas coming off the main transmission line to distribution pressure. Of course, it will serve as an integral infrastructure component allowing PSNC to service the needs of its growing customer base nearby, including both residential and commercial.

The timing of this request is based on the fact that the adaptation of this PSNC Station goes hand-in-hand with the current utility relocation that is occurring in connection with the roll-out of Briar Chapel's SD-W commercial area. The utilities formerly located along the old Highway 15-501 corridor are now in the process of being relocated to the new 15-501 corridor. The timing of this request is intended to coordinate all of PSNC's necessary utility work in the area in order to maximize efficiency of these adjustments.

As I am sure you recall, the Compact Communities Ordinance ("CCO"), Section 15, authorizes the Board of Commissioners to adjust, modify, reduce or waive requirements of the

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CCO. There is a reasonable nexus between the request and the impact of the compact community.

Based on the foregoing, the enclosed proposed Order of the Board of Commissioners allowing the relief requested is submitted to the Board of Commissioners for a vote at its meeting of November 21, 2016. This is to request of the County Manager that the request be placed on the Commissioners Agenda for their meeting on November 21, 2016.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding the above.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

c: Renee Paschal, County Manager Jason Sullivan, Planning Director Lee Bowman



