

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

November 21, 2007

IN RE:

NASHVILLE GAS COMPANY, A DIVISION OF  
PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.,  
ACTUAL COST ADJUSTMENT ACCOUNT  
FILING FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2006

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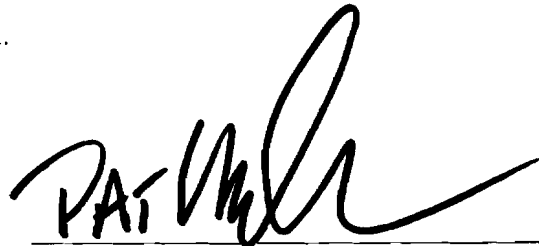
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ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE  
AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER

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This matter came before Director Pat Miller, Director Sara Kyle and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on September 24, 2007 for consideration of the Actual Cost Adjustment Account Filing for the twelve months ended December 31, 2006 filed by Nashville Gas Company, a division of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (the "Company"), filed on July 16, 2007. During the Authority Conference, the panel voted unanimously to convene a contested case proceeding and to appoint the Authority's General Counsel or his designee to act as the Hearing Officer in this proceeding for the purpose of hearing preliminary matters prior to the Hearing, including entering a protective order,<sup>1</sup> setting a procedural schedule to completion and preparing the matter for a hearing before the panel.

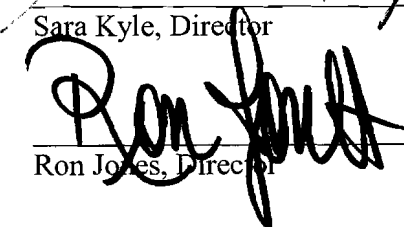
**IT IS SO ORDERED.**



Pat Miller, Director



Sara Kyle, Director



Ron Jones, Director

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<sup>1</sup> The Company was directed to submit a proposed protective order to the Hearing Officer no later than 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 4, 2007.