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Bruce P. Barkley
VP Regulatory & Community Relations
4720 Piedmont Row Drive
Charlotte, NC 28210

Re: *Petition of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. for Approval of Negotiated Franchise Agreement with the Metropolitan Government of the City of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee, TRA Docket No. 04-00097*

Dear Mr. Barkley:

We have reviewed resolution RS2019-1558 filed in the above-styled matter by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. on January 28, 2019. Piedmont seeks the second five-year extension of its franchise agreement with the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County. The Commission approved the franchise agreement, contained in Metropolitan Ordinance No. BL2003-36, by its Order Approving Franchise Agreement entered on November 29, 2005 in Docket No. 04-00097. The approved franchise agreement provides that it may be renewed beyond its initial period of ten years for four consecutive five-year additional periods if, prior to the commencement of the additional period, the Metropolitan Council adopts a resolution affirming the continuance of the agreement. On January 15, 2019, the Metropolitan Council adopted Resolution No. RS2019-1558 extending the franchise agreement for the second five-year additional period.

In light of Metropolitan Council's resolution to extend the franchise agreement, and given that no other provision of the agreement has changed, we acknowledge that Piedmont's franchise agreement with the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County has been extended through the second five-year additional period in accordance with the terms of the franchise agreement previously approved by the Commission. Accordingly, no further action by the Commission to extend the franchise agreement is needed at this time. Piedmont, however, should provide notice to the Commission prior to the expiration of the second five-year additional period if it intends to extend the franchise agreement for another additional period.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need further information or assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. Foster".

David Foster
Director of Utilities

cc: James H. Jeffries, IV, Esq.